

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
February 18th, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 8:50pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Bibby, Niedoba, Gandhi, Viljaste, Jacobus, and SOOS Director Weibel were also present. Board member Dang, Committee Chair Duong and SOOS director Wiebel was absent, excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from February 11th, 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. Rich Fan is present at the meeting and is willing to answer any questions. Board has been working hard to address any concerns that students may have at the Chancellor's Lunch. Election results will be announced next week at Public Meeting.

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 on Friday, they and Board Member Macadangdang met and established policy, they also met with Dean Bonner and discussed Fossil Fuel investments.

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 had their meeting this weekend and discussed future steps in making Laundry payments more widely accepted. Women Empowerment week is currently being planned and she asks that any students with ideas for events to come forward.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that SGB is hosting its first ever congressional debate scheduled for April 9th, 2020.

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 wanted to clarify an announcement he had made last week regarding Pitt Planned Parenthood's upcoming zero-waste period event. He wants to recognize the amazing work that Pitt Planned Parenthood undertook to make this event a reality, as they did last year as well. He then reminded everyone that the event is this Friday in SOOS from 5 to 7 PM. He have flyers and more information if needed. Yesterday, he sat down with Counseling Center Director Jay. Darr alongside Active Minds, NAMI, and Oakland Outreach to discuss ongoing education efforts on the counseling process within Student Health. Active Minds has also worked to create a public group on Facebook called "Pitt Mental Health Resources and Events," so he highly recommends you join to learn what is happening around campus on mental health. Yesterday, he met with the Office of Community and Governmental Relations and the Office of PittServes to discuss the piloting phase of a new community oriented leadership opportunity looking to start this Fall. This will bring students closer to the Oakland community in a more meaningful way, and he is excited to share more information regarding applications soon.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced that Pitt Day in Harrisburg is officially open for registration and will take place on March 17th, 2020.

H. Lynn Dang

Board Member Dang had no report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair King announced during the previous meeting nine (12) 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 events in the coming future. The first event is a Housing Tenant Workshop occurring on both February 26th, 2020 and February 27th, 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 that the committee has approved their first grant to the Asian Student Alliance for their fashion show.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bibby thanked everyone for coming to the Presidential Candidate Debate on February 17th, 2020 at Nordy's Place. Finally, he wanted to reiterate that elections will take place on February 25th, 2020. Voting will be electronically available on 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 5th, 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 has an opening that has yet to be filled. Applications are due this Friday.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Duong had no new report.

VII. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

SOOS Director Weibel had no new report.

STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

Sager from ASA has officially added the Japanese Student Association to their alliance. They are currently planning to release a statement regarding racism as well as the coronavirus. The ECASA will be having a massive conference at Carnegie Mellon University.

Jane, President of Black Action Society spoke about Black History Month and events that are planned throughout. She also reiterated that their GBM's are weekly on Monday nights.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

No open floor business.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

No submitted agenda items.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocations Recommendations

10275: Pitt Club Field Hockey – CEI – Spring National Tournament – Req. \$1,805.92

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

10279: Pittsburgh Club Baseball – CEI – East Region Spring Competition – Req. \$3,473.08

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

10280: Pre-Medical Org. for Minority Stud. – CR – Annual Medical Education Conf. – Req. \$2,523

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,927.00 and deny \$596.00

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

10283: Korean Student Association – PEI – KSA Presents David So – Req. \$10,000

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was to approve in full.

The motion was not carried. (4 – 4)

Second motion was to deny in full

The motion was not carrier (4 - 4)

Third motion was to approve \$9,800.00 and deny \$200.00

The motion carried (5 - 3)

10284: South Asian Student Association – PEI – Cultural Show – Req. \$1,809.47

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,750.64 and deny \$58.83

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

10285: Political Science Student Association – GT – Washington, D.C. Trip – Req. \$3,804.58

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$3,326.58 and deny \$478.00

The motion was to approve \$3561.02

The motion carried.

10289: Filipino Students Association – PEI – Flores de Barrio – Req. \$6,476.25

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$6,421.41 and deny \$54.84

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

BM-3: Black Action Society – PEI – Black History Month Speaker – Req. \$17,500

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was made to change the allocations recommendation to approve in full.

The motion failed to pass (3 – 5).

A motion was made to approve the allocations recommendation of deny in full.

The motion carried (5 - 3) .

XII. OPEN FLOOR

- a. 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 8th 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 9:46pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Agarwal. The motion carried 8-0.