GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016
University of Pittsburgh William Pitt Union Dining Room A

Meeting Summary:

- Dr. Sbragia will be attending our final meeting for the academic year on April 11, 2016. Please send questions in advance to gpsg@pitt.edu
- Student Affairs Aid and Admission Committee voted on our recommendations. See President’s report for our recommendations.

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)
- Medicine
- Nursing (GNSO)
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- School of Information Sciences
- Social Work
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- Persian Panthers

Others in Attendance:
- Christina Mazur

Absent:
- Law
- PANAF
TASA

1. Call to Order

President Kozak called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 15, 2016 minutes. Minutes approved

3. Old Business

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report

Elections have concluded. New board is in attendance.
Dr. Sbragia will be attending our final meeting for the academic year on April 11, 2016. Please send questions in advance to gpsg@pitt.edu
Orientation is underway in conjunction with Committee on Graduate Studies. Feedback from previous orientations is being used in the planning.
Student Affairs Aid and Admission Committee voted on our recommendations last Thursday. These recommendations are now going to the Provost and Senate.
3 Major Points
   1. To improve communication points- including monthly bulletin
   2. Institutional support for activities- including orientation and campus tours
   3. To have a liaison with Provost’s office, including off-campus living

4b. Committees’ Report

Nothing to report.

4c. Communications’ Report

eBulletin will be going out this week.
TEDx will occur on the Main floor of WPU on Saturday, March 26, 2016. There will be two sessions starting at 10 am and the second starting at 1 pm.
Speaker information available at tedx.pitt.edu
You will be able to attend without tickets in the livestream room adjacent to the Assembly Room
4d. Finance’s Report

Travel Grants closed out $2,800 surplus year to date.
Student Anarchist Government Supplemental Funding awarded for event

4e. Programming’s Report

Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week begins April 3, 2016 with Glassblowing Event
Monday, April 4, 2016 PhD Movie
Thursday April 7, 2016 Laser Tag
Formal-Aquarium April 15, 2016

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

The Administrative Assistant will be open for the year 2016-2017. Please submit application to gpsg@pitt.edu by Friday, April 15, 2016 at noon.
Applications for Leadership and Service award will be accepted through April 11, 2016.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science
Special Meeting occurred 2 weeks ago Graduate Student Workers (TAs, Researchers, and others) are trying to unionize. Town Hall meeting occurred to share information.
Gearing up for Grad Expo Thursday, March 24, 2016
Accepting applications for summer internships

Biomedical
Careers in Academia Workshop and Writing Workshop
March 12, 2016 Ski Trip successful
Coffee Hour is planned for April 4, 2016
Donuts for Graduate Student Appreciation Week
STEM Saturday with Carnegie Science Center occurring to

Dental Medicine
Annual Meeting occurred in Dallas
ADA- Students attended conference in Denver
Pre-Dental Day happened February 19, 2016.
March 31- ADA signing day
Natural Wellness Series- April 2 Carnegie Science Center
April 11-12 ASDA National Lobby Day in DC
April 9, 2016 Stair Climb to benefit Oral Cancer Research

Education
Speed Networking occurred last week at Steel Cactus
Spring Student Research Conference occurring Thursday, March 24, 2016
Elections occurring this month.

**Engineering**
Travel Grant Applications are incoming
Hoping to create a graduate student group for each department in Engineering.

**GSPIA**
Student Professor Forum- discussion of research
Heinz History Center event April 1, 2016
Preview Day occurring at University Club

**Katz Full Time**
Feedback for Career Services will be shared in Town Hall meeting
Elections for new board members will occur last week of March.
Annual Spring Fling is occurring at Grand Concourse April 1, 2016

**Katz Part Time**
Elections are occurring
EMBA networking event occurred successfully last week

**Medicine**
Match day occurred last week in which students were matched to residency programs.

**NURSING DNSO**
Restructuring occurring in the program. Results TBD

**Pharmacy PharmD**
Elementary School Outreach Poison Prevention
Elections occurred and new board will transition
April Spring Leadership Retreat- Harrisburg Day in April
95% students matched at Match Day last week

**Pharmacy PhD**
Dr. Menta will be giving a talk on March 22, 2016 about FDA and Drug Development Process
Helping Dean’s Office select Faculty of the Year

**Public Health**
Ronald McDonald Fundraiser occurred last week
Bioterrorism Crabtree 115 Thursday March 24, 2016
Public Health Trivia Night April 15, 2016

**School of Health & Rehabilitation Science**
US News rankings:
Department of Physical Therapy ranked number 1
Department of Occupational Therapy: ranked number 4
Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology ranked number 7
New Dean of SHRS appointed Dr. Delitto
Excellent Turnout at admitted students weekend
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual Conference April 8, Chicago Conference

Information sciences
iFest occurred first week of February
trip to Fallingwater occurring on Friday with the intent to have mingling with Computer Science and Information Science

Social Work
Painting with a Twist Event took place
Legislative Advocacy Day April 12, 2016 in Harrisburg

ANKUR
Holi celebration April 16, 2016

CSSA
Sport competition on April 9-10, 2016- open to everyone- register your teams
Basketball, soccer, badminton, table tennis. Sign up with CSSA!

GOSECA
March 18-19, 2016 Annual Conference Occurred
Students from CA, TX, and other states presented research
Linguistics, History, Slavic Studies faulty gave talks on Eastern Europe Kosovo, Ukraine, Bosnia Students discussing difficulties getting EU membership among other topics.

Persian Panthers
450 attended event last week celebrating New Year. A DJ and comedian added to the event.

5. New Business

6. Announcements