GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016
University of Pittsburgh 5604 Posvar Hall

Meeting Summary:

- Proposal to increase stipend for Executive Positions
- Graduate Student Climate survey results are in and being presented this Student Affairs Aid and Admissions Committee

Attendance:

**GPSG Executive Board Officers:**
- Joe Kozak
- LaTrice Holland
- Greg Logan
- Tim Folts
- Andrew Topp

**GPSG Assembly Board Members:**
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Dental Medicine
- Education 1
- Education 2
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Nursing (GNSO)
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- School of Information Sciences
- Social Work
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- Persian Panthers
- TASA

**Others in Attendance:**
- Christina Mazur

**Absent:**
- Biomedical
- Law
- Medicine
- PANAF
1. Call to Order
President Kozak called the meeting at 5:33 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve December 2015 minutes. Minutes approved

3. Old Business
Ryan Champagne, Grants Development Coordinator in the Office of Research.
http://www.research.pitt.edu/find-funding
Slide deck will be able to be shared after presentation. Email gpsg@pitt.edu if you would like to receive.
Pivot: co-locates private and federal funding and allows you to do broad searches.
Go to uls.pitt.edu under “P” databases
You can customize a search that will automatically update, can request automatically populating keywords
You can insert your ORCID profile in this database
Can customize alert settings to your email.

4. Reports
4a. President’s Report
Andrew Topp has started his semester as VP of Programming.

President Kozak proposing to increase stipend for Executive positions of $500 per position.
1. Funding is due to be increased
2. Incentivize more candidates to run
Funding would likely come out of Committees, Programming, and Communications
Vote: 21 approve 4 abstention 0 deny
27 members present
Christina and Joe do not vote.

Graduate Student Climate survey results are in and being evaluated.
Consulting Assembly Board to ensure we are headed in the same department
Goals
1. Increase sense of community among all graduate and professional students.
2. Resources for non-tenure track student- there are less positions available
   a. Versatile PhD
   b. Steve Wendel- Career Services
3. Centralization of Graduate and Professional Student Resources
   a. Securing a space- including lounge

Living Document: reviewed continuously, open to amendments
Presenting this Student Affairs Aid and Admissions Committee
Motion to support document and present to administration
Unanimous approval (25 voting members)
Diversity and Inclusion Committee- please inform President Kozak if you are aware of any specific issues in your group or school.

We will hopefully host Dr. Sbragia at April’s meeting for a Town Hall style meeting.

4b. Committees’ Report
Facilities Plant and Equipment Committee meeting- 2 new hotels will be built around Pitt Campus
University Graduate Studies Committee
   1. Dental Medicine- approved to offer certificate in Public Health
   2. Occupational Therapy

PACWC working on two projects for the Spring
1. Spotlight on Women Leaders- This will feature outstanding women leaders in Pitt’s faculty, staff, and student body. PACWC is working on a process- including applications, interviews, and marketing of the initiative.
2. Leadership Development Programs for Women- PACWC is working on compiling a list of resources for leadership development especially pertaining to women.

4c. Communications’ Report
New bulletin to go out this January, please send information to communications.gpsg@pitt.edu

TedEx license approved and is a go for Saturday, March 26, 2016. Theme is Move!

4d. Finance’s Report
Travel Grants will be approved later this week. We have received 36 applications.

4e. Programming’s Report
Two February events go on sale TONIGHT
February 11, 2016 Business Etiquette Dinner
February 27, 2016 Blue Man Group
March 14, 2016 Event- PhD Comic
April Events are in the works

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report
Lawyer update- Our lawyer’s contract is under review. Appointments will not be available until the end of January/beginning of February.
Elections: Call for candidates will go out tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Submissions are due by Monday, February 15, 2016. Elections will take place February 22-26, 2016.

FedEx wanted to make us aware that they offer discounts. Make sure to take the Pitt account number for a baseline discount. Volume discounts also available.
Pitt Student Health is offering a competition for promoting safe sex on campus. Create your own condom cozy from their template. Contact gpsg@pitt.edu for more information.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science
Working on Diversity and Inclusion and Policy. More information will be available

Dental Medicine
Just had a District Meeting
Early March will have a Dallas meeting
Stress Relief Events on-going

Education
School of Education Research Conference is being planned.

Engineering
Nothing to report

GSPIA
Nothing to report

Katz Full Time and Part Time
$700 raised at Karaoke Event January 16, 2016

NURSING DNSO Nursing GNSO
President is stepping down
New GNSO Board is taking the reins

Pharmacy PharmD
Fundraiser occurring in conjunction with Dental School
Pennsylvania School of Pharmacy Conference occurring January 28-31, 2016

Pharmacy PhD
January Happy Hour at Hofbrauhaus taking place

Public health
Welcome Back Social Thursday, January 21, 2016
Operation Safety Net Hats and Gloves fundraiser concurrent

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science
Coffee Pancakes and Resuscitations Occurring Saturday, January 23, 2016 Center for Emergency Medicine 2-5 pm Go to WPU to get tickets
20 students are going to conference in February.
Information sciences
Welcome Social Hour- over 100 students attend
February ski trip
Many students will attend 2 Conferences in the beginning of February

Social Work
Transitioned new Board for Spring and working on Spring Events

ANKUR
January 30, 2016 Event benefitting OVBI Overseas Volunteers for a Better India

CSSA
Spring Festival Celebration
Everybody with Pitt ID is able to attend
Registration List will be available later this week

GOSECA
March 18-20 GOSECA
Paper submission deadline has been extended to Friday, January 22, 2016
Insiders and Outsiders: Belonging and Identity in Eastern Europe

Persian Panthers
Next Concert February 27, 2016
March 19, 2016 New Year Event
New website is opening up

TASA
January 14-16 Segah Festival Participation was over 500 people
February 3, 2016 Bridging Israel and Turkey 6:00-8:30 pm 324

5. New Business
6. Announcements