

**MINUTES**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**  
**OFFICIAL MEETING**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Meyer called the meeting of January 20th, 2015 to order at 8:51pm. Board Members Harun, Sykes, Dall, Chen, Green, Heidecker, Petrose, and Murphy were present. Allocations Committee Chair Reslink was present. Allocations Committee Members Heiges, Petti and Kneis.

**Student Leaders**

Resident Student Association

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Meyer reported that this past Monday there was a great MLK service day in which he was able to serve alongside members of APO at the Red Cross headquarters. This past weekend the Board spent the duration of Sunday conducting Committee Chair interviews, which will be announced later. Additionally, President Meyer announced that the Board has enacted a Student Organization Classification Task Force which will be led by Board Member Harun, Heidecker, Petrose and Allocations Committee Chair Reslink and the SGB Structure Review which will be led by President Meyer himself and Board Member Sykes. There will also be the Governing Code Task Force which will be led by Board Member Harun and Heidecker and the Assembly Task Force led by Board Members Harun and Dall. Lastly, the Marketing and Brand Task Force led by Board Members Chen, Green and Murphy where they will be looking into ways of increasing the transparency of SGB and making sure everyone is aware of who SGB is and what they do. This year the Board will be bringing back the Ad hock Committee led by President Meyer and Board Member Dall. With this they will be working closely with Blue and Gold Association, Pitt Pathfinders and Pitt Athletics. Finally, President Meyer announced that there will be a new SGB website launched later this week which will have new outlets for students to express concerns and view the activity of the Allocations Committee to see what all of the money is going toward.

**IV. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Nasreen Harun**

Board Member Harun announced that this week she will be setting up meetings with administrators to look into some processes for SORC and EMS reservation software.

Additionally, tonight at 9pm is Meet the Greeks and Board Member Harun encouraged those interested to get involved with Greek Life on campus.

**B. Matt Sykes**

Board Member Sykes announced that he has reached out to the organization that he is hoping to make a partnership with in terms of his mental health initiative, in addition to other Universities to get ideas on what Pitt can do better. He also announced that he will be meeting with student leaders in the coming weeks to discuss where they are headed from here. In terms of the financial position he explained that he is currently in the process of creating a master spreadsheet detailing all the funding trends through SGB which will be posted on the website.

**C. Natalie Dall**

Board Member Dall expressed her excitement for working with the new committee chairs. Additionally, she will be working on researching the office of off campus living to see how they can better improve their presence on campus and bring their services more to our students.

**D. Jacky Chen**

Board Member Chen announced that he has a meeting with the TED X planning committee last Friday and they establish that “Reformation in the face of Assimilation” will be the theme. They also established three committees: finance, logistics, and marketing. Currently they are recruiting and talking to speakers and Board Member Chen encouraged anyone who knows of someone who may like to speak to send him an email at [jac232@pitt.edu](mailto:jac232@pitt.edu). Additionally, in terms of the Panther Leadership Summit they are working to develop a young alumni workshop and encouraged anyone who may know of young alumni to contact him. Lastly, the cultural initiative is in its research phase where he is looking into different schools and their cultural programs.

**E. Everett Green**

Board Member Green announced that he has been making progress on his housing initiative by contacting blackboard headquarters and local sales representative. He has also been working to benchmark other ACC school and those with urban campuses.

**F. Jack Heidecker**

Board Member Heidecker announced that he has meet with the SORC business manager to discuss how they can improve reimbursement and disbursement. He is in the process of dealing with her to see how they can make SORC work a little better and faster to help student groups. He will also hold office hours from 12-3pm on Fridays. Lastly, Board Member Heidecker expressed his excitement for working on the two task forces he has been assigned to.

**G. Meghan Murphy**

Board Member Murphy announced that she and Board Member Sykes will be meeting with one of the student leaders who has been trying to promote mental health

on campus. Additionally, Board member Murphy and Chen will be heading this year's food committee and should have some finalized dates in the coming weeks. Lastly, Board Member Murphy encouraged those interested in any of the task forces she is working on to send her an email.

**H. Lia Petrose**

Board Member Petrose announced that he has meet with the Dean of the Honors College to discuss the possibility of one weekend courses and the development of an undergraduate public health program which he seemed to have favorable opinions for both.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations Committee Chair Relink announced that the fist allocations 101 will take place on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also encouraged student groups to look for their new allocations liaison and follow Pitt Allocations on twitter to stay connected with upcoming events

**VI. STUDENT LEADER REPORTS**

Resident Student Association  
No report.

**VII. FIRST OPEN FLOOR**

A student leader from Bernda advertised an event for this weekend where Indian restaurants around Pittsburgh will come and there will be tons of delicious food. Tickets are only 5 dollars and are being sold in towers lobby on Wednesday from 12-3pm and Thursday from 1-4pm.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. B- 026 GOVERNING CODE AMENDMENTS**

**B-026  
GOVERNING CODE AMENDMENTS**

**University of Pittsburgh  
Student Government board  
20 January 2015**

**Introduced by President Graeme Meyer, Board Members Jacky Chen, Jack Heidecker, Natalie Dall, Meghan Murphy, Everett Green, Lia Petrose, Nasreen Harun, and Matt Sykes**

**WHEREAS,** Student Government Board previously established the Governing Code as the comprehensive governing document detailing all Student Government Board operations, committees, and student services;

**WHEREAS,** The Governing Code was a merging of several independent governing documents and as a result there are several grammatical and formatting errors as well as potentially misleading statements;

**WHEREAS,** The goal of the Governing Code was to provide students with a more explicit way to understand the operations of Student Government Board;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of 2015, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh proposes the following grammatical and formatting changes and addition of clarifying statements to the Governing Code. Effective immediately the following changes shall be made.

Title 1.

Chapter 1.

Article 2. Add Item 4 – SAAG definition

Article 3. Remove Item 1B

Article 3. Remove Item 4D

Chapter 4.

Article 3. Item 2C – A press release listing code violations only, not the dismissal letter

Item 3A – Dismissals may be appealed via a letter of intent to appeal within 48 hours of the dismissal. Must be notified for both parties (not just judicial). The appeal hearing will then occur within 5 business days of the letter of intent to appeal

Item 6B. add adjudication process

Article 4. Item 2E – change wording to clarify that a large applicant pool will be decreased based on paper applications, not that only some applicants will be judged based on their paper application.

Chapter 5.

Article 1. Item 2A,9 – Add non-discrimination

Title 2.

Chapter 1.

Article 1. Item 1A, 7. “meetings at least once per month”

Article 5. Item 3A. remove(?)

Chapter 3.

Article 1. Item 2A, 6 – supply the chief of cabinet, press secretary, and chief of staff with meeting minutes for each meeting

Item 2A, 10 Check office hours versus pay for the environmental chair

Item 4E, adjust the wording again for the applicant pool seize

Article 2 (should be article 3).

Item 2B – Redundant

Item 3A – Redundant

Title 6.

Chapter 1.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item 1A – remove “each staff organization may also select an alternate delegate”

Chapter 2.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item B – Remove that organization must select delegate by March 15

Item C – Remove terms of delegates begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made to approve Bill-026

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

## **IX. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

No submitted agenda items.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Committee Chair Appointment Nominations**

The following nominees have been selected to serve as Committee Chairs for the 2015-2016 Student Government Board:

Naomi Stoll, Jasmine Butler, Patrick Corelli, Kyle Hoch, Joseph Streets, and Rohit Anand

A motion was made to approve the Committee Chair Appointments

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

### **b. Allocation Recommendations**

#### **#8254 Men’s Ultimate Frisbee- \$2672.20**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$2667.47 deny \$4.73

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#### **#8258 Pitt Men’s Rugby Football Club - \$5203.98**

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#### **#8253 National Society of Black Engineers- \$2072.00**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$1950.80 and deny \$121.20

The motion was seconded

A motion was made to approve the request in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#### **#8255 Panther Lacrosse- \$2400.00**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$2000.00 and deny \$400.00

The motion was seconded  
The motion carried

**#8257 Nrityamala - \$7427.68**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$3907.68 and deny \$3520.00  
The motion was seconded  
The motion carried

**#8264 American Chemical Society - \$2180.00**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$1628.00 and deny \$552.00  
The motion was seconded  
A motion was made to approve \$2052.00 and deny \$48.00  
The motion was seconded  
The motion carried

**#8265 Gamma Lota Sigma- \$1500.00**

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full  
The motion was seconded  
The motion carried

**XI. SECOND OPEN FLOOR**

Board Member Sykes gave a financial report. This past week the allocations committee has approved \$2,266.27 and the board had approved \$19,403.10 and the total semester funding is \$24,284.90.

**XII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Meyer explained that the reason for not announcing the community outreach and elections chair tonight is because the nominating task force for the community outreach committee chair position includes an additional member who was unable to attend this Sunday's meeting. Additionally, the board decided to reopen the Elections chair application. Lastly, President Meyer explained that all of the Task Forces discussed tonight are open to all students.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm  
The motion was seconded  
The motion carried.

