

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Wesley W. Posvar Hall, 5604

August 9, 2017



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

Absent:

- 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
 - a. Overview of what will happen at orientation
 - Orientation 2-5pm, Picnic 5-7pm
 - a. Orientation – Soldiers & Sailors
 - b. 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

- a. 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
 - a. Looking for 3 to 4 volunteers for the planning and operations committees
 - b. 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
 - a. Dracula play, pumpkin carving etc.
 - b. 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
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - 9/14 SHRS Celebrate U
 - a. Health Forum for all the different programs at SHRS
- *Social Work*
 - Buddy Mentor System initiated this year
 - Meet and Great with the Dean of SSW
- *ANKUR*
 - Hosting the India Day Celebration on Sunday, August 13th, all GPSG members invited
- *CSSA*
 - Chinese Spring Festival
 - Autumn Festival
 - Possible sports tournament open to all students
- *ISA*
 - Welcome picnic for Iranian students and families
 - Potential concert in October
- *GOSECA*
 - No report
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

- See full reports on website (www.gpsg.pitt.edu)

6. New Business

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