

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall 5604

March 14, 2018



Meeting Summary

- Ceremony held to recognize and honor the Leadership and Service Award recipients. Updates and reports provided by Assembly Board representatives and Executive Board.

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

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

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- ANKUR
- GOSECA
- ISA
- A&S 1
- A&S 2
- Biomedical
- Computing & Information
- Dental Medicine
- Education
- Engineering
- GSPIA

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

Absent:

- Caitlin Sniezek (VP of Committees)
- Shreyas Vamburkar (VP of Finance)
- CSSA
- TASA
- A&S 3
- Engineering

1. Call to Order

- President Staten called the meeting to order at 5:22pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Discussion: Approve changes to GPSG Bylaws

4. Reports

• President's Report

- First headshot day sponsored by Student Affairs
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion has assembled a committee regarding the name of Parran Hall.
 - Open discussion regarding changing the name of Parran Hall.

• Committees' Report

- Proposed changes to Bylaws – please see handout.

• Communications' Report

- TEDxUniversityOfPittsburgh Salon – The Unequal Treatment of Marginalized Groups & Being an Ally
 - TEDxUniversityOfPittsburgh for our second salon on Sunday, March 18th for 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the William Pitt Union Dining Room B. New this year, Salons are a series of events meant to foster conversation around ideas worth spreading. This Salon is open to University of Pittsburgh students, faculty, staff, and community members.

- Sara Goodkind is Associate Professor of Social Work, Sociology, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on marginalized youth and the inequities they experience.
 - AB Student Leaders Spotlight – Be featured on our Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/GPSGspotlight>
 - Professional Headshots – next session is on March 16th @ WPU 301
- Finance's Report
 - GPSG Financial Report
 - GPSG and GSA's expenses
 - February Travel Grants
 - a. Discussion regarding awarded travel grants. New ideas provided:
 - i. Percentage of allocations determined per school or regarding what is being presented, or allocate each month's budget regarding the trends of applicants in previous years and adjusting that month's budget as necessary.
 - ii. In certain fields, poster sessions are the one opportunity for students to have chances to present papers and talks.
 - iii. Other students note that GPSG has stayed on trend and allocated the budget well.
 - Supplemental Funding
- Programming's Report
 - Two events for March:
 - Row House Movie Night – March 17th
 - Moby Dick Pitt Arts Event – March 17th
 - Spring Formal
 - Potential sites: Pittsburgh Zoo, Carnegie Science Center, Phipps Conservatory
- Executive Administrator's Report
 - 2018 – 2019 Executive Board Elections
 - Candidate campaigning – March 12 – March 18
 - Elections: March 19 – March 25
 - 2018 – 2019 Executive Administrator Hiring
 - Applications due March 13th
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report
 - *Biomedical*
 - No report
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - No report
 - *Education*
 - Service Project – American Educational Research Association Conference in April
 - a. Collecting new and old books to donate to students in low-income schools
 - Looking to create a program for international students to support their academic writing
 - a. Hoping to seek a partnership with different schools
 - *Engineering*
 - No report
 - *GSPIA*
 - No report
 - *School of Computing & Information*
 - Monthly social hour held in March
 - a. Organized Lantern Night and talent show, which is hosted every month.
 - *Katz (Full Time)*
 - Asian Culture Night held on March 16th

- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
- *Law*
 - Climate discussion held on March 13th
 - Continuing search for new Dean for the School
- *Medicine*
 - No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - Food Truck Event – profits went to local Food Bank
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
- *Social Work*
 - Panel discussion with Dr. Urban, Social Work administrators, and Title IX to discuss policy issues and concerns at the school
- *ANKUR*
 - Holy Event to tentatively be held at Flag Staff Hill
- *CSSA*
 - No report
- *ISA*
 - New Year Event on March 24th at 6:30pm – student discount for \$25
 - a. Live music & food
- *GOSECA*
 - 15th Annual Graduate Student Conference – open to all students.
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- Voting: Approve changes to GPSG Bylaws - *motion approved, none opposed.*

7. Announcements

- Christina Ong, PhD Student, Department of Sociology
 - Will be joining us for the remainder of the semester to observe GSPG 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 meeting: **Wednesday, April 11th at 4:30pm in 5604 Posvar Hall**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:04pm