Meeting Summary

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

Attendance

GPSC 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)

GPSC 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
  o No report

• Finance’s Report
  o Expense Report
  o 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
  o 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?
  o 21 Nov – Gradsgiving
    • William Pitt Union Ballroom, Wednesday November 21st 5-7pm
    • Waitlist available, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gradsgiving-tickets-51257426342
  o 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
  o 11 Jan – Spring Semester Kick Off (Ice Skating)
    • PPG Ice Rink
    • 75 tickets, $7

• Executive Administrator’s Report
  o 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
  o Arts & Sciences
    • No report – they are doing work on gathering information
  o Biomedical
    • Symposium for Research, went well good turnout, speaker from MIT
    • Hosted event at to make candles, really good turnout
  o Dental Medicine
    • Snowball, largest social event, January 26th, 400 dental students/professors/residents at the Casino
  o Education
    • No report
  o Engineering
    • Halloween event, successful
    • Friendsgiving event
    • Event about how to succeed after PhD
  o GSPIA
    • Elections this week, executive board next semester
  o 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

   o  **Katz (Full Time)**
      • No report

   o  **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

   o  **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

   o  **Medicine**
      • No report

   o  **Nursing**
      • No report

   o  **Pharmacy (PharmD)**
      • 100 student lecture, presenter
      • 40 students presenting at a conference in CA (travel grant applications)

   o  **Pharmacy (PhD)**
      • No report

   o  **Public Health**
      • Card making event for children’s Hospital
      • Annual Practicum symposium
      • World Aid’s day on Friday

   o  **School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences**
      • No report

   o  **Social Work**
      • No report

   o  **ANKUR**
      • No report

   o  **CSSA**
      • No report

   o  **ISA**
      • Working on December 15th event

   o  **GOSECA**
      • 2 Film screenings, great turnout

   o  **TASA**
      • Republic Reception in November (4th)
         a. 130 people attended
         b. 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