Meeting Summary

- Discuss the upcoming GPSG Orientation
- Discuss and answer questions about Supplemental Funding and Travel Grants
- Introduce and re-introduce AB representatives
- Discuss the proposed GPSG 2017/2018 budget

Attendance

**GPSG Executive Board Officers:**
- Christopher Staten (President)
- Clarissa León (VP of Programming)
- Sarah Brooks (GSA)

**GPSG Assembly Board Members:**
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- ISA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Health & Rehab Sciences
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Social Work
- GOSECA (excused)
- TASA
- PanAf
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Katz (Part-Time)
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Public Health

1. Call to Order
   - President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:10pm

2. Approval of Minutes
   - Motion to approve May minutes. Minutes approved. None opposed.

3. Old Business
   - 2017-2018 EB Long Range Plan
   - Discussion: Title change for AA position
   - Discussion: President Staten working with PanAf to reinstate into AB
   - Voting: 2016-2017 VP of Finance stipend allocation

4. Reports
   - President’s Report
     - Review Orientation Agenda
       - August 22, 2017
         - Overview of what will happen at orientation
         - Orientation 2-5pm, Picnic 5-7pm
           - Orientation – Soldiers & Sailors
           - Picnic – Cathedral of Learning Lawn near the Log Cabin
         - Volunteers needed – More in AA Report
     - SAGE Coalition Conference
       - Membership of 20 graduate/professional schools visiting Pitt and our first year hosting the event
Group advocates for grad/professional students at the policy level.

- Thursday Oct 26 through October 28th
- Volunteers to assist in the planning and operation of SAGE Conference
  - Looking for 3 to 4 volunteers for the planning and operations committees
  - Email president.gpsg@pitt.edu
- More collaboration with Dr. Nathan Urban, newly appointed Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Strategic Initiatives to improve communication with various graduate schools
- Collaboration with Student Affairs for the Healthy U Fair set for September
  - Year of Health and Wellness
- Met with Pitt Arts
  - 5 programs and events set up for free access to graduate/professional students
    - Dracula play, pumpkin carving etc.
    - Disseminating information via social media, GPSG newsletters, email
  - 40-45 tickets available, first come, first served.

Committees’ Report

- Needing to fill the following committee positions for the new year (open to any graduate and professional student):
  - University Council on Graduate Study
  - Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring
  - Women's Concerns
  - University Review Board
  - Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award
  - Plant Utilization and Planning
  - Research
  - Community Relations
  - Educational Policies
  - Benefits and Welfare
  - Library
  - Tenure and Academic Freedom
  - Humanities
  - Mental Health Task Force
  - Hillman Library Renovation Advisory Group

Communications’ Report

- No report

Finance’s Report

- GPSG Financial Report
  - May & June Travel Grants
  - Clarification on travel grant application process

Programming’s Report

- Need new committee members for the EPC
- If your school is having any events or programming, please reach out to GPSG so we can lend any needed support.
- Please email VP of Programming informing of any events so GPSG can help promote

Administrative Assistant’s Report

- Need students for the student discussion panel for GPSG Orientation. Please email gpsg@pitt.edu if there is a student you would recommend to be a part of this panel.
- Need volunteers for the GPSG Orientation on 8/22. If you, or your committee members may be interested in volunteering, please email gpsg@pitt.edu before Friday, August 11th.
  - Volunteers are slated to arrive at 12:00-12:30pm

Assembly Board Member Reports

- Arts & Sciences
- Calendar meetings set – First meeting 9/5/17
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee survey – collecting data to report and present to Senate Council
- Focus efforts on career developments in A&S
  a. Working with Dean and Vice Provost
- GPSG would like to set up a meeting with A&S reps
  a. Next couple of weeks
- **Biomedical**
  - Elections soon
  - Summer career panel series
    a. Federal careers
    b. Pharmaceutical careers
  - Social event
    a. Pilates
  - Orientation Picnic 8/22/17
  - Upcoming events:
    a. Ice Cream Social and Row House Cinema, Pitt Football tailgating event for the opener on 9/2/17
- **Dental Medicine**
  - Week of Orientation for freshman - 8/15/17 - 8/23/17
  - Steel City Expo (9/21/17)
    a. Speaker: Gordon Christiansen
  - Wellness Rock Climbing Event
  - District 3 (WV, VA, PA) upcoming retreat
- **Education**
  - Planning back-to-school welcome Happy hour and mixer
  - Service event from Pitt Schools to revise
- **Engineering**
  - No report
- **GSPIA**
  - No report
- **School of Computing & Information**
  - New Dean – Paul Cohen
  - New school integration
    a. New GSO and GSA structure
  - Kennywood trip and picnics this upcoming Fall
- **Katz (Full Time)**
  - No report
- **Katz (Part Time)**
  - No report
- **Law**
  - No report
- **Medicine**
  - No report
- **Nursing**
  - No report
- **Pharmacy (PharmD)**
  - No report
- **Pharmacy (PhD)**
  - Orientation for Master’s and PhD students
  - Happy hour for new and returning students in September
- **Public Health**
• No report
  o School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
    • 9/14 SHRS Celebrate U
      a. Health Forum for all the different programs at SHRS
  o Social Work
    • Buddy Mentor System initiated this year
    • Meet and Great with the Dean of SSW
  o ANKUR
    • Hosting the India Day Celebration on Sunday, August 13th, all GPSG members invited
  o CSSA
    • Chinese Spring Festival
    • Autumn Festival
    • Possible sports tournament open to all students
  o ISA
    • Welcome picnic for Iranian students and families
    • Potential concert in October
  o GOSECA
    • No report
  o TASA
    • No report

5. Committee Reports
   • See full reports on website (www.gpsg.pitt.edu)

6. New Business
   • Voting: Title change for AA position
     o Motion approved, seconded, none opposed.
   • Voting: PanAf reinstatement into AB
     o Tabling until September meeting for another discussion
   • Discussion: Proposal of GPSG 2017/2018 Budget
     o PanAf budget would need to be approved by EB and AB or allocated until next year
     o GSOs can request additional funding if necessary, but would need to be applied for and approved for by the Finance Committee
     o Voting to approve the budget will occur at the next meeting

7. Announcements
   • Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13th at 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58pm