

**AGENDA**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**  
**OFFICIAL MEETING**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Meyer called the meeting of March 31st, 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, Anand, Corelli, Millard, Hoch and Streets were present. Allocations Committee Member Kneis was present.

**Student Leaders:**

RSA President Dall

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 24th, 2015 was approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Meyer welcomed everyone to public meeting and reported that this past Sunday he and other SGB members as well as Ally Chronic went on a benchmarking trip where they visited Akron, OSU and Kent State to look at their Union and rec facilities. The purpose of this trip was to get an idea of what kinds of facilities other school around the area have so that we can take those ideas and use them in making improvements to our campus. Additionally, this evening the Board, along with other student leaders were invited to the Chancellors house to have dinner and meet with several of the Senior Staff at the university. President Meyer explained that this was a great time to sit down with everyone and reflect on our year as it comes to a close. In terms of Student Services SGB has not received any new travel grants from last week so the total is still 45. Additionally, storage space applications are due by April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. These can be found on the SGB website. President Meyer continued to take a moment to discuss upcoming finals and encourage students to study hard and finish the academic year off strong. He announced that extra study space will be available to students in the coming weeks. He then continued to discuss the upcoming budget. SGB along with other Student Organizations have been working to put together their budgets and will be presenting those in two weeks at the public budget appeals. Lastly, on Monday night President Meyer meet with the constitutional review committee that was appointed last week. At this meeting they discusses the possibilities of a name change for student government. With this SGB also disused the need to work more this coming year to make themselves known to incoming freshman and increase their presence on campus. Therefore, it is in SGB's best interest to have this name change occur before the money is spent to promote student government. A referendum will be posted on the my.Pitt.edu page in the coming weeks to vote on this decision to alter the name of student government from Student Government Board to Student Government Association which is the most widely used term across the country.

#### **IV. BOARD REPORTS**

##### **A. Nasreen Harun**

Board Member Harun reported that she has been working with Committee Chair Millard to get this name change referendum established. Additionally, Board Member Harun expressed her joy for being a part of this past Sunday's trip to Ohio and thanked Committee Chair Anand for organizing the whole thing. Today, Board Member Harun meet with the SORC Business Manager Gina Scozzaro to discuss the student organization software and how the carry out of this is going to look. Lastly, she wished the Allocations Committee luck this weekend as they will be doing spring budgets.

##### **B. Matt Sykes**

Board Member Sykes reported that the SGB budget includes tons of exciting things coming up for the fall semester. Additionally, tomorrow there will be a Mental Awareness mini lecture which SGB paired up with Healthy-U and the Wellness committee. This event will be in the Kurtzman room at 5pm. This is a great event for students to learn about how to best handle the upcoming stress of finals week.

##### **C. Natalie Dall**

Board Member Dall announced that the traditions committee had a very successful meeting this week where they went through several old yearbooks. There will be another meeting this Sunday at 4pm in 918 of the WPU. At this meeting the committee will discuss how they plan to tackle the next semester and how they want to see the committee form. Board Member Dall also announced that the off campus tenants association will be meeting this week.

##### **D. Jacky Chen**

Board Member Chen reported that last week he meet with the marketing and branding task force where they discussed the need to put Student Government out there next year after the name change. Board Member Chen encouraged anyone with any ideas on how to accomplish this goal to email him at [jacky.chen@pitt.edu](mailto:jacky.chen@pitt.edu). Next week Board Member Chen will be meeting with Committee Chair Anand and Board Member Green with the University Library Systems Interim Director to discuss possible changes to Hillman Library. Although with the current circuits at the library adding outlets is not a possibility however, they have been looking into making charging packs more accessible to students. These packs are currently available for check out and the Board will be working on how to spread the word to students that this is a recourse available to them. Lastly, Board Member Chen took a moment to touch on the upcoming TedX event. He announced that this event will be April 12 from 10am to 4pm and tickets did sell out within 90 minutes. However, there will be standing room with a live stream of the event for those without tickets.

##### **E. Everett Green**

Board Member Green announced that a plan has already been established in terms of the accessibility of charging packs through the University Library Systems which will be presented next week.

**F. Jack Heidecker**

Board Member Heidecker announced that he has spoken with representatives in the CFO office about the Direct Deposit Initiative he has been working on. This will be available next semester so he encouraged students to look in SORC for more information about it. Additionally, Student Organization Task Force is open and if you are interested in joining to please let him know. Lastly, Board Member Heidecker gave Pitt's Rainbow Alliance a shout out for the amazing event they hosted last night with Lavern Cox. It was a great kickoff to pride week.

**G. Meghan Murphy**

Board Member Murphy announced that Food Committee is this Friday in the lower lounge of the WPU. If you have never been to Food Committee before it is a partnership that the University has with Sodexo where students and go and give feedback on their dining services. Additionally, Board Member Murphy will be meeting with Dr. Bandick tomorrow and with Dr. Sved on Monday along with Committee Chair Anand to discuss the possibility of getting printers in Chevron, Langley and Clapp.

**H. Lia Petrose**

Board Member Petrose announced that she is working on setting up meetings with faculty members in the school of Public Health to discuss teaching opportunities for the certificate. She is working to get a variety of faculty so that the certificate will be holistic and that students will get a better understanding what it is like to be in the field of public health today. In addition, Board Member Petrose has been conducting research on her other initiative to brainstorm ways on how to incorporate it into existing programs which is ideal. Finally, on Friday she and President Meyer attending a meeting at the Carnegie Library about an Urban Innovation Lab that is currently in the works. For the most part the group has been working with CMU students and this is something the Board is looking to change. If you or someone you know may be interested in this please contact Board Member Petrose at [lgp6@pitt.edu](mailto:lgp6@pitt.edu).

**V. COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations Committee Chair Reslink announced that this weekend is budget weekend.

**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Stoll announced that the committee is working to create a list of initiatives they are hopeful to achieve in the coming school year. If

anyone has ideas she encouraged those to email her at [nms78@pitt.edu](mailto:nms78@pitt.edu). Additionally, they have been moving forward with the class scheduler app.

### **C. ELECTIONS**

Elections Chair Millard reported that the committee has been planning for the name change referendum which will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Potential polling place are towers and Sutherland lobby, market, the perch, cathedral café and outside the union. There are many promotional plans in the work including flyers, organization reach out, Facebook events etc.

### **D. ENVIRONMENTAL**

Environmental Committee Chair Streets announced that the Green Fund reviewed five proposals and approved two for a total of \$450.00. Overall we have \$500.22 remaining out of the \$10,000.00 they stated with.

### **E. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

Facilities and Transportation Chair Anand who also attended this weekend's trip to Ohio which gave student government some great ideas on how to better improve our facilities. Additionally, he will be meeting with University Library Systems at some point this week as well as Jason miller of the Intermural and Rec Department to discuss the Trip.

### **F. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Governmental Relations Chair Corelli reported that in regards to the Voter Registration front the committee will be undergoing training to learn how to register voters properly on Monday at 7:30pm in the SGB conference room. Additionally, the committee has been looking into way to incentivize voter registration for our student organizations or somehow give them credit. This is being looked at further to determine what is and isn't legal in the state of Pennsylvania. Lastly, in regards to Neighborhood and Oak Watch last Thursday about 10 Oakland housing properties went into housing court. These are properties that have been reported by Oak Watch for violations such as overcrowding or code violations. Each case was either dismissed or evaded.

### **G. JUDICIAL**

Judicial Committee Chair Hoch announced that the Judicial Committee bill has been drafted and sent to the Board. Additionally, the committee has been working on their law/legislation review which will be on issues important to Pitt students.

### **H. WELLNESS**

Wellness Committee Chair Butler reported that the committee has completed the April Newsletter which will be posted to Facebook soon and will be available at different locations around campus. Additionally, the Undy 500 Race against Sexual Assault has been moved to the fall semester and the committee is looking into having it on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the committee has been working on a mental health coalition.

**VI. STUDENT LEADER REPORTS**

RSA president Dall announced that RSA Elections for the executive board were today and the results will be announced later tonight.

**VII. OPEN FLOOR**

An audience member stated that during the Board Elections they discussed establishing and expanding routes for safe rider and Pitt bus services. She explained that she has to use safe rider every night because she lives in the far areas of South Oakland. Her concern is that it won't go to Frasier St but it will go to Boundary St and on top of this they would previously pick you up from the Greyhound Station and bring you home but now they will only bring you to the Union at which you will need to get on another shuttle to take you home. She expressed her frustration with this change and inconvenience and asked what progress has been done on this initiative.

President Meyer explained that Student Government has been working with the transportation department and encouraged her to meet with Facilities and Transportation Chair Anand after meeting.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business

**IX. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

No submitted agenda items

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity Inductees**

ODK is a 101 year old National Leadership Honor Society which includes five pillars and if you excel in one or more of them you are accepted into the fraternity.

**New members:**

Bradley P. Bakst

Patrick Corelli

Natalie Dall

Alayna Davis

Anastasia Emily Evanoff

Brianna Gasgonia

Nasreen Harun

John Elliott Heidecker

Taylor Alexis Hill

Chloe Scharff Kaunitz

Alaa Mohamed

Lia Petrose

Nicholas Reslink

Joshua Bernard Benjamin Selling

Haleigh Sue Stapleton

Matthew Sykes

**b. Allocation Recommendations**

**#8416 Pittsburgh Fencing Association- \$2493.60**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$1890.08 and deny \$603.52

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

**#8417 Collegiate DECA - \$1526.00**

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

**#8420 CLASA - \$1470.76**

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$1150.00 and deny \$320.76

The motion was seconded

A motion was made to approve in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

**c. Summary of Expenses**

Tonight 3/31: \$4,886.84

**XI. OPEN FLOOR**

Board Member Harun mentioned that there will be another Assembly meeting tomorrow April 1<sup>st</sup> where they will be having the delegates give a report on what is going on in their organizations. Board Member Dall will also be giving a report on what each committee has been doing. Hopefully this will foster more collaboration between organizations.

Board Member Petrose announced that ROTC is having a Sexual Assault Awareness event this Thursday at 7pm. This event aims to educate students about the dangers of sexual assault on campus.

**XII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

No report.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm

The motion was seconded

The motion carried.

