

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD

OFFICIAL MEETING

September 15th, 2020

President Macadangdang called this meeting to order on Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 at 8:47pm. 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

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Humphrey to approve the meeting minutes from September 8st, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Board Member So.

The motion carried 8-0.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Macadangdang welcomed everyone to our third public meeting of the semester. Firstly, earlier today, the COVID-19 Medical Response Office released updated numbers of positive cases for students, and we are seeing another set of days of increased cases. The 5-day moving average per day is up to 10 cases and there are currently 78 active cases in isolation. The Student Government Board, along with everyone else, is awaiting guidance on what is to be the expected start of in-person instruction this upcoming Monday, September 14th. Please be mindful of communication from the university this week. He urged students to continue to wear a mask, physical distance, wash your hands, and don't attend any large gatherings that are not adhering to University and Public Health Guidelines.

Outside of COVID-related news, earlier today members of the Pitt Votes Task Force and President Macadangdang sent in a set of recommendations to administration outlining the upcoming Election Day and what the University should consider doing to make it successful. Although it is our hope that many of us will choose to mail-in or do an absentee ballot this year due to the ongoing pandemic, it's our belief that University operations should not get in the way of peoples' fundamental right to vote, and that all instruction done on November 3rd should be completely asynchronous where possible. SGB looks forward to making progress on this and welcome other students to provide us their thoughts.

This week, President Macadangdang will be sitting on the first meeting of the Remunerations for Student Leaders Task Force, which will recommend potential changes to the University's remunerations policy, which guides how student leaders are compensated for the time and work they put into extracurricular activities. He looks forward to providing updates in the future.

Finally, all students should've recieved an email from President Macadangdang yesterday outlining an update to our Collegiate Readership Program, which provides free, unlimited New

York Times online content to any and all undergraduate students. Whether you are already subscribed or not, there are a couple of steps that you need to take to continue receiving access to the NYT. Please go to our website to learn how to do so.

III. OPEN FLOOR

No new open floor business.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Cedric Humphrey

Executive Vice President Humphrey held the first meeting of assembly this past week. The Assembly is the official lower body of SGB and exists to allow leaders from prominent organizations on campus to gather and exchange information on behalf of undergraduate students. He also met with Academic Affairs chair Venkhat to discuss her committees initiatives for the year and to discuss how they can work together to accomplish his internship credit initiative.

B. Benjamin King

Vice President & Chief of Finance Member King met with Board Member Abraham to discuss proposals for the Board of Trustees serving to broaden the project to include more general concerns about shared governance.

C. Tyler Viljaste

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Viljaste attended the inaugural meeting of the task force for an LGBT center on campus. The task force is currently comprised of 29 members and are searching for more students. He then reminded the audience that First Year Council applications are now open until Friday, September 18th.

<http://sgb.pitt.edu/government/task-forces-2> <http://sgb.pitt.edu/joinus>

D. Katie Richmond

Board Member Richmond worked with Wellness Chair Floyd to increase mental health resources on campus. They also attended the first General Body Meeting for the LGBT center taskforce and discussed the goals of the center.

E. Annalise Abraham

Board Member Abraham worked with the Board of Trustees to discuss the divestment of fossil fuels. They are also eager to meet with SOOS Director Coleman to discuss sustainability issues on campus.

F. Kathryn Fleisher

Board Member Fleisher reaffirmed that the 14 days of engagement challenge is still going. The student leader database has been released and sent to 70 student organizations. They also announced that the civic engagement hub is coming along and they are anticipating their second round of Stakeholder Council meetings. They have also had the opportunity to join a few meetings regarding student voting and the language used to refer to the Student Government Board.

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<https://forms.gle/EZLxF3pZvKCiKjh28>

G. Victoria Chuah

Board Member Chuah met with Board Member Abraham and FTT Chair Mitrzyk to talk about the Fall Safety Fair. They will be sending out emails this week to different organizations that may be interested in presenting and will hopefully have a list of organizations that will be presenting soon. They also attended today's general body meeting about the LGBTQIA+ center taskforce. As mentioned before, anyone is welcome to join.

H. Victor So

Board Member So worked with President Macadangdang, Board Members Fleisher and Abraham on the Student Leadership Database

COMMITTEE REPORTS A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair Kesbhat announced during the previous meeting zero (0) requests were reviewed. This week the website will be updated, liaisons will be reaching out to their alphabet groups, and competitive sports caps will be released. With the newest version of the governing code voted in last week, please review the revisions to the Allocations process in our manual as all requests will be held to the current standard of review. Lastly, applications for two first-year spots on the committee are open until September 18th, 2020..

B. ACADEMICAFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Chair Venkat announced that she, along with the diversity and inclusion committee on the anti-racist initiative. She also worked with her committee to complete preliminary research for student feedback on remote learning.

C. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

D. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Fadrigon announced

Community and Governmental Relations Chair Murphy met with the PittVotes Task Force to finalize all material for the voter registration program in partnership with Residence Life. He then announced that they have also finalized the dates and events for the upcoming Civic Engagement Week beginning on September 28th.

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.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bartholomew announced that the Elections Committee is working on directly reaching out to organizations on campus encouraging students to run. The Elections Committee social media accounts will be up and running soon.

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. They then announced that Forbes Market does not currently accept Food Stamps/EBT, but this is being looked into. They then discussed the Fall Safety Fair that will take place on October 21st from 2-4pm.

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G. JUDICIAL

Judicial Chair Jacobus had no new report.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Floyd announced that she has finalized the schedule for Mental Health Awareness Month and has received the final marketing materials. She then announced the Chairs for her committee as well as their initiatives including better meal options, better access to mental health services, and the creation of spaces for minority students in the counseling center.

V. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

This past week the Student Office of Sustainability hosted their First Thursday Event. They encouraged people who attended the event to also attend our Third Thursday programming coming up in 2 weeks. This program will be focused on sustainability residence program. If anyone is living on campus or wants to help promote the green residence programming please attend (September 17th, 2020)

Secondly, they encouraged everyone to register for the AASHE conference, which will

be held remotely this year. There will be no registration fee for Pitt Students. Topics this

year range from traditional sustainability content to anti-racism workshops and other

trainings on social justice.

Link to register: <https://www.aashe.org/conference>

STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

No new student leader reports.

VI. OPEN FLOOR

No new open floor business.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

VIII. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

No submitted agenda items.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

X. OPEN FLOOR

Steve Anderson reminded everyone that Pitt face masks are being distributed at the WPU

front desk 8am-2pm, 5-8pm Monday – Friday. Please pick one up at your leisure.

XI. 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

The Pitt counseling center is offering a free 15 minute session. Please go onto their website to connect to their office and schedule an appointment.

XII. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Humphrey to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fleisher. The motion carried 8-0.