

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD  
OFFICIAL MEETING  
February 11th, 2020**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:49pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Duong, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Bibby, Niedoba, Gandhi, Viljaste, Jacobus, and SOOS Director Weibel were also present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger.

The motion carried 8-0.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brown welcomed everyone to public meeting. He announced a decision has been made regarding the naming policy and should be in the newspaper tomorrow. For student organizations prior to 2005, they may apply for an exemption from this new policy. For organization outside of 2005, clubs must change their name on all official documents. The annual Presidential Debate will occur tomorrow at Nordy's place, it will also be live streamed for those who cannot make the event. There is a new Chief of Staff, Daniel, he will be serving for the remainder of the year.

**IV. OPEN FLOOR**

No open floor business

**V. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Anais Peterson**

Executive Vice President Peterson announced that the survey about admin accessibility has officially been released. They also announced that from 5:30-7pm tomorrow there will be a presentation regarding Coronavirus for any of those interested.

**B. Ashima Agarwal**

Vice President & Chief of Finance Member Agarwal announced that she has a meeting with Dr. Cheryl Finley to talk about moving forward regarding Pitt Commons/ Mentorship. They have decided to move forward by better marketing Pitt Commons and to meet with Lisa Belczyk to discuss a plan to increase subscription and engagement on the platform. She intends to look for more student options regarding the platform and increasing student interaction.

**C. Caroline Unger**

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that FYC met this past Sunday. They will begin their initiative next week. She will be meeting with Carrie Benson from ODI and Rachael Schirato to discuss a collaboration for a march during Women's Empowerment Week.

#### **D. Scott Glaser**

Board Member Glaser announced that he and Board Member Humphrey are excited to host a town hall style debate between congressman Mike Doyle and candidate Jerry Dickinson.

#### **E. Victoria Tappan**

Board Member Tappan announced that she and the Tri Council are currently attempting to establish a time to meet in the upcoming weeks. They will be discussing any desirable changes within the relationship of Student Government Board and administration. They will utilize this framework to plan events to achieve the goals set during the meeting.

#### **F. Eric Macadangdang**

Board Member Macadangdang announced that he is in the process of choosing the February Student Organization of the Month. As a reminder, any SORC-registered student group can apply for the recognition, which comes with a \$500 marketing award and \$500 operational award. Last week, he had two representatives from the new Policy Office come to discuss with the board the new process in which University-wide policies get processed, and he is looking forward to a more in-depth discussion on the proposed policy on nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action. Finally, he announced that SGB is beginning the process with representatives with SOOS, including Co-Director Weibel, on formulating a resolution on comprehensive sustainability practices for University departments and partners.

#### **G. Cedric Humphrey**

Board Member Humphrey announced that the next Eat and Greet event is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will feature a black history month element. He also announced that he will be meeting with Alyson Kavalukas next Tuesday to discuss the next steps. Finally, he announced that Pitt Day in Harrisburg is officially open for registration and will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **H. Lynn Dang**

Board Member Dang announced is going to continue planning the Pitt Immigrant Speaker Series. She also announced that she has finalized the dates of the immigrant food week. The official date will be on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She is currently in the process of contacting the restaurants.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations Chair King announced during the previous meeting nine (9) requests were reviewed totaling \$28,814.14. A total of \$23,691.62 was approved and \$5,072.52 was denied. He then announced that there were six (6) requests on the agenda. In addition, he announced that the

committee is in the final stages of drafting comprehensive changes to the Allocations Manual for FY21, and they will be sent out for feedback within the next couple of weeks.

## **B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran announced that this week the Academic Affairs committee made progress on several initiatives: peer mentoring, improving transfer student orientation, gathering course credit for internships, and the creation of a formalized summer research program. Also, the committee is hoping to distribute pamphlets to pass out at the IT Scarehouse in October which will educate students on the tools that the student center has. Further the committee is looking into setting up an interactive table through IT at the Majors and Minors Expo which will guide students before enrolling for the Spring Semester. Finally she announced that committee members will be reaching out to First Year Mentors and the transfer programs office to discuss the typical agenda for transfer student orientation and what the committee can do to improve this.

## **C. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste announced three events in the coming future. The first will be an Immigrant Student Resources Panel taking place on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00-6:30pm in Dining Room A of the William Pitt Union. The second event is a Housing Tenant Workshop occurring on both February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm in room 323 of Alumni Hall. He also announced the Census Committee spearheaded by Community and Government Relations that is currently looking for members, a workshop event is currently being planned for the beginning of February.

## **D. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Gandhi announced a Collab event occurring on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the WPU Assembly room. There will be tens of thousands of dollars distributed by student affairs to any diversity inclusion organization board members. Any organization that wants to be a part of this event must either complete the required google form or contact him directly.

## **E. ELECTIONS**

Elections Chair Bibby thanked all of the candidates for their tenacity when approaching elections. He then stated that the Presidential Candidate Debate will occur on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Nordy's Place from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Moderators for this debate include Janine Faust (Editor-in-Chief for The Pitt News) and Savannah Sowell (Communications Director for the Political Science Student Association). Finally, he wanted to reiterate that elections will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Voting will be electronically available on [elections.pitt.edu](http://elections.pitt.edu).

## **F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that the Spring Safety Fair will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If anyone has any questions or wants to get involved with his committee, please see him after the meeting.

## **G. JUDICIAL**

Judicial Chair Jacobus announced that the Judicial Committee will be going through the judicial documents to ensure the effective administration of policies.

#### **H. WELLNESS**

Wellness Chair Duong announced that she and FYC member Madison are resuming their work on getting more AED to be placed within the Quad. Madison is meeting with Matt Walaan tomorrow. She also announced that she, along with one of her Vice Chairs and Active Minds President Julia Lam, will be meeting soon to discuss a Peer Support Initiative. She attended a very productive Sexual Assault Awareness Month planning session this past Friday. Finally, she is currently finalizing the date for the One More Step Challenge and will further discuss this when the logistics are finished.

#### **VII. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT**

SOOS Director Weibel announced that on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9pm there will be a Thursday meet up in the Global Hub.

#### **STUDENT LEADER REPORTS**

Pitt Program Council: Friday Feb 21: movie night  
Steel city go karting  
Miss Universe is coming to speak and have a Q and A  
Succulent Saturday where you can make your own terrarium on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### **VIII. OPEN FLOOR**

No open floor business.

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

#### **X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. B.B.2020.08 – Update to Governing Code
  - a. Motion approve the bill
  - b. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ungar
  - c. Motion was carried

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Allocations Recommendations**

**#10254: Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club – CEI – Florida Warm-Up – Req. \$1,547.44**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10258: Panther Lacrosse – CEI – Away Game at the University of Buffalo – Req. \$2,237**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10260: Panther Lacrosse – CEI – Away Games at Purdue – Req. \$3,966.17**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$3,596.05 and deny \$370.12

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10259: Alpha Kappa Psi – CR – Principled Business Leaders Institute – Req. \$1,270.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10261: Pittch Please – CEI – Boston Sings – Req. \$3,387.80**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10262: Pittsburgh Club Baseball – CEI – Non-conference 3 games Series vs University of Maryland College Park – Req. \$3,065**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10266: American Sign Language Club – GT – NTID Field Trip – Req. \$2,271**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,187.00 and deny \$84.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10267: Student Emergency Medical Services – PRS – Quick Response Service – Req. \$12,119.76**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$12,081.28 and deny \$38.56

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**XII. OPEN FLOOR**

- d. No open floor business

**XIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Brown thanked everyone for coming out to Public Meeting and hopes everyone will continue to attend in the future. He reminded everyone to come to the SGB Office on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of the William Pitt Union if they have questions or concerns they would like to address. Finally, he reminded students to be kind and focus on themselves.

**XIV. AJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Agarwal. The motion carried 8-0.