GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

University of Pittsburgh Posvar Hall 5406

Meeting Summary:

- VP Finance vacancy
- Please email gpsg@pitt.edu if someone different in your organization should be receiving these emails.

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Justin Saver (President)
- Aliyah Weinstein (VP Committees)
- Rena Jiang (VP Communications)
- Kathryn Bress (VP Events)
- 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 5:19 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes. Minutes approved

3. Old Business

4. Reports

4a. President's Report

- Block Party
  - North Oakland
- Pies and Politics--
  - Science behind elections→Christine Kanthak
  - Register to vote
  - Pies and pizza
- PMADD
  - First year for graduate students to participate
  - Graduate student themes from Orientation survey
- Financial Literacy opportunity with Northwestern Mutual
- Alumni networking and career preparedness
  - Partnerships with Career Development and Pitt Alumni Association
- Email communication to all 9,863 graduate and professional students
  - AB representatives encouraged to be advocates for GPSG
- HealthyU Fair
  - WPU Lawn
  - Free Flu Shot
  - Health Education
- WPU 835 now to available as space for graduate students

4b. Committees' Report

- Overview of committee purposes/structure
  - GPSG appoints students to 43 committees across campus

- Committee Updates
    - University Council on Graduate
        - Support in favor of joint venture between School of Information Science and Computer Science
    - Research Committee
        - Community service proposal in Oakland
        - Visitor agreement committee—non-student visitors' procedures and policies (visitor.pitt.edu for more information)
    - Mental Health Task Force
        - Guest speaker from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
        - 3 initiatives:
            - Suicide prevention walk (April)
            - Talk Saves Lives Campaign
            - Mental Health First Aid course on campus (Dates TBD)
        - Mental Health Awareness Week (October 10-14)
            - Open to all graduate and professional students
    - Benefits and Welfare Committee
        - Focus on faculty and staff--Mind Health at Work Campaign
        - TIAA Resources
        - Insurance update: now will cover for transgender related procedures/need
- 2 Vacancies on University Committees
    - Conflict of Interest Committee—meets 3rd Friday every month, 9-11am
    - Hillman Library Renovation Committee
- 2 seats on Senate Council
    - Schools of the Professionals
        - Corbin Powlus will fill vacancy
    - Schools of the Health Sciences
        - Vacancy still needed to be filled—priority given to AB representative
- Committee Orientation—occurring week of 9/19
- Bylaws Committee
    - New draft in process—potential proposal to AB in December
    - Interested in serving on committee—email committees.gpsg@pitt.edu

4c. Communications' Report

- TEDEx Update
    - Board member application has been posted
- Monthly bulletin—call for events/activities
    - Email: communications.gpsg@pitt.edu

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

- Travel Grant Update
    - 40 grants issued, $11,000
- Travel Grants, Supplemental Funding in process

4e. Programming's Report

- Scarehouse Halloween Event
    - End of October, details TBA
- Fall Formal
    - Casino Night Theme

4f. Administrative Assistant's Report

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

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

<u>Arts and Science</u>

- Graduate Student Unionization discussion
- Peer Professionalization: Workshop on using social media professionally

<u>Biomedical</u>

- Elections in process
- Research Symposium October 26th

<u>Dental Medicine</u>

- Steel City Expo—Thursday, 9/22
- Picnic, Schenley Park 9/30
- Clothing Sale

<u>Education</u>

- Election in progress for committee seats
- Meet and Greet, 9/23
- How to Manage Grants Event--Grants Management Office, 9/30, 2pm
- Tailgate in October—interested in collaborating with other schools

<u>Engineering</u>

- Whitewater Rafting trip 9/16-9/18
- Travel Grants within school (began in summer)

GSPIA

- General Assembly Meeting, 9/21
- Filled vacant cabinet position
- GSPIA Night @ PNC Park, Pirates Game
- Working with Dean's office for networking, alumni, election night events

Katz Full-Time

- Elections ongoing
    - To include MAcc and MS students
- Recruiting season kicked off—corporate presentations and interviews
- Internal club kick off
- October HH to be planned
- Homecoming Alumni HH, 10/7

Katz Part-Time

- Not Present

Law

- Not Present

Medicine

- Class elections and bylaw revisions
- Training students for flu shots
- 2nd years presenting research
- Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner, 9/30

Nursing DNSO

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

Nursing GNSO

- Not Present

Pharmacy PharmD

- Welcome back event
- Young Professionals Lecture, 9/27, Scaife 6
- Interprofessional Mixer, 10/7, 5-7pm, Steel Cactus Shadyside
- Rock the Block, 10/15

Pharmacy PhD

- Welcome dinner
- Halloween event planned

- Study group planned
- Lunch room taken over by school

Public Health

- Fundraiser for supplies for Education Partnership
- Event—Phipps Rental—looking to collaborate with other schools

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science

- Fundraiser, Steel Cactus, 9/21, 6-9pm
    - Proceeds to underserved populations
- Primary Care Progress
    - Collaboration for Health Sciences

Information sciences

- New election, 9/28
- Assembly meeting in October to develop vision for year

Social Work

- Welcome Back Snack Attack planned
- Symphony Event planning
- Fall event planned for October
- December graduation planning

ANKUR

- Fall Social Welcome Event for incoming students
- Indian Independence Day Celebration
- Indian cultural events and collaboration with undergraduate students

CSSA

- New member recruitment
- 1st and 2nd round audition for top 10 senior competition
    - October 1st show

GOSECA

- Fall Fest Happy Hour
- October 13th
- March 2017 Regional Conference Planning

Iranian Student Association (formerly Persian Panthers):

- Welcome event
- Persian Panthers meeting for new students
- Musical conference planning
- Persian movie night

TASA

- Welcome Back Happy Hour

- Movie screening (tentative October 5th)
- Republic Day Celebration planning

5. New Business

- ASEM (Allied Students for Equality in Medicine) & School of Pharmacy representatives discussed how to get involved in intra-professional organization
- VP of Finance Candidate Presentations
    - AB Election by ballot
    - Votes will be counted and results notified via email

6. Announcements

- Next Meeting: ***Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 5:15pm in 630 WPU***

Adjourn: 6:34 pm