

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 Sbragia, 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-midnight, 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
 - 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

Pharmacy PhD

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Public Health

- 10/23 Halloween event

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science

- 12/5 Chipotle Fundraiser
 - 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

- See full reports on website

5. New Business

- Amber Griffith, Year of Diversity conference combined with other schools
 - 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