

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, North Bellefield Building, 522

September 13, 2017



Meeting Summary

- Executive Board and Assembly Board reports. Welcome to the new school year!

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Christopher Staten (President)
- Caitlin Sniezek (VP of Committees)
- Srilakshmi Kavikkal (VP of Communications)
- Clarissa León (VP of Programming)
- Sarah Brooks (GSA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- CSSA
- ISA
- GOSECA
- TASA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Engineering

- Health & Rehab Sciences
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- Shreyas Vamburkar (VP of Finance)
- ANKUR
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- GSPIA
- Katz (Part Time)
- Nursing

1. Call to Order

- President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:10pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Voting: Title change for AA position
- Voting: PanAf reinstatement into AB
- Don't have the bandwidth to have a representative for the Assembly Board
- Discussion: Proposal of GPSG 2017/2018 Budget

4. Reports

- President's Report
 - Pitt Program Council Financial investment in afford Graduate Students the opportunity to attend programs
 - What GPSG will invest is still up for debate and discussion. Last year's investment was \$2,000.
 - Host different events.
 - Very few who knew about PPC events and went to the events.
 - Miscommunication last year about whether or not graduate students could attend.
 - Need more advertising – in newsletter?
 - How is information from GPSG disseminated to the grad/prof schools:
 - a. Public Health – meetings, emails
 - b. PharmD – social media

- c. Biomedical – meetings
 - d. SCI – emails
 - e. Katz - emails
- SAGE Coalition
- Pitt Arts Partnership - Clarissa Leon
 - Free events for graduate students. Further information will be sent out closer to each respective event.
- University Library System Meeting
 - More study space, workshops geared toward grads & pro's
 - Career Development initiatives
 - Meeting with Chancellor Gallagher, Dr. Humphrey and Dean Bonner around Diversity & inclusion, protest, etc.
- Committees' Report
 - The Hillman Library Renovation Advisory Group Committee has been dissolved as the work has reached completion.
 - The following committees are still in need of students reps:
 - Library Committee
 - A Committee Representative Orientation will be held at the end of September.
 - Tentative dates include Sept. 21st and Sept. 22nd. An email regarding specific information will be sent out after Sept. 14th.
- Communications' Report
 - New initiative featuring Graduate and Professional students profiles on our page. More information to follow.
 - PR Committee filled and functional now.
 - AB meeting dates are available on the Events Calendar
 - Please inform anyone who wants to attend the meetings
 - Please email any announcements you want to be added to the monthly newsletter to communications.gpsg@pitt.edu
 - Please print any flyers or newsletters we send and post in your respective schools and post on your school's social media accounts.
 - ****Please share event information to your respective schools and Facebook pages****
 - TEDxUniversityOfPittsburgh2018:
 - With 3 successful events behind us, the TEDx team here at Pitt is looking for students interested in shaping and building the next event. If you are interested in being a board member and helping lead a committee (current committees: speakers, public relations, finance), a committee member, or a volunteer, please let us know at: <http://bit.ly/2f10FzA>
 - For questions or suggestions, please email us at tedxpitt@gmail.com
- Finance's Report
 - GPSG Financial Report
 - GPSG and GSA's expenses
 - July & August Travel Grants
 - Supplemental Funding
- Programming's Report
 - Hofbrauhaus event September 19th from 7pm – midnight
 - So far, 251 tickets sold; need to sell roughly 433 more
 - 9/11 cut off → extension possible
 - Please **PROMOTE!** On FB pages, Twitters, Instagrams, etc.
 - Volunteers needed for the day-of (6:30pm) to assist with student check-in
 - EPC is filling up
 - First meeting scheduled for 9/11 at 5pm

- Pitt Arts
 - Will begin promoting this collaboration soon; first event is mid-October
- Fall Formal
 - Tentatively looking at booking Carnegie Music Hall; will need to decide ASAP
 - Debating hosting a “Fall Fling” instead of formal this year and focus more on ramping up the Spring Formal
 - Lower the number of tickets available
 - a. Number of people on the wait list will tell us how popular the event is
- Kennywood/October-themed event
 - Uncertain if GPSG will host this event; but still considering
- Discussion: Community Calendar of events from different schools and organizations, to be populated on one central calendar on the GPSG website
- **Please email any events that your school or organization is hosting to events.gpsg@pitt.edu**
- Executive Administrator’s Report
 - WPU 835 for Cultural Organizations is ready for use! An email regarding details on how to use and enter the room will be sent out in a later email.
 - Please email me a list of officers to gpsg@pitt.edu
 - WPU 822, please email gpsg@pitt.edu to schedule access to Conference Room.
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - First meeting on 9/15/17
 - a. Diversity & Inclusion Committee administered a survey with results sent to Office of Diversity and Inclusion
 - b. Wants to collaborate with GPSG on this initiative
 - *Biomedical*
 - Sept. 21st - Row House Cinema Movie Night of the “Goonies”
 - Opening the event to all students
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - Blood drive event at Salk Hall on Friday, September 15th 12:00pm – 5:00pm
 - *Education*
 - First meeting 9/12/17
 - New Dean of the school interested in:
 - a. Involvement of more students – collecting data on what events students would be interested in participating in.
 - Upcoming opportunities for International Students
 - *Engineering*
 - Professional & Development:
 - a. More opportunities for international students
 - i. Highly successful
 - Informational Panel on Unionization discussion
 - Upcoming events in the planning process
 - *GSPIA*
 - No report
 - *School of Computing & Information*
 - No report
 - *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report
 - *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
 - *Law*
 - No report
 - *Medicine*

- No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - Hosting a young professionals lecture for health professionals
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - No report
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
- *Social Work*
 - No report
- *ANKUR*
 - No report
- *CSSA*
 - No report
- *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 not seconded - one opposed. Must be tabled until next meeting.
- Discussion: Amendment for Supplemental Funding - allowing GSOs to apply for funding 3 times a semester
 - Cap of \$1,500
 - Voting to occur next month.
- Discussion: Professional Development Committee
 - Tabled until next meeting
 - Would consist of 10 representatives from different schools
- Discussion: Diversity & Inclusion Committee
 - Tabled until next meeting
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 - Potential subcommittee to EPC
- Discussion: External Affairs Committee
 - Tabled until next meeting
 - UCGR – community partners, researching other school’s student governments
 - Commitment – 1 hours biweekly meetings
- Discussion: Headshots for Assembly Board Representatives & Executive Board
- Discussion: Diversity and Inclusion – thoughts on recent discussions surrounding DACA
 - Tabled until next meeting

7. Announcements

- HealthyU Fair on Monday, September 25th. Please see the flyer for additional details.
- Professional headshots will be provided to Assembly Board members
 - Please wear business professional to the next meeting

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14pm