

# 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
- LaTriece 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](mailto:president.gpsg@pitt.edu)

[committees.gpsg@pitt.edu](mailto:committees.gpsg@pitt.edu)

[communications.gpsg@pitt.edu](mailto:communications.gpsg@pitt.edu)

[finance.gpsg@pitt.edu](mailto:finance.gpsg@pitt.edu)

[events.gpsg@pitt.edu](mailto:events.gpsg@pitt.edu)

[gpsg@pitt.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

GPSG Budget- proposing Budget at this meeting giving 3 weeks for any commentary  
AB will vote on Budget next meeting

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- Pitt hosted NAGPS hosted last April
- 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**