

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
August 25th, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

President Macadangdang called this meeting to order on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 8:46pm. Board Members Humphrey, King, Viljaste, Richmond, Abraham, Fleisher, Chuah, and So were present. Committee Chairs Kesbhat, Venkat, Murphy, Fadrigon, Bartholomew, Mitrzyk, Jacobus, Floyd, and SOOS Director Coleman were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Macadangdang welcomed everyone to public meeting. He thanked everyone for attending the first public meeting of the school year. He described how the Student Government Board has altered their proceedings with a virtual format. He spoke in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as described the steps SGB is taking to support their mission of supporting and advocating for the student body of the University of Pittsburgh. He announced that all SGB events will be virtual to support all students.

III. OPEN FLOOR

Scott Glaser thanked the Board Members for all of their hard work over the summer. Jacob Strenkowski celebrate the efforts of SGB when compared to other organizations.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Cedric Humphrey

Executive Vice President Humphrey began his report by reaffirming the approach that Black Lives Matter. He plans to support the year of initiative at Pitt, highlighting funding that is available to student leaders. He worked with Pitt Police to listen to black students to support the student body that they serve.

B. Benjamin King

Vice President & Chief of Finance Member King worked all summer to create a whole sale revision. He also worked to rework the SGB budget.

C. Tyler Viljaste

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Viljaste cofacilitated a workshop to create a more inclusive environment in a world of injustice. He is working to create a hub on campus He is trying to update the SGB website with LGBT resourcing. Addressed student concerns with new dining program and food accessibility. Created a task force for the creation of a LGBT center on Pitt's campus. Working with Ungar on First Year council urged any first years to apply

D. Katie Richmond

Board Member Richmond worked with Floyd to increase mental health resources on campus. Also worked with Viljaste to create LGBT resources.

E. Annalise Abraham

Board Member Abraham served as student representative and called upon Pitt to include a mandatory diversity class regarding Black history

F. Kathlyn Fleisher

Board Member Fleisher served on reopening committee. Served on task force for community compact. Moved forward on plans for Civic engagement hub to build a civic mentorship program and a physical hub in the long term. Has been working to reform Pitt Police with Black Action Society. Building out a student leader database to ensure all

G. Victoria Chuah

Board Member Chuah worked with Viljaste and Richmond on LGBT resources for students. Also worked on SGB website and ensuring that SGB can operate virtually

H. Victor So

Board Member So sat on Provost Task Force to reimagine teaching at pitt focusing on reopening during Covid pandemic. Sat on Senate Research Committee. Met with Pitt Dining. Student leadership database

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair Kesbhat 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 Venkat 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 Murphy 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 Fadrigon 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 Bartholomew thanked all of the candidates for their tenacity when approaching elections. 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 Mitrzyk 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 Floyd 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.

VI. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

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

STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

Cynthia from ASA mentioned that September 2nd is a workshop regarding an inclusivity workshop within the Asian community. ASA has been working on Mental Health Awareness regarding minority populations. They have also been working on social aspects such as big/little and housing situations.

Danielle from RSA mentioned that Hall council applications are currently open. Information sessions will begin on August 29th and continue through September 4th. They have reviewed staple programs and are looking to rework in a virtual environment. RSA is also a part of the Mental Health Awareness month and are working to ensure minority voices are heard. RSA was involved in the creation of a video to raise the voices of minority students and stand against racial injustice.

VII. OPEN FLOOR

Jonathon from Global Medical Brigades was wondering when storage lockers in O'Hara were set to reopen and when storage spaces would be reassigned. Chief of Staff Ungar apologized for any inconvenience and informed the audience that she would be releasing an email this week. Steve Anderson reaffirmed that the lockers should be open and offered his contact information.

It was asked whether or not Public Meeting was mandatory to all SGB members or if they should just attend their committee meeting. Macadangdang reaffirmed that Public Meeting is a place to voice all opinions and while not mandatory

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

IX. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

No submitted agenda items.

X. NEW BUSINESS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1onjsohmhwn-oBkdvfl1dh5DaUH9MdTWc_UYwTHJGXaM/edit

- a. Introduce board bill to revise governing code (introduced by King)
 - a. Board Member Humphrey has moved to table reading of the bill
 - b. Movement was seconded

XI. OPEN FLOOR

- a. Steve Anderson spoke about study spaces that will remain open on campus so that students may have the resources they need.

https://www.provost.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/StudySpaces_Landscape.pdf

XII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Macadangdang thanked everyone for coming out to Public Meeting and hopes everyone will continue to attend in the future. He reminded everyone that applications for multiple positions within SGB are open. They are live until Sep 18th for anyone considering to apply. Student Legal Services and many other services provided by SGB will continue into the school year. The Student Emergency Relief fund will reopen on August 31st, students will be eligible for up to \$600. Tomorrow from 5-7pm off campus students can pick up their Pitt masks. He then reaffirmed that all students should remain cogniscent of their needs and take care of themselves. Anyone looking to join Student Government Board can join at the following link:

Sgb.pitt.edu/joinus

XIII. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Humphrey to adjourn the meeting at 9:36pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fleisher. The motion carried 8-0.