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SGB is pleased to announce that the Homewood Cookout at the new Community Engagement Center this Saturday went exceptionally well. Not only was there a great turnout from the community as well as Pitt students, but also there was very positive feedback on the food and music from the event.

This weekend, several board members will be attending the PASS Conference. The meeting will include representatives from student governments at Penn State, Temple and Lincoln; and will help students see a different perspective on what other schools are working on. The conference will also allow for collaboration between schools and efforts to collectively lobby at the state and federal level.

The Academic Affairs Committee has been working with the English Department on a change in course equivalency and has some exciting news to share. Students with a qualifying score on the AP Literature exam will now be able to earn 3 literature credits. There is limited information on when exactly this change will go into effect, however more information will be shared in the coming weeks.

This Friday, from 11:30-1pm, there is a student open forum for the Campus Master Plan, taking place in Ballroom B of the University Club. This event will not only analyze the University's existing physical environment, but will also discuss ways to re-shape the campus with its surrounding communities, ultimately contributing to The Plan for Pitt. This Friday will mark the beginning of a yearlong process, consisting of the collection of an extensive amount of data, the conduction of interviews, and thorough review of the results. Involvement from students is greatly encouraged by SGB to make this process as successful and student-driven as possible.

The Wellness and Safety fair will be held on September 29th from 11am to 3pm on the WPU Patio & Lawn. There are many opportunities to get involved, gain some safety knowledge, and learn more ways to improve your overall wellness. Additionally attendees will have the chance to extinguish a fire, courtesy of the Office of Environmental Health & Safety. Various handouts from participants of the fair will be available. As part of the fair, SGB will be taking part in the Pitt Cycling Forum from 12pm-1pm in WPU Lower Lounge, through a partnership with Pitt Parking Services and Bike Pittsburgh. The forum will be a chance to discuss questions about biking in the city of Pittsburgh.

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For more information on the Wellness and Safety Fair as well as the Cycling Forum contact James Oosten at jdo24@pitt.edu; for upcoming information on the Academic Affairs Committee contact josh.hanley@pitt.edu; for information on the community engagement centers contact Zuri Kent-Smith at z.kent-smith@pitt.edu.