

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Wesley W. Posvar Hall, 5604

May 9, 2017



Meeting Summary

- Welcome new representatives and new Executive Board
- Brief update from Executive Board for next year's success

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Christopher Staten (President)
- Clarissa Leon (VP of Programming)
- Sarah Mahan (GSA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- PanAf
- GOSECA
- ANKUR
- ISA
- TASA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Engineering
- GSPIA

- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Pharmacy (PharmD)

Absent:

- Caitlin Sniezek (VP of Committees)
- Srilakshmi Kavikkal (VP of Communications)
- Shreyas Vamburkar (VP of Finance)
- CSSA
- Information Science
- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Public Health
- School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
- Social Work

1. Call to Order

- President Staten called the meeting to order at 12:16pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

3. Old Business

- Discussion of 2016-2017 VP of Finance stipend allocation

4. Reports

President's Report

- Met with Dr. Alberta Sbragia, Vice Provost of Graduate Studies, concerning GPSG's engagement strategy for 2017-2018 scholastic year.
- Conducted a Conference Call with the SAGE Coalition Executive Board concerning the SAGE Conference in the fall which our Executive Board will be hosting.
 - Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) is a coalition of Graduate Student Organizations from leading U.S. public research universities who are committed to improving the quality of graduate student life at their own campuses, and promoting access, quality, and opportunity for graduate and professional students at the federal level.
 - This is Pitt's first year in the SAGE Coalition and we are excited to host schools such as the University of Wisconsin, University of Washington, Ohio State University, just to name a few.
- Attended the Executive Board meeting on April 12, 2017 to assist in the transition of our new board.

- Met with Dr. Darlene Zellers to assist in the organization of the Alumni in Residence Program for the Office of Academic Career Development
 - Program is looking to be launched in Fall, 2017. Created to help doctoral and post-doc trainees attain the skills needed in industry by connecting them with alumni who have earned their PhDs, who work in industry as opposed to academia.
 - We look forward to Dr. Zellers attending our AB meeting in August, to tell us more about the program.
- Met with outgoing and incoming SGB president to see where GPSG can collaborate in the upcoming year.
- Accompanied Justin Saver, our former president, at the April Senate Council Meeting and attended the Assembly Board Town Hall and Meeting where we were joined by Provost Beeson, Vice Provost Bonner, and Vice Provost Sbragia.
- Met with Vice Provost Bonner concerning diversity and inclusion initiatives and the overall direction of GPSG as it relates to Dr. Beeson's Strategic Plan for Pitt.
- Met Kenny Donaldson in the Pitt Alumni Association concerning alumni engagement and diversity partnerships and events.
- Met with Dr. Humphrey, Senior Vice Chancellor, to debrief commencement
- Committees' Report
 - Senate Council Representative of the School of the Professionals
 - Senate Council Representative of the School of Health Sciences
- Communications' Report
 - GPSG 2016-2017 Annual Report is now available on our website: <http://gpsg.pitt.edu/documents/annual-reports/>
 - We are looking for volunteers to be on the Public Relations Committee for the upcoming year. Please email communications.gpsg@pitt.edu if you are interested.
- Finance's Report
 - Window for GPSG Travel Grant Applications ends tomorrow
- Programming's Report
 - Position available to next year's planning committee. Please email VP of Programming if interested.
- Administrative Assistant's Report
 - If your AB representative is changing, please email or have them email the AA their information if you have not already done so.
 - If you have any inputs on what your school might like to see during Orientation 2017, please email AA.
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report
 - *Biomedical*
 - No report
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - Picnic for residency students held
 - *Education*
 - No report
 - *Engineering*
 - No report
 - *GSPIA*
 - No report
 - *Information Sciences*
 - No report
 - *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report

- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
- *Law*
 - No report
- *Medicine*
 - Celebration of Remembrance ceremony to honor those who donated their bodies to science (May 12, 2017; Heinz Chapel 1:30pm)
 - 63rd MS4 Scope and Scalpel (May 19th – May 21st) “Lord of the Ring Enhancing Lesions”
 - <http://scopeandscalpel.org>
 - Graduation 2017: May 22, 2017
- *Nursing DNSO*
 - No report
- *Nursing GNSO*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - No report
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
- *Social Work*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- 2017-2018 EBs Long Range Plan
- Discussion: Title change for AA position
 - Executive Administrator
 - Administrator of Internal Affairs
- Discussion: President Staten working with PanAf to reinstate organization into AB
 - Will vote at next meeting
- Discussion: President Staten working with LAGOS to introduce new organization to AB.
- Voting: 2016-2017 VP of Finance Stipend allocation
 - Motion to approve. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, August 9th at 5:00pm**