Meeting Summary

- Welcome back to a new semester!

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:
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- TASA
- A&S 1
- A&S 2
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information
- Education
- Engineering
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Professional)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:
- Shreyas Vamburkar (VP of Finance)
- A&S 3
- Dental
- GSPIA

1. Call to Order
- President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:08pm

2. Approval of Minutes
- Motion to approve December minutes. Minutes approved. None opposed.

3. Old Business
- Discussion: Tax Reform Bill

4. Reports
- President’s Report
  o Graduate Student Advocacy – Tax Reform
  o Prosper Act – implications for graduate students
    - Proposes putting caps on graduate student loans
    - Changes proposed to current loan forgiveness programs
    - Proposes to eliminate work studies offered to graduate students
  o Funding for Graduate-Student-Organized Interdisciplinary Workshops – Request for Applications (RFA)
    - Funding assistance for interdisciplinary workshops. Once the application for this is finalized, will forward to AB representatives to notify respective students.

- Committees’ Report
  o Committee Openings:
    - Computer Usage – now filled
    - Government Relations – if you want more information, please email committees.gpsg@pitt.edu
Communications’ Report
- GPSG LinkedIn page – will soon be online so students can add GPSG to their profiles
- AB Student spotlight surveys – will be sent out tonight for any students interested in being featured on the spotlight.
- TEDxUniversityofPittsburgh – First salon tentatively scheduled for the first week of February
  - Main event tentatively set for the last week in March
- Pitt Challenge Hackathon – please visit www.pitchallengege.com
  - February 2, 2018
- Pitt Day in Harrisburg
  - 10 openings for a Pitt Day Leader

Finance’s Report
- GPSG Financial Report
  - GSPG and GSA’s expenses
  - December Travel Grants
  - Supplemental Funding

Programming’s Report
- Pitt Arts – February 8th Musical Thrones Event
  - Please visit Eventbrite
- EPC Meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30pm in WPU

Executive Administrator’s Report
- 2018 – 2019 Elections
  - Call for candidates: February 15th – March 8th
- 2018 Leadership and Service Award
  - Nomination Process
    - Self-nominated applications including:
      i. Two Personal Essays
      ii. Two Letters of Support
  - Nomination Period: January 26th – February 16th
- Leadership and Service Review Committee – interested representatives, please email gpsg@pitt.edu for further details

Assembly Board Member Reports
- Arts & Sciences
  - No report
- Biomedical
  - No report
- Dental Medicine
  - No report
- Education
  - No report
- Engineering
  - Schedule of events and meetings for the semester will be finalized next week
  - Ski Trip will hopefully be in February, will be talking to the Business School when planning is started – egso@pitt.edu
  - Held an “Autoship” seminar 1/9
  - Planning Engineering Activities Fair with the UG Engineering Student Council in January
- GSPIA
  - No report
- School of Computing & Information
  - No report
- Katz (Full Time)
  - No report
- Katz (Part Time)
• No report
  o Law
    • February 1st – Hosting a live and silent auction to raise money for scholarships for Law students held in Barco Law. 21+, $10.00 a ticket for unlimited wine, beer, and cider.
  o Medicine
    • No report
  o Nursing
    • No report
  o Pharmacy (PharmD)
    • No report
  o Pharmacy (PhD)
    • No report
  o Public Health
    • No report
  o School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
    • No report
  o Social Work
    • No report
  o ANKUR
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  o CSSA
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  o ISA
    • No report
  o GOSECA
    • No report
  o TASA
    • No report

5. Committee Reports
   • See full reports on website (www.gpsg.pitt.edu)

6. New Business
   • Discussion: Approve changes to GPSG Bylaws – discussion tabled until February AB Meeting
   • Discussion: Implementing two-hour delays at Pitt
     o Difficult for students and faculty to get to campus
     o Will present to Council Meeting next month

7. Announcements
   • Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm in Posvar Hall 5604**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:38pm