

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Langley Hall A219B

November 19th, 2018



Meeting Summary

- Short meeting to discuss upcoming events, as we end the Fall semester

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Rachel Coombs (President)
- Jennifer Enriquez (VP of Committees)
- Crystal Taylor (VP of Communications)
- Spencer Edelstein (VP of Finance)
- J. Stephanie Rose (VP of Programming)
- Amanda Leifson (GSA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- GOSECA
- ISA
- TASA
- Arts & Sciences
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Biomedical
- Dental
- Engineering
- GSPIA

- Katz (Professional)
- Law
- Pharmacy (PharmaD)
- Public Health

Absent:

- Social Work
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- Arts & Sciences 3
- SCI*
- Education
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Full Time)
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PhD)

1. Call to Order

- President Coombs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Conversation with Provost Cudd, Vice Provost Urban, Jen Walker
- New Grad Spaces – Hillman Library
 - *Are all graduate students (Law, Medicine) able to get access?*
 - Law – confirmed yes

4. Reports

- President's Report
 - Availability for next AB Meeting?
 - December 10th – no meeting? Any objections ... crickets, crickets
 - Leadership Mixer, next semester for committee reps and AB members
 - Suggestions for places?
 - Leadership Recognition for GSO's
 - They do a lot for undergrads, hoping to do the same for graduate students
- Committees' Report
 - See reports from Committee Representatives on the website (link below)
 - Printed out copy for AB reps (more detailed information on the website)
 - Information pertinent for graduate students, highlighting it for AB members
 - *If you need clarification – ask the rep, listed on the report*

- Communications' Report
 - No report
- Finance's Report
 - Expense Report
 - Lounge Costs
 - We are supposed to maintain the space (825 WPU), but we are having on going conversations about where (and if) there is space for graduate students
 - *Graduate student space – finding people who care about, need it*
 - a. *There is some differences across schools*
 - b. *Survey to determine needs, wants among graduate students*
- Programming's Report
 - Previous events
 - Halloween @ Social – good turnout, good time
 - Coffee Hour – sold out, but low turnout
 - a. Next event, charge \$5 deposit but will reimburse if you show up?
 - 21 Nov – Gradsgiving
 - William Pitt Union Ballroom, Wednesday November 21st 5-7pm
 - Waitlist available, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gradsgiving-tickets-51257426342>
 - 08 Dec – Holiday Happy Hour
 - O'Hara Student Center Dining Room, Saturday December 8th 6-10pm
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gpsg-holiday-happy-hour-tickets-51790167786>
 - 11 Jan – Spring Semester Kick Off (Ice Skating)
 - PPG Ice Rink
 - 75 tickets, \$7
- Executive Administrator's Report
 - Tentative Spring Semester AB Meetings (2nd Mondays, 6-7:30 pm), Langley Hall A219B
 - January 14th
 - February 11th
 - *March 18th (3rd Monday due to Spring Break)
 - April 8th
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report – they are doing work on gathering information
 - *Biomedical*
 - Symposium for Research, went well good turnout, speaker from MIT
 - Hosted event at to make candles, really good turnout
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - Snowball, largest social event, January 26th, 400 dental students/professors/residents at the Casino
 - *Education*
 - No report
 - *Engineering*
 - Halloween event, successful
 - Friendsgiving event
 - Event about how to succeed after PhD
 - *GSPIA*
 - Elections this week, executive board next semester
 - *School of Computing & Information*
 - No elections held, no one there
 - a. EB plans on holding a meeting with Wes, Herminio, staff advisor (end of this semester, start of next semester)
 - b. Working with the groups to get the student government back up

- c. Are we going to have elections or assign another person?
 - i. Herminio filling the role for now
 - ii. *Student attended meeting to bring up the issues was just a student, not an AB representative hence SCI marked as absent
- *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report
- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - Friendsgiving (with Full time) next Friday (30th)
 - a. International students who represent their cultures, submitted grant through the Provost office for support
 - Spring Orientation – smallest, 50 incoming students
 - a. Host family friendly events for students at the same time
 - b. Alumni, full time students
 - c. Food drive for the Pitt Pantry
- *Law*
 - Going to get swipe access for building, security cameras being installed
 - Town hall after Thanksgiving
 - Talking about raising fees/tuition to help fund the Public Interest
 - Study carols for PhD/JD students at the Hillman?
 - Barista's Ball – send information to Stephanie
- *Medicine*
 - No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - 100 student lecture, presenter
 - 40 students presenting at a conference in CA (travel grant applications)
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - Card making event for children's Hospital
 - Annual Practicum symposium
 - World Aid's day on Friday
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
- *Social Work*
 - No report
- *ANKUR*
 - No report
- *CSSA*
 - No report
- *ISA*
 - Working on December 15th event
- *GOSECA*
 - 2 Film screenings, great turnout
- *TASA*
 - Republic Reception in November (4th)
 - a. 130 people attended
 - December – Christmas Party being planned

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- Innovation Institute Presentation (Oliver Beale)
 - Representatives for the Board of Trustees
 - Resources available for Grad students
 - Innovation Institute, Idea Center
 - Research, Entrepreneurship
 - Websites, email information out to students in schools
 - Good to get students across disciplines/schools
 - Lots of support from the Chancellor, administration
 - Steve – personal experience
 - Came up with an idea with a couple of friends, participated in a Hackathon, created an app, and was one of the finalists
 - a. And have continued to do well in competitions
 - b. Good for CV, possibility for high stress students
 - c. How to take an idea and commercialize it
- Bylaw Discussion
 - EB has a suggestion for Bylaw changes for how we incorporate GSA's to the Assembly Board
 - Right now they need 3 years, 3 change overs
 - Hard for groups to meet that barrier/standard
 - The AB has to motion for a committee to talk about the implications and how to go through the change
 - 2 groups have asked (have not met the requirement yet)
 - a. Especially for master student driven groups
 - Won't need to modify the budget this year (won't go into effect until next year)
 - a. We didn't spend all the supplemental funding last year
 - Motion for committee, seconded
 - a. Anyone who is interested in joining the committee, contact Jenn

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: **Monday, January 14th at 6:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm