GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015
University of Pittsburgh 540 William Pitt Union

Meeting Summary:

- 2015-16 Budget Proposal

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:
- Joe Kozak
- LaTriec Holland
- Greg Logan
- Tim Folts
- Michele Marcks

GPSG Assembly Board Members:
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Law
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- School of Information Sciences
- Social Work
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- TASA

Others in Attendance:

- Christina Mazur

Absent:

- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Health & Rehab Science
- Medicine
- Nursing (GNSO)
- Panaf
- Persian Panthers
1. Call to Order
President Kozak called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve Minutes. March Minutes approved

3. Old Business

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report
President addressed Board and welcomed to academic year.
President Kozak met with Office Community and Government Relations, Student Life, the Chancellor, and the Library with the goal of expanding our involvement throughout the university and increase graduate presence.
Data analysis of our Orientation that occurred on August 24, 2015 showed large representation from most graduate schools. Attendance was 470 students. Students are interested in expanding programming opportunities especially in the area of career services.

4b. Committees’ Report

4c. Communications’ Report
There have been technical difficulties with website. VP is working with CSSD to make updates. Greg has access to documents, please email with concerns. GPSG has new email address under Pitt accounts. They are as follows:

president.gpsg@pitt.edu
committees.gpsg@pitt.edu
communications.gpsg@pitt.edu
finance.gpsg@pitt.edu
events.gpsg@pitt.edu
gpsg@pitt.edu (administrative assistant)
Working to repair broken links in website. Please let Greg know if you come across one.

The bulletin is in the works, please let Greg know if you have additions to the bulletin.
4d. Finance’s Report

Updates to Travel Grant Process: The application time frame has been shortened. There is a new requirement that you must present at your conference.

We have received 2 Supplemental Funds Requests

**GSPIA Symposium Request.** They have requested $4,000 to provide food for the Symposium. Proposing $1,000 to match the allocation of the GSPIA student cabinet. This would allow $5 food which is more than our Supplemental Funding guidelines state. This funding is contingent upon successful fundraising.

VP of Finance is proposing a motion to grant $1,000. Motion to grant $1,000 by President Kozak. Seconded by Maggie Gabos
Motion passed 19 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstentions
ADDENDUM: Student Cabinet President Brian Sisco called in on Speaker Phone requesting arbitration for the vote. Arbitration to take place at a future time.

**Anarchist Group Request:**
Funding to fly in speakers and host conference $2,250. Requesting $1,000.
Executive Board is doubting the ability to successfully host event. No history of VP of Financing is proposing a motion to deny funding
Motion to deny funding by Tim Parenti, seconded by Erkan Bayir with explicit recommendations on what would be required to ensure a successful application.
Motion passes 17 yay, 0 nay, 4 abstentions

4e. Programming’s Report

Orientation Bar Crawl- August 24, 2015 was successful. About 160 students attended.
Sept 9, 2015 GPSG hosting event at Hofbrauhaus
Sept 15, 2015 Pirates Game and Tailgate
Sept 15, 2015 Pints and Pies Library Event (sponsored by ULS)
Zombie Paintball Oct 23, 2015
Financial Planning- How to Maximize your Budget is being planned for November 3, 2015
Partnership Events with Library, and CDPA
Business Etiquette Dinner is in the works for the spring
All events are advertised on Eventbrite, GPSG website
Calendar is part of the Pitt Mobile app- GPSG

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

Please email administrative assistant at gpsg@pitt.edu
Working to clean up some clerical issues on the website which includes outdated information.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

**Arts and Science**

April had elections and reviewed budget
There were a record number of applicants for summer research-40 applicants

**Biomedical**
Hosted an orientation picnic 2 weeks ago which was a successful meet and greet
Research symposium will take place 1st week of November.
Elections will occur in 2 weeks

**Dental Medicine**
Elections occurred in May- change of Board
End of year picnic was successful
Sept 18, 2015 Student staff and faculty picnic planned
Steel City Expo- Seminar with speakers will take place Sept 24, 2015
Always looking for patients at the school!

**Engineering**
Searching for a new GPSG rep
Interviews with new board member taking place
White water rafting trip took place over the summer
Working on travel grants for engineering students.
Coffee hour for student services on going

**Education**
Just had first meeting of the year and are working on Bylaws and setting up committees for the year.

**GSPIA**
April had successful Gala at Heinz museum
Happy Hour occurred last Friday
Department hosting Get Involved Fair
Crowd funding for Symposium has raised $2,500
Symposium taking place September 24, 2015

**Law**
Water bottle station and second printer installed in building
Second floor garden balcony opened
Environmental Law program expanded.

**NURSING DNSO**
New student orientation occurred last week

**Pharmacy PharmD**
New student orientation last Thursday and Friday
Activities fair occurred yesterday
3rd year professional students won most innovative project Script Your Future- highest award
New Rexpresso Bar in Salk hall
Pharmacy PhD
New student orientation just took place
Welcome back picnic will be next Friday

Public health
20 new attendees
September 17th will host bake sale to raise money for a fellow student who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. It will take place in 109 Parran 3:30-6:30pm. Come in side entrance Rita’s social is planned.
September 29th blood drive-Give from the Heart

Information sciences
Kennywood trip
Social hours follow up will occur each month

Social Work
Orientation last week
Diversity event upcoming
Speaker series upcoming
Happy Hour in October
December graduation

ANKUR
70 students incoming
OIS helping with adjustment
ANKUR provided services picking up students from airport
Orientation for fall students
Back to school party is planned

CSSA
1,800 Chinese students
Hosted 13 events last year
Two new clubs are under the CSSA umbrella
Career club dance club
Sept 26, 2015 600 person festival

GOSECA
Changed officers last May
New event taking place next week
Drafting theme and call for papers for annual conference

TASA
New Turkish restaurant opened in Squirrel Hill
Euro Union of Excellence- partnership with Turkish University hosting exchange
Sacrifice festival Eid al-Adha September 24, 2015
Welcome back event will include Turkish and Persian Music
Proposed movie nights will occur throughout the year
Turkish National Day- October 29, 2015

5. New Business

GPSC Budget- proposing Budget at this meeting giving 3 weeks for any commentary
AB will vote on Budget next meeting
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  o Pitt hosted NAGPS hosted last April
  o Exec Board retreat with old and new board
June- Blue Man Group tickets were purchased
Carried over $4,000 from last year
Added to programming to increase career and professional development

6. Announcements

committee representative orientation

committee open slots available