

AGENDA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
March 18th, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

President Meyer called the meeting of March 18th, 2015 to order at 8:51 pm. Board Members Harun, Sykes, Dall, Chen, Green, Heidecker, Petrose, and Murphy were present. Committee Chairs Reslink, Stoll, Butler, Corelli, Millard, Hoch and Streets were present. Facilities and Transportation Chair Anand was excused.

Student Leaders:

RSA President Dall

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 4th, 2015 was approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Meyer welcomed everyone back from Spring Break and although he was not in Oakland for St. Patrick's Day he did attend an Oak Watch meeting and it appears that they had no issues with students which is always a great thing to hear. The police also had no complaints either. Continuing on, President Meyer announced that this past week Committee Chair Corelli as well as six other Board Members went to Washington DC for the ACC advocacy day where they meet with student government leaders from other ACC school and spoke with several congressmen and senators. They also had the chance to sit down and talk with each other for networking and to discuss the different initiatives we have for our campus and take ideas from one another. Additionally, to build a relationship with residents in Oakland President Meyer attended the Oak Watch meeting where they have started developing the Off Campus Students Association. They are currently looking into finding students from all respective neighborhoods to serve as the representative for that area and attend meetings to improve relations and get us all to work together instead of against one another. President Meyer also announced that the Community Outreach Committee applications are due Thursday at 10pm. Lastly, in light of recent events, President Meyer reminded those in attendance that if they or someone they know is ever in need of help in terms of mental health that the counseling center is always available. Their hours are 8:30-5pm on Monday and Friday and from 8:30-9pm on Tuesday-Thursday. Also the Pitt Police can be called at any time. President Meyer encouraged everyone to take advantage of these resources and help to debunk the stigma that surrounds the counseling center.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Nasreen Harun

Board Member Harun reported at the end of February she attended the ACC Leadership Symposium where she was able to get to know Student Leaders from other ACC schools and it really made her proud to go to Pitt because of the things that we have heard that other schools have never heard of. Additionally, in terms of projects she is working with Chairman Anand on the benchmarking trip to student unions and facilities. They are hoping to make a trip out to Ohio on the last weekend of March. Also in terms of the Student Organization Software they had a meeting with the demo yesterday where a representative from one of the companies they are looking into attended.

B. Matt Sykes

Board Member Sykes asked those in attendance that if they or anyone they know is passionate about mental health on campus to reach out to him or Board Member Murphy. They are currently working to create a Campus Task Force to work with the foundation to implement their program and discuss where Pitt stands now. Also Pitt SASA is holding an event this Friday from 4-6 pm in 232 Cathedral of Learning. This will be a mental health panel where two professors will be talking in addition to Active Minds, SASA and SGB.

C. Natalie Dall

Board Member Dall announced that there will be a traditions committee meeting this Sunday at 4pm in room 918 of the WPU. At this meeting they will be researching old traditions that may have fallen out of the wayside over the years. Also, she announced that she will be wrapping up her research on her housing initiative this week and sending a summary to the Associate Dean and Director of Residence Life Steve Anderson by the end of this week. Additionally, Board Member Dall completed her research into some different ACC schools on their versions of Off Campus Tenant Associations to hopefully bring her findings to the next Occupants Tenants Association meeting in the coming weeks. Lastly, she reminded everyone that the Community Outreach applications are due Thursday at 10pm.

D. Jacky Chen

Board Member Chen reported that in terms of the University Library System initiative he and other SGB members meet with other administrators to discuss the possibility of modernizing the library. Unfortunately, the library outlets may not be as feasible as they had hoped. Not to say that it is out of the question but Board Member Chen explained that it is something that the administrators aren't looking at for the near future because it would involve shutting down the library. Therefore, they have been discussing other ways to improve the library which include the creation of a media room on the ground floor and freeing up some space for students to study in. SGB has also been discussing the possibility of creating more tech enabled study rooms. In terms of Board Member Chens Diversity Initiative he reported that the Diversity Ad Hoc committee is now established. The goal of this committee is to create a comfortable environment on campus for everyone. This means that they want this community to include everyone no matter their skin color, sexual orientation,

gender or race. He also encouraged anyone who is passionate about getting involved to email him at jac282@pitt.edu.

E. Everett Green

Board Member Green added to what Board Member Chen has said about library outlets and explained that they do have alternative ideas which include portable charges for cell phones and laptops available for students to use. Additionally, Julie from Panther Central has returned from the RMS conference and Board Member Chen is excited to meet with her and discuss what she has learned and collect the data from her regarding the speed of guest check in towards the end of April or beginning of summer. Additionally, he reported that he too attended the Oak Watch meeting and the ACC Advocacy Conference where he and the other attendees learned that congressmen and women do want to hear what students have to say. Therefore, he encouraged everyone to reach out to their local or state government officials to let them know what you have to say. Lastly, Board Member Green encouraged everyone to complete the surveys sent to them by administrators because they too want to hear what you have to say.

F. Jack Heidecker

Board Member Heidecker announced he too had a great time at the ACC Advocacy Conference and echoed what Board Member Green said about reaching out to governmental officials. Secondly, he is looking forward to implementing his Direct Deposit Initiative soon. He has been in contact with representatives in the Financial Office and will hopefully have it up and running in the next couple of weeks.

G. Meghan Murphy

Board Member Murphy announced that there are two great events coming up. The first being Food Committee will be at 1pm in Dining room B of the WPU. This is a great way to reach out to Sodexo and let them know what you think about food on campus. The second is the SASA mental health panel which she will be speaking at. Additionally, she and Chairman Anand will be contacting the department head of Chevron, Langley and Clapp in the next week to talk about getting printers in those three buildings.

H. Lia Petrose

Board Member Petrose announced that at the ACC Advocacy Conference they had meet with Congressman Doyle and meet with a representative from Senator Casey's office. They had a great time talking to them about increasing federal aid dollars to students at Pitt and other ACC schools as well as increasing grant money. In addition, before break Board Member Petrose meet with Associate Dean Cindy Brice in the Public Health department to talk about the Public Health Certificate in terms of financing options and introducing it to students as a summer edge.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Committee Chair Reslink announced that the final Budget 101 session will be Monday from 6-7pm in 539 of the WPU and the budget submission deadline is March 27th at 5pm. Budget hearings will take place April 2-4th. Therefore, that Thursday Allocations Committee will be in moratorium and will not be reviewing supplemental requests. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to participate in the Allocations survey.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Stoll encouraged everyone to look out for the April 4th or 10th event they are trying to coordinate to bring in speakers to talk about the year of sustainability.

C. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Millard reported that she committee has started with elections code revisions as well as discussing ideas for restructuring the slate system which will hopefully make campaigning a little easier for the candidates.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Committee Chair Streets announced that the University of Thriftsbuagh had its grand opening today in room 111 of O'Hara. Additionally, over the past few weeks the committee has been coordinating sustainability related events to occur in the first two weeks of April. Additionally, they have begun working on the Environmental News Letter as well as rethinking the scope of the Green Team for next year's Arrival Survival.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Governmental Relations Chair Corelli reported that at ACC Lobbying Day they were able to meet with Congressman Doyle who is the congressman for Allegany County, as well as other representatives including the office of Senator Bob Casey. With this relationship the Governmental Relations Committee is going to work to bring them to campus for some events in which they had expressed interest in. Furthermore, the committee is going to continue to work towards improving both ACC Lobbying Day and Pitt Day in Harrisburg.

F. JUDICIAL

Judicial Committee Chair Hoch announced that after the Judicial Committee votes on changes to the Governing Code the committee will be working on creating new bills. Additionally, the committee will discuss new initiatives at the next meeting.

G. WELLNESS

Wellness Committee Chair Butler reported that Healthy Happenings, the committee's newsletter, will be coming out in early April.

VI. STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

RSA president Dall announced that applications are now open for the RSA scholarship. This is available to anyone living in a residence hall and is due Monday at 5pm to room 535 of the WPU. If you are interested in applying to this scholarship three awards will be given out: \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

VII. OPEN FLOOR

President Meyer announced that Deans hours with our new Dean Kenyon Bonner will be tomorrow from 3-4 pm in the WPU.

A member of the audience asked about the neighborhood representatives and what SGB is looking to accomplish.

President Meyer explained that in all of the communities in which students live also have permanent residents. In the past the relationship between students and residents have not been the best so SGB is trying to roster a positive relationship. Additionally, the housing conditions for many students is not safe and this has a lot to do with code issues and this is a large problem with permanent residents. Therefore, SGB is working with local officials to work with landlords to improve these conditions and make these neighborhoods safer both for students and permanent residents.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

IX. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

No submitted agenda items

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocation Recommendations

#8370 Women's Club Gymnastics- \$1505.00

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#8373 Club Tennis- \$1593.40

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded

A motion was made to approve \$1318.40 and deny \$275.00

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#8378 Panthers Field Hockey- \$1536.32

Allocation recommendation was to deny in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#8382 Reformed University Fellowship-\$1852.64

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8384 Some of Gods Children- \$2855.00

Allocation recommendation was to approve 1900.00 and deny \$955.00

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

#8387 Brazil Nuts- \$3277.50

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$2311.32 and deny \$966.18

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

b. Summary of Expenses

Tonight 3/18: \$8,887.36

XI. OPEN FLOOR

Board Member Harun announced that they had their first Assembly meeting tonight and is working on getting intact with other delegates to hopefully get the group to grow more and more to create a more collaborative community here at Pitt.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm

The motion was seconded

The motion carried.