GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2015

University of Pittsburgh 5604 Posvar Hall

Meeting Summary:

- 2015-16 Budget passed
- AAU Campus Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct discussed at University Senate Meeting

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Joe Kozak
- Greg Logan
- Tim Folts
- Michele Ingari Marcks

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- School of Information Sciences
- Social Work
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- PANAF
- TASA

Others in Attendance:

- Christina Mazur

Absent:

- LaTriece Holland
- Education
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Persian Panthers
1. Call to Order
President Kozak called meeting to order at 4:40 pm

2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve September 2, 2015 minutes. Minutes approved

3. Old Business
At September 2, 2015 meeting Budget for 2015-2016 was proposed. Budget approved unanimously by 27 Assembly Board members present at time of vote. No abstentions.

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report
President Kozak met with Provost to learn of her goals of improving graduate life experience. She was pleased with our Orientation and has ideas to expand the Orientation next year.

Senate Council meeting took place. Chancellor spoke of AAU Report on Sexual Assault on Campus. If you are interested in the Sexual Assault Task Force, please contact President Kozak (president.gpsg@pitt.edu)

GPSG EB proposed new faculty member greetings from GPSG.

GPSG initiating Graduate Student climate survey to gain data on what students are looking for. Launching on my.pitt.edu this fall.

Nominations for Excellence in Teaching, and Excellence in Mentoring are up if you are interested in the nominations.

4c. Communications’ Report
Please make sure you sign up for our distribution list to get our bulletin and encourage your students to sign up.
TedEx Committee is starting. Email VP of Communications (communications.gpsg@pitt.edu) if you are interested in being on the committee.

4d. Finance’s Report
Senate Budget Committee meeting took place mid-September. They have generated a report on the pay scale of Full Professors through lecturer/instructor positions. It is a public report and you
are able to see the pay scale. VP of Finance has one hard copy if you wish to see and cannot find it online.

July/August Travel Grant Cycle brought in very few applications. We only used half of the allocated funding for the Cycle and will retain the funding for use during future cycles.

GSPIA Supplemental Funding request was retracted and funding is still available.

A detailed itemized spend list for GPSG funds is available from VP of Finance.

4e. Programming’s Report

Zombie Paintball on October 23, 2015 6:30 pm-10:30 pm at Pittsburgh Paintball Inc.
November 19, 2015 Mockingjay Premiere at Waterfront
November 20, 2015 Fall Formal 7:00 pm St. Nick’s Cathedral 90s Prom
Tickets will go on sale a month prior to event.
December Stress Reliever Event tentatively planned December 11, 2015
November 3, 2015 GPSG and EGSO co-planning Financial Planning Seminar in O’Hara Center

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science
New president was elected.
Last Spring’s A&S was the most successful. Working on Spring Grad Expo for 2016.
Faculty grad students trying to plan even to raise awareness regarding Sexual Assault on Campus.

Biomedical
Elections occurred in the past month. New members will be taking over this month.

Dental Medicine
Steel City Expo took place last week and was very successful.

Education
CGSE is under new leadership and will be working very hard to support more travel, research, and professional development for SOE graduate students. Our upcoming October events include:
  • coffee break in Posvar- Oct. 21 from 4-6 pm. we are providing Dunkin coffee & donuts for midterms
  • Happy Hour at Bar Louie- Oct. 23 from 5-7 pm

We will also be releasing our new guidelines and award amounts for travel and grant funding this
month, as well as hosting an information session so interested students can mingle and ask any clarifying questions.

**Engineering**
3 new reps were appointed (Electrical, Mechanical, International Reps)
Coffee hour took place with Career Development and Librarians as a type of Orientation

**GSPIA**
Symposium occurred September 24, 2015. The Symposium had a great attendance, including alumni. A lot of support outpouring for continuing the event next year.

**Katz Full Time**
New SEB elected this past month.
Spiked Lemonade fundraiser at Porch just occurred.
New Dean, Arjang Assad, took office over summer

**Katz Part-Time**
Survey is taking place measuring Part-Time student engagement in the Katz program

**Law**
Outdoor Patio is now open
Fundraiser planning ongoing

**Medicine**
White Coat ceremony took place for 1st years
Latino Medical Student Organization newly formed
4th Year students going to Honduras with Shoulder to Shoulder

**NURSING DNSO**
School of Nursing is under construction, so classes are scattered across campus and communication between students has been hindered.
Brown bag sessions to talk about what classes students would be interested in and other concerns are being planned for the fall.

**Pharmacy PharmD**
PA Pharmacy School Conference this 10/1-10/4 in Harrisburg
APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings October 16-18, 2015
October is American Pharmacists Month

**Pharmacy PhD**
Planning October Events

**Public health**
Bake Sale Fundraiser $844.00 for fellow student who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer
Ritas Italian Ice Fundraiser just took place and was successful
Bowling event will occur in November
School of Health & Rehabilitation Science
SHRS information session for students interested in attending Pitt SHRS occurred and had a lot of attendees.
Scully Lecture October 13, 2015 University Ballroom D Dr. Paul Rocker from CMU will headline Healthcare 2020
SHRS Open House planned in October
PPTA Annual Conference Seven Springs October 23, 2015
CSM Annual Conference in February 16, 2016 in Anaheim.

Information sciences
Election just took place and positions filled.
Kennywood trip had a hundred attendees
Friday, October 2, Social Hour will take place.

Social Work
Currently working on social calendar

ANKUR
Fall Social and Bollywood Night occurred.
Planning has started for Diwali in November

CSSA
Talent Show occurred on September 26, 2015. Cultural Display in Lower Lounge and Stage Show took place. 531 people attended, not including volunteers.
Next event will be a Halloween Event.

GOSECA
Small Happy Hour took place last A&S, Katz, Education, GSPIA represented.
Planning Spring Conference

PANAF
Professor Sola Talabi from Carnegie Mellon came for discussion on Policy in Africa’s Development on September 24, 2015.

TASA
Eid celebration Sunday September 27, 2015 84 people attended including 10 non-Turkish attendees. This is the Sacrifice Festival in the Muslim faith
92nd Anniversary Turkish Republic October 29, 2015. Details forthcoming

5. New Business

6. Announcements

Any Pitt Graduate and Professional Students who are need of legal services are able to make an appointment with a lawyer through Pitt, paid for by GPSG. The lawyer is available on Friday
mornings, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please visit the GPSG Office (825 William Pitt Union) to inquire about making an appointment.