GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2016

University of Pittsburgh WPU 630

Meeting Summary:

- Budget Review
- Programming Updates
- Year of Diversity and Inclusion Updates

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Justin Saver (President)
- Aliyah Weinstein (VP Committees)
- Rena Jiang (VP Communications)
- Kathryn Bress (VP Events)
- Salim Malakouti (VP Finance)
- Molly Humphreys (GSA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- GOSECA
- ANKUR
- Persian Panthers
- CSSA
- TASA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab Sciences
- Information Science
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Medicine
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- Law
- Katz (Part-Time)
- Nursing (GNSO)
1. Call to Order
President Saver called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm

2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve Minutes. Minutes approved

3. Old Business

4. Reports

4a. President’s Report

- Met with Director of Parking and Transportation
  - Looking for alternate routes from Shadyside
- Met with many ULS Director Candidates
- International Student Pittsburgh Welcome
- Update on Senate Council
  - Read of notes
  - Year of Diversity
    - Ask if anyone has had any specific programs?
      - About 4 schools
    - Challenge those who have not to work on programming related to Diversity and Inclusion
  - University Center for Teaching and Learning
    - teaching@pitt.edu
    - 820 Alumni Hall
    - Resources for mentoring, communication, diversity in curriculum for grad student’s TAs and faculty
  - PMADD Coming up this Saturday at 9 am
    - We are going to Collier Township to volunteer
    - Board bus 14
  - Safe Defense Class Nov. 2nd
    - Pitt Police
    - For all students
    - RSVP on website
  - Increased Dialogue with Administration
    - What is your feedback?
    - Dean’s Hour/Dialogue with the Dean
      - Dean Bonner, Vice Provost Sbraigia, SVC Levine, anyone else you would like to talk with?
        - Email president.gpsg@pitt.edu with suggestions
      - Ideas on locations, how to get students to go, topics of discussion we can predict
- Pies and Politics Ideas
  - Councilmen?
  - Mayor?
  - Governor
  - Goal is advocacy and community engagement
  - Future events are a possibility
- Need for graduate resource space
  - Ideas for a vision
  - WPU 835 is available for graduate use
  - Poll on schools who do not have a lounge
- Presenting to Board of Trustees next week
  - Public meeting next Friday 28 from 11 am to 1 pm if interested in attending
- Climate Survey for release in February
- October Release to all graduate students

**4b. Committees’ Report**

- Senate Council vacancy for Health Sciences representative
  - If anyone interested, please email committees.gpsg@pitt.edu
  - Voting on representative during November AB
- Update on filled committee positions
- Mental Health initiative: SFZ event
  - Low attendance due to other University events
  - Therapy dogs, other calming options that are active

**4c. Communications’ Report**

- TedX conference next week, San Francisco
- One opening on planning board
  - Interested in serving, email communications.gpsg@pitt.edu
- Event: Sunday, April 26
- Mental Health Task Force
- Please send photos from school events

**4d. Finance’s Report (given by J. Saver)**

- Budget Allocation Updates
  - Overview of resource allocation
  - Addition of event update for those granted supplemental funding
  - 2016-2017 budget passed
4e. Programming’s Report

- Kennywood Fright Night announcement
  - 10/29 from 6:30- midnight, eventbrite and facebook are both live. Tickets are $10
- Casino Night: Fall Formal
  - 11/18 from 7:30-mdinight, eventbrite and facebook are both live. Tickets are $20
- Pirates game + tailgate in April rather than the usual in September
- Year of Diversity + Inclusion:
  - We are working on the plans/proposals for the year.
  - Asking if anyone has feedback about the event on the WPU lawn, or the year so far
  - Asking if anyone has feedback regarding how well the YoD events are communicated
- Pitt Programming Council
  - Would graduate students attend/be interested in events?

4f. Administrative Assistant’s Report

- AB email contacts
  - If not receiving emails, please contact gpsg@pitt.edu

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science
- USX and Pitt Grad Union event
- November vote to determine support of Union

Biomedical
- New executive board recently transitioned
- 10/26 Symposium Event, 9am-5pm, University Club
  - poster presentation, Pfizer speaker, career panel, HH
- Travel Grant continuation

Dental Medicine
- Summer Picnic, 5/19
- Steel City Event, 9/21/17
- Plans for winter dance and 2017-2018
- National meeting in Chicago to generate new ideas

Education
- Add service committee to organization
- Networking events, study breaks, spring conference in the works

Engineering
- Budget recently approved
• Travel Grant process beginning
• Speakers—general resources, Title IX
• HH end of November

GSPIA
• Recent Alumni event
• Trivia night/costume contest, 10/21, McFaddens
• Event to discuss voting rights between federal and state government

Katz Full-Time
• 10/28 HH
• 12/2 International Friendsgiving to introduce different cultures to each other
• Homecoming event with alumni

Katz Part-Time
• Finalized board positions
• Town-hall to voice concerns, ideas
• Cold weather drive, 10/10-11/14, hats/gloves/scarves
• International Friendsgiving event, in conjunction with Full0Time

Law
• Trivia night, alumni networking
• Planning Barrister’s Ball for Spring

Medicine
• Class elections and bylaw revisions
• Geri-week (multi-disciplinary)

Nursing DNSO
• Kickoff/Welcome Dinner, October
• Discussion: how to raise bar of professionalism while still students
  o Looking to create consultants within schools

Nursing GNSO
• No report

Pharmacy PharmD
• Successful event with support from other graduate schools
• Take-Back day, 10/21, 9am-3pm, dispose of unused medicine

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Public Health
• 10/23 Halloween event

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science
• 12/5 Chipotle Fundraiser
  o Take flyer to give 50% of profits to research

Information sciences
• Scarehouse event, 10/29

Social Work
• 10/24 self-care workshop
• New board in January
• Planning December graduation

ANKUR
• No report

CSSA
• Planning spring events

GOSECA
• HH and movie night completed
• Portal for Spring conference to open
• Pursuing closing speaker for conference

Iranian Student Association (formerly Persian Panthers):
• General Body meeting with new members
• Karaoke night, November
• Event in late January

TASA
• Republic Day, 11/6 at LaMont Restaurant

4. Committee Reports
  o See full reports on website

5. New Business
• Amber Griffith, Year of Diversity conference combined with other schools
  o Interested in participating or attending? Please email asg56@pitt.edu
• Letter regarding Counseling Center staffing read to AB

6. Announcements
• Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:15pm in Posvar 5604

Adjourn: 6:27 pm