GPSCG 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
- Law
- Katz (Part-Time)
- Nursing (GNSO)

Absent:
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
  o University Council on Graduate
    ▪ Support in favor of joint venture between School of Information Science and Computer Science
  o Research Committee
    ▪ Community service proposal in Oakland
    ▪ Visitor agreement committee—non-student visitors’ procedures and policies (visitor.pitt.edu for more information)
  o 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
  o 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
  o Conflict of Interest Committee—meets 3rd Friday every month, 9-11am
  o Hillman Library Renovation Committee

• 2 seats on Senate Council
  o Schools of the Professionals
    ▪ Corbin Powlus will fill vacancy
  o 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
  o New draft in process—potential proposal to AB in December
  o 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

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

Biomedical
- Elections in process
- Research Symposium October 26th

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

Education
- 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

Engineering
- 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
  o AB Election by ballot
  o 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