

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall 5604

February 14, 2018



Meeting Summary

- Updates provided and guest speakers from unionization efforts and Student Health Services.

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

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

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- A&S 1
- A&S 2
- A&S 3
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information

- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- TASA
- Dental
- Education
- Katz (Professional)
- Pharmacy (PhD)

1. Call to Order

- President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:06pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Discussion: Approve changes to GPSG Bylaws – discussion tabled until February AB Meeting
- Discussion: Implementing two-hour delays at Pitt
 - Difficult for students and faculty to get to campus
 - Will present to Council Meeting in February

4. Reports

- President's Report
 - [DACA](#)
 - Handout provided to representatives to review. President Staten stressed the importance of the social impact this has on graduate students.
 - [Free Headshots](#)
 - Monday, February 26th, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
 - Friday, March 16th, 10:00am – 11:00am
 - Wednesday, April 4th, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 - Friday, April 20th, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 - Team Teal Video Campaign
 - Representatives from GPSG will be in the video
- Committees' Report

- Proposed changes to GPSG Bylaws
 - Change in language around communication requirements.
 - Change to the attendance policy for AB and EB members.
- Communications' Report
 - GPSG is live on LinkedIn now. Follow the page and add it to your profiles: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pittgpsg/>
 - AB Student Leader Spotlight
 - Be featured on our Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/GPSGspotlight>
 - TEDxUniversityofPittsburgh
 - Salon 1 on February 4th was a success!
 - a. Mindfulness of Care in Our Lives – Clark Chilson, Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh
 - Salon 2 is in the works, with a tentative date of February 24th. More information to follow
 - Do you have any idea worth spreading or a speaker you think the TEDxUniversityofPittsburgh team needs to know about? Submit your ideas here:
 - a. <https://goo.gl/1dDZq>
 - b. <https://goo.gl/PPcCig>
- Finance's Report
 - GPSG Financial Report
 - GPSG and GSA's expenses
 - January Travel Grants
 - Supplemental Funding
- Programming's Report
 - Pirates game April 7th
 - Event with CMU, Happy Hour mixer - mid/late March
 - Spring Fling - late April
 - Rowhouse Movie Night – March 17th
 - **Pitt Arts:** Moby Dick Sat. Mar. 17 - 8:00 PM - Pittsburgh Opera
 - **Pitt Arts:** Spring Flower Show & Tour - Sat. Mar. 31st at 1:00 PM - Phipps Conservatory
 - Interdisciplinary Event in the works
- Executive Administrator's Report
 - 2018 Leadership & Service Awards
 - Application Deadline in 2 days – February 16th
 - Award Ceremony will take place March 14th at 4:30pm, prior to the start of the March AB Meeting. *All AB representatives are expected to attend in support of award recipients.*
 - 2018 GPSG Executive Board Elections
 - Call for candidates – February 15 – March 8 – will be sending out all information to you tonight
 - Candidate Information Session – February 23rd at 12:00pm
 - Hiring for 2018 - 2019 Executive Administrator
 - Accepting applications – February 20 – March 13
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - Committee on Diversity and Inclusion – Resource Fair
 - a. February 28th, 12:00pm – 4:00pm, WPU Ballroom
 - *Biomedical*
 - No report
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - No report
 - *Education*

- No report
- *Engineering*
 - Sent survey out to collect testimonials from graduate students for the grad recruiter
 - a. EGSO t-shirts as prizes
 - b. 62 responses so far
 - Our elections process has begun
 - Continuing communication with students regarding Unionization voting at Pitt
- *GSPIA*
 - No report
- *School of Computing & Information*
 - New series of student organized research talks regarding computations.
- *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report
- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
- *Law*
 - Mental Health Matters, February 22nd, 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- *Medicine*
 - No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - No report
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
- *Social Work*
 - No report
- *ANKUR*
 - No report
- *CSSA*
 - Spring Festival, February 16th
- *ISA*
 - No report
- *GOSECA*
 - No report
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

- See full reports on website (www.gpsg.pitt.edu)

6. New Business

- Discussion: Approve changes to GPSG Bylaws

7. Guest Speakers

- Marian Vanek, Direct of Health Services
- Graduate Student Union Representative

8. Announcements

- Christina Ong, PhD Student, Department of Sociology
 - Will be joining us for the remainder of the semester to observe GPSG AB Meetings

- Free Headshots by Student Affairs:
 - Friday, March 16th, 10:00am – 11:00am
 - Wednesday, April 4th, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 - Friday, April 20th, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Next month's meeting will be **Wednesday, March 14th at 4:30pm in Posvar Hall 5604**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10pm