

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall 5604

January 17, 2018



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

- Graduate Student Advocacy – Tax Reform
- 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
- 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

- 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.pittchallenge.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
 - a. 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
- *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.
- *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*
 - 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

- 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 next month

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm in Posvar Hall 5604

Meeting Adjourned at 5:38pm