

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Wesley W. Posvar Hall, 5604

October 11, 2017



Meeting Summary

- Working to improve communication between the Assembly Board and Executive Board.

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Christopher Staten (President)
- Caitlin Sniezek (VP of Committees)
- Srilakshmi Kavikkal (VP of Communications)
- Shreyas Vamburkar (VP of Finance)
- Sarah Brooks (GSA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information
- Education

- Engineering
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Part-Time)
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- Clarissa León (VP of Programming)
- TASA
- Dental Medicine
- GSPIA

1. Call to Order

- President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve September minutes. *Minutes approved. None opposed.*

3. Old Business

- Voting: Proposal of GPSG 2017/2018 Budget – tabled until next month
- Discussion: Amendment for Supplemental Funding - allowing GSOs to apply for funding 3 times a semester – cap of \$1,500
- Discussion: Headshots for Assembly Board Representatives & Executive Board

4. Reports

- President's Report
 - To empower Pitt's graduate and professional students to maximize their opportunities and impact by fostering a sense of community both within the University of Pittsburgh and the local community.
 - Assembly Board and Executive Board make up and responsible for upholding the mission of the GPSG. Please do your due diligence in upholding this mission.
 - Pitt Program Council Partnership: Free Programs for Graduate/Professional students
 - Pitt Arts: Dracula (10/29) - Clarissa
 - Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Professional Development
 - a. Launched the Professional Development Committee to sponsor and endorse career development to all schools

- Suggestion posed by AB to potentially host two forums for students to attend with OTP and union representatives
- TEDx committee interviews are in process
 - Board is in place
 - If you have suggestions, ideas, or speakers of interest for TEDx, please email tedxpitt@gmail.com or communications.gpsg@pitt.edu
- Student spotlight to start off with AB members. Stay tuned for the survey link to send us your information
 - Goal is to highlight graduate students (school, program, details about your school and GSO, extra-curricular activities, traditional/non-traditional students i.e. background on student)
 - Goal to inform students who their Assembly Board representatives are
 - More information will be coming from GPSG EB soon
- Two editions of e-bulletin to be published every month
 - 14th and 29th/30th of each month
 - Send an email to Assembly Board to forward to their student body
 - To subscribe, visit gpsg.pitt.edu
 - Other suggestions aside from the e-bulletin
 - a. Calendar subscription service
- Finance's Report
 - GPSG Financial Report
 - GPSG and GSA's expenses
 - September Travel Grants
 - Supplemental Funding
- Programming's Report
 - Pitt Arts – Dracula (10/29). Already sold out!
 - Pitt Arts Cheap Seats to be promoted
 - Fall Formal – finalizing the venue
 - Changing formal to “fling”
 - Selling 400 tickets
 - Hofbrauhaus – a success!
- Executive Administrator's Report
 - No report
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - March 23rd – Annual Graduate Expo
 - Career Development
 - *Biomedical*
 - No report
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - No report
 - *Education*
 - No report
 - *Engineering (EGSO)*
 - Past Events:
 - a. Hiking Trip (44 people)
 - b. Career Development for international students
 - i. Good attendance (80 students)
 - ii. International students are getting more involved in the engineering department
 - c. Informational event regarding the union with union reps (10 students)
 - Discussions:

- a. Determining how to distribute EGSO travel grants
 - i. Departments can have their own allotment
 - ii. Still in discussion about summer interns' eligibility for EGSO travel grants
 - 1. *VP of Finance will discuss with previous VP about this matter and report back to EGSO*
 - b. Looking to improve professional development opportunities by interacting with companies at career fair
 - Upcoming Events:
 - a. *Union Event – University perspective, October 10th in Benedum 102, 3-5pm*
 - b. *Apple Picking at Triple B Farms, October 14th*
 - c. *Kennywood Fright Night, October 28th*
- *GSPIA*
 - No report
- *School of Computing & Information*
 - No report
- *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report
- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
- *Law*
 - No report
- *Medicine*
 - Non-traditional students with spouses having access to Pitt gyms
 - a. Discussion will be brought up to Pitt Recreation
- *Nursing*
 - 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
- *ANKUR*
 - No report
- *CSSA*
 - Festival Show – over 400 attendees
 - Chinese Spring Festival Show – all students are welcome to attend February 17th
- *ISA*
 - No report
- *GOSECA*
 - No report
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- Voting: Proposal of GPSG 2017/2018 Budget

- Motion to approve. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion approved.
- Voting: Amendment for Supplemental Funding - allowing GSOs to apply for funding 3 times a semester
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- Discussion: Diversity & Inclusion Program Committee
 - Would consist of 10 representatives from different schools. Focus on Diversity & Inclusion events - potential subcommittee to EPC.
 - Interest from A&S
 - Soft launch of the Committee in the Spring
- Discussion: External Affairs Committee
 - UCGR – searching for and connecting with community partners, researching other school’s student governments and see what we can bring to GPSG
 - Commitment – 1 hours biweekly meetings at most
 - Looking for 3-5 committee representatives
- Discussion: How are AB representatives getting GPSG information to their schools?
 - Categorize information sent to students
 - Specific information listed to AB representatives to be sent out to students sent out twice a month like in the newsletter
 - Assembly Board email list that AB reps can send out to students
 - Share PITTGPSG social media page and group to your schools
- Discussion: Diversity and Inclusion – thoughts on recent discussions surrounding DACA
- Table until next month

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 8th at 4:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07pm