GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2016
University of Pittsburgh 5604 Posvar Hall

Meeting Summary:

- Student Affairs Aid and Admission Committee-Faculty and Staff Senate Committee is seeking specific goals for graduate and professional student
- Elections February 29- March 4, 2016

Attendance:

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

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

Others in Attendance:
- Christina Mazur

Absent:
- Pharmacy PhD
- ANKUR
- PANAF
1. Call to Order

President Kozak called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January 21, 2016 minutes. Minutes approved.

3. Old Business

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report

New Dean of Students/Vice Provost search committee took place last week. Provost will make decision by the end of next week.

Student Affairs Aid and Admission Committee-Faculty and Staff Senate Committee is seeking:
- Centralized support for graduate students
- Increased awareness of professional services
- Increased capacity of counseling center

These topics will be discussed this week and will be voted on at the meeting.

Diversity and Inclusion Group-Pitt Promise for Everyone – revise current Pitt Promise to include Graduate and Professional students, staff, and faculty.

Create a standing Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee with the intent to make this committee permanent

2015-2016 Year of Humanities at Pitt

Proposing that 2016-2017 be the Year of Diversity and Inclusion
- Include more programming targeting Diversity and Inclusion

4b. Committees’ Report

There are still two unfilled Committees. Please email LaTriece if interested (committees.gpsg@pitt.edu)

Computer Usage Committee position has been filled.

4c. Communications’ Report

Please email Greg (communications.gpsg@pitt.edu) with any Bulletin items

TedEx - March 26, 2016

Raymond Gastil, Director of City Planning for the City of Pittsburgh

janera solomon, Publisher of 1839 Magazine and Executive Director of Kelly Strayhorn Theatre at East Liberty
Michael Boninger, Professor and Chair in the Department of Physical Medicine
John Fetterman, Mayor of Braddock
Christopher Seymour, UPMC Dept. of Critical Medicine and Emergency Medicine
Kerry Harling, UPMC Center for Integrative Medicine – Mindfulness Stress Reduction and Founder Of Holistic Highway

4d. Finance’s Report

1 Supplemental Fund request under review
Finance Committee meeting this Thursday, February 18, 2016

4e. Programming’s Report

62 people attended Business Etiquette dinner
Blue man group tickets are available at Box Office
Phipps Party in the Tropics March 4, 2016. There is a waitlist
Spring Formal April 15, 2016 at the Aquarium
PhD Comic- Monday, March 14, 2016- open to the Public
Joint event with CMU, Scaife Hall

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

Lawyer services are again available on Fridays. Go to SGB office 8th Floor WPU to schedule.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

- Arts and Science
  Grad Expo is occurring in March
  Teaching Award Applications are being accepted
  Summer Award Applications

- Biomedical
  4th Careers in Academia Panel
  Comprehensive Exam Final- mentoring
  WMSA- manuscript writing
  Volunteer opportunity 19th-20th
  Jesse Schell- Curiosity, Patience, and Purpose
  March Ski Trip to Seven Springs

- Dental Medicine
  Annual Session 10 students to Dallas TX March 3
  4th year Business side of Dental Symposium
  Pre-Dental student day

- Education
  Traveler and Research Grants are being administered
School for Ed Research Conference Thurs, March 24

**Engineering**
Department Socials are being encouraged
Travel Grants are being finalized
Ski Trip is occurring in two weeks
Dean of Engineering sit down- trying to get space for graduate students

**GSPIA**
GSPIA Formal is being planned for the Spring
Wellness Initiative- how to access Physical and Mental Wellness

**Katz Full Time**
Annual India Night to celebrate outgoing Indian Students
MBA night at the Symphony- dinner and networking event
Wine tasting event
President of DSO and Katz SEB working to include doctoral students more

**Law**
Symphony night and networking with other Lawyers
Barristers Ball occurring in 2 weeks

**Medicine**
Birmingham Auction occurring February 27, 2016
Mr. Pitt Med for Charity
Black Bag ball

**Nursing GNSO**
Re-structuring process. Several programs transitioning to doctoral programs
Assessing how to service all programs
1st open meeting in March to initiate conversations

**Pharmacy PharmD**
Auction event at Birmingham Clinic in February
National Conference coming up in March- several students
Healthcare simulation event in O’Hara

**Public health**
Valentine Event for Children’s Hospital
St. Patrick’s Day for Ronald McDonald

**School of Health & Rehabilitation Science**
Multiple Scelorsis Ballroom Dance mentor
Saturday Feb 20 and 27 Steel City Ballroom
jeered@yesyoucandance.org if interested
Blood Drive UMPC Forbes Tower Thursday the 18th, 7th Floor
Anaheim, CA conference
Formal at Champagne Bar April 9, 2016

Information sciences
February 1-5, iFest Conference- 100 students Attended
February 6 36 students attended ski trip
Student engagement
February and March meeting planned

Social Work
5801 Happy Hour this Friday, February 19, 2016
National Advocacy Day
Wine and Painting social planned next month

CSSA
1,000 people attended New Year event on February 6, 2016
Lantern Celebration event upcoming

GOSECA
Graduate Student Conference March, 18-19, 2016. Participants have been selected and notified

Persian Panthers
Feb 27 Iranian music concert – People from many different student are attending
Party being planned hopefully in Schenley Park- barbeque
New Year event March 19, 2016- stand up comedian, DJ,
Late March picnic being planned

TASA
Turkish-Israeli event with about 80 people occurred February 3, 2016
Spring Happy Hour is being planned

5. New Business
Elections occurring February 29-March 4, 2016,
Candidates that attended the meeting gave speeches regarding their positions.
(2 Communications candidates, 1 programming candidate)

6. Announcements