

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
January 28th, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 8:47pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Duong, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Bibby, Niedoba, Viljaste, Jacobus, and SOOS Director Weibel were also present. Board Member Gandhi was absent, excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from January 28th, 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. He announced that interviews for Judicial, Allocations, and Communications Committees will be conducted this week and that he is looking forward to having new members. First-Year Council, Diversity & Inclusion, and Elections committee members will be announced tonight by the respective Chair positions. Working on different market options, presidential debate blah

IV. OPEN FLOOR

No open floor business

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anais Peterson

Executive Vice President Peterson announced that there will be a survey about admin accessibility will be coming out this week. They have also scheduled at meeting with Dr. Sherrard that will take place on February 12th, 2020. Finally, they announced that they will continue working with USAS in the coming weeks.

B. Ashima Agarwal

Vice President & Chief of Finance Member Agarwal announced that she had 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 has cancelled their meeting the previous Sunday. They will begin their initiative next week. Attended a presentation about mental health practices for athletes and wants to incorporate these practices at the student wellness center.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that the development of a civic engagement game app is currently looking for a place to house the program.

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 announced that he is in the process of choosing the February Student Organization of the Month. As a reminder, any SORC-registered student group can apply for the recognition, which comes with a \$500 marketing award and \$500 operational award. Last week, he had two representatives from the new Policy Office come to discuss with the board the new process in which University-wide policies get processed, and he is looking forward to a more in-depth discussion on the proposed policy on nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action. Finally, he announced that SGB is beginning the process with representatives with SOOS, including Co-Director Weibel, on formulating a resolution on comprehensive sustainability practices for University departments and partners.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced that the next Eat and Greet event is scheduled for February 14th, 2020 and will feature a black history month element. He also announced that he will be meeting with Alyson Kavalukas next Tuesday to discuss the next steps. Finally, he 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 announced is going to continue planning the Pitt Immigrant Speaker Series. She also announced that she has finalized the dates of the immigrant food week. The official date will be on Monday March 30th – April 3rd. She is currently in the process of contacting the restaurants.

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 three events in the coming future. The first will be an Immigrant Student Resources Panel taking place on February 11th, 2020 at 5:00-6:30pm in Dining Room A of the William Pitt Union. The second 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 a Collab event occurring on February 5th, 2020 in the WPU Assembly room. There will be tens of thousands of dollars distributed by student affairs to any diversity inclusion organization board members. Any organization that wants to be a part of this event must either complete the required google form or contact him directly.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bibby announced that today is the first day of campaigning for the upcoming election. He then thanked all of the candidates for their tenacity when approaching elections. He then announced that a Meet the Candidates event with Pitt Tonight is taking place tomorrow from 5:30pm – 7:00pm in WPU Ballroom. This event will be used to formally introduce all candidates and will be streamed online for those who cannot be present. He then stated that the Presidential Candidate Debate will occur on February 17th, 2020 at Nordy's Place from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Moderators for this debate include Janine Faust (Editor-in-Chief for The Pitt News) and Savannah Sowell (Communications Director for the Political Science Student Association). 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 will be going through the judicial documents to ensure the effective administration of policies.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Duong announced that she and FYC member Madison are resuming their work on getting more AED to be placed within the Quad. Madison is meeting with Matt Walaan tomorrow. She also announced that she, along with one of her Vice Chairs and Active Minds President Julia Lam, will be meeting soon to discuss a Peer Support Initiative. She attended a very productive Sexual Assault Awareness Month planning session this past Friday. Finally, she is currently finalizing the date for the One More Step Challenge and will further discuss this when the logistics are finished.

VII. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

SOOS Director Weibel announced that on Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at 9pm there will be a Thursday meet up in the Global Hub.

STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

There were no student leader reports.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

No open floor business.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Reading of B.B.2020.6 - Update to Allocations Budget Request Procedures
 - a. All board members voted in favor
- b. Reading of B.R.2020.07 - A Statement of Support for Sami's Law
 - a. All board members voted in favor
- c. Reading of B.B.2020.08 – Update to Governing Code
 - a. Motion was to wave the reading of the bill
 - b. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ungar
 - c. Motion was carried

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Allocations Recommendations**

#10241 – Panther Habitat for Humanity – GT – Annual Spring Break Service Trip – Req. \$6,258.40

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$6043.40 and deny \$165

The board decided to approve \$6140.90 and denied \$117.50

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#10256: Luso-Brazilian Student Association – PEI – Annual Brazilian Festival – Req. \$3,710

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,460.00 and deny \$1,250.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried. 7-1

#10242: Panther Swim Club – CEI – College Club Swim Nationals Airfare – Req. \$7,200

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$5,533.48 and deny \$1,666.52.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#10243: Students for Sensible Drug Policy – CR – SSDP 2020 – Req. \$2,448.26

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,698.61 and deny \$749.65

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#10246: Women’s Water Polo Club – PRS – CWPA Annual Dues – Req. \$2,735

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,718.30 and deny \$16.70

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#10251: National Society of Black Engineers – CR – NSBE National Convention – Req. \$2,000

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,334.20 and deny \$665.80

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

XII. OPEN FLOOR

d. 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 9:25pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Agarwal. The motion carried 8-0.