GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2015
University of Pittsburgh 5604 Posvar Hall

Meeting Summary:

- VP of Programming Mid-Term Election
- Preparing Graduate Student Climate Survey for presentation to administration

Attendance:

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

GPSG Assembly Board Members:
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Education 1
- Engineering
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- 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:
- GSPIA
- Panaf
1. Call to Order

President Kozak called the meeting to order

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve November 2015 minutes. Minutes approved.

3. Old Business

Michele will be stepping down next semester. 2 Candidates.  
Victoria Jankoski Candidate 1 Katz School of Business  
Andrew Topp Candidate 2 Public Health  
Results: Assembly Board attendees voted. Andrew Topp won the position.

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report

Senate Council meeting- State has still not passed a budget. 1% holiday bonus will be instated.  
Task Force centered around Diversity Training being formed and will include Mental Health  
Interest in speakers-resources- scholarships, career service?  
Dr. Alberta Sbragia possibly will attend April meeting-Town Hall discussion  
Graduate Student Climate Survey- trying to identify key problems. Will publish results, only  
have raw data right now  
We are here for students!  
What services do your schools offer? Lounges, career development etc. Professional  
Development-resume, CV help, legal services,  
Admissions are student affairs trying to offer information  
Mental health services through student health are offered  
Comment: lawyer does not know too much about international student problems

4b. Committees’ Report

Still seeking those interested in Strategy Committees. Committee representative event planned  
next semester.

4c. Communications’ Report

Please send bulletin items out ASAP  
TedEx March 26, 2015 Main Floor WPU, Morning and Afternoon session with speakers  
Theme is Move!
4d. Finance’s Report

Travel Grants
YTD spent about 1/3 of budget
Supplemental Funds are backloaded. Please encourage your school groups to apply
Have not finished December Travel Grant Cycle.
Travel Grant Application window open through tomorrow.

4e. Programming’s Report

WPU Lower Lounge Relaxation Event 1-4
Coffee House Style
Stress Free Zone on 3rd Floor- massage chair is open!
Business Etiquette Dinner Happening in January, 21 or 28
Blue Man Group February 27, 2015
PhD Comic in March – week March 14
Formal will occur in April

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

Elections starting in Spring! Please consider running and encourage those in your schools and organizations to run.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science
Diversity and Inclusion- Task force- gauging interest
Gearing up for Spring events
Sexual Assault Awareness Panel
Summer Scholarship starting in March
Grad Expo in March
Teaching Awards applications open in the beginning of semester, closes at end

Biomedical
BGSA helped hold Meet your Chair Event- faculty engagement and getting facetime with students
Ski Trip being planned
Seminars in the works for the spring
Volunteering with Carnegie Science
1st Year Happy Hour Dec 15, 2015

Dental Medicine
Exams are upcoming so no events planned.

Education
Finals Coffee break last Wednesday
Travel and Research Grants applications open
March Research conference will occur

Engineering
Happy Hour Peter’s Pub
Ski Trip Planned for spring

Katz Full Time
Friendsgiving occurred Dec. 4, 2015 Fundraiser $200
Brazil, China, India, Poland, Japan represented
Admitted Students Weekend- being planned

Part Time
Food Dive for Refugees- Donations in Mervis Hall
Professional Dev days full time in Jan
  • Library resources

Law
Finals for next two weeks
Welcome Back week in January

Medicine
Dean’s Holiday Party Heinz History
Music Cares Groups- care issues in hospital
Elections tonight
Black Bag Heinz Field in Spring

NURSING DNSO and Nursing GNSO
Elections starting now
Holiday Party Next Week

Pharmacy PharmD
Currently in the process of interviewing new students for admission in the next academic year
Planning for annual "Pharmacy Weeks" (to take place in January) which include White Coat Ceremony for first year students and Auction with all benefits donated to the Grace Lamsam Foundation.

Pharmacy PhD
End of Semester Happy Hour
Ski Trip

Public health
Last event today- Student Snack time
Service and Social Event

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science
Friday Dec 11, Forbes Tower Smores and Hot Chocolate event
Dept of Film Studies Bodies in Motion
Independent Study for Spring Workshop
Screenings in April
4pm Screening
Jungle Bell Run Sunday Arthritis
Trivia at Hem’s! 6:30 pm

Information sciences
Two Event in November Halloween House
International Student Game Night Event
Fundraising event for United Way- Bake Sale Thanksgiving

Social Work
Hot Cocoa and Gingerbread Event occurred
Board turnover next semester

ANKUR
Ballyween with SIS
Diwali Event very successful. A lot of attendees
Flooding fundraising event

CSSA
Next event Spring Festival Feb 6 1-4 pm Cultural Display Ballroom WPU
4:30-6:00 Dinner
7:00-9:00 stage show

GOSECA
Planing Conference 15-20
Call for Paper will go out
Application due Jan 8, 2016
Insiders and Outsiders: Belonging and Identity in Central Asia

Persian Panthers
Had to cancel concert event, rescheduled in February- concert at CMU
Working on concert in October- Iranian Artist
Year of the Humanities Event- Funding up to $5,000

TASA
Nationality Room Open House
Sold Turkish Pastries
Summer abroad scholarships for Turkey
Mid January- Center for Iranian Music, Turkish Students Pitt, CMU Music, Persian Panther,
Persian Student
Jan14-16 concert- free for student $10 general admision
February 3, Turkish Nationaly Room
Bridging Israel and Turkey: Turkish Jews
Free admission for Pitt

5. New Business

6. Announcements