

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Langley Hall, A219B

September 17th, 2018



Meeting Summary

- Brief statement of what was discussed and happened at the meeting

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Rachel Coombs (President)
- Jennifer Enriquez (VP of Committees)
- Crystal Taylor (VP of Communications)
- Spencer Edelstein (VP of Finance)
- Amanda Leifson (EA)

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- TASA
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Biomedical
- Dental
- Education

- Engineering
- GSPIA
- SHRS
- Katz (Professional)
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- SCI
- Katz (Full Time)
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PhD)

1. Call to Order

- President Coombs called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Communicating with absent organizations

4. Reports

- **President's Report** (president.gpsg@pitt.edu)

- Senate Council Meeting

- Introductory (new CFO, new provost)
 - a. *Notes of meetings are online if you are interested*
- Informed of the EB's decision to support union vote and the creation of the Student Issue Ad Hoc Committee
 - a. Graduate students would like to know how much the university is spending in their efforts against the union vote
 - b. Strongly disagree with the university spending shared resources
- Staff Council – want to talk about better handling of parenting issues for graduate students

- **VP of Committees' Report** (committees.gpsg@pitt.edu)

- Most committees are filled

- Orientation for student representatives is forthcoming
- Looking for a student to serve on the Plant Utilization & Planning Committee
 - a. Deals with matters concerning the physical infrastructure and environs of the University—reviewing the capital budget and plans for new construction; monitoring the renovation and maintenance of existing facilities; advising on issues of safety and accessibility on

campus; supporting safe, responsible means of transportation; investigating the utilization of space and energy; encouraging and monitoring prudent use of all physical resources; reviewing the design and renovation of classrooms and research facilities; and advising on projects that affect the quality of life of the University and associated communities

b. If interested, contact Jen with your information

- Board of Trustee Representation -- Approved for a graduate student representative on 11 committees:
 - a. Athletics
 - b. Audit
 - c. Budget
 - d. Investment
 - e. Property & Facilities
 - f. Research & Innovation
 - g. Risk & Compliance
 - h. Academic Affairs/Library
 - i. Affirmative Action, Diversity, & Inclusion
 - j. Institutional Advancement
 - k. Student Affairs
- **VP of Communication's Report** (communications.gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - Ring Ceremony Committee
 - Student who is available/interested in serving for the year?
 - a. Meeting Tuesday, September 18th 9:30-10:30 am at Litchfield Towers
- **VP of Finance's Report** (finance.gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - September Finance Report
 - Passed the budget
 - Sold out tickets to Hofbrauhaus
- **VP of Programming's Report** (events.gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - No report
- **Executive Administrator's Report** (gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - Hofbrauhaus Event
 - Sold out of tickets, 648 people attended
 - a. A big thank you to members of last year's programming committee!
 - Net Ticket Sales: \$5,155 (total cost of event: \$13,989.97)
 - SORC Training
 - Update your information online – that is how the communicate with the organizations
 - Resources
 - a. Sorrento's Pizza – P-card set up in the SORC office, can be up to 24 hours in advance
 - b. Nordy's Place -- In Pitt Union, available for events
 - Outside Bank Account –
 - a. In everyone's constitution, it says that you will not use an outside bank account (required for recognition from SORC)
 - b. SORC (and the federal laws they follow) considers Venmo, pay apps as outside bank accounts
 - i. Eventbrite is okay because they cut a check to you
 - ii. Engage Pitt (crowdfunding source)
 - iii. Other sources – cheaper, but more complicated
 - c. They are under audit this year (a group used the university's Federal Tax Id on a bank account, which removed the university's tax free distinction) so consequences for breaking the rules will apply (i.e. no longer considered a registered student organization)
 - i. You should not be using the university's EIN for any tax filing purposes with IRS, national organizations, etc.
 - d. They understand that Venmo is easy, so they are willing to listen to recommendations about other solutions from GPSG and SGB
- **Assembly Board Member Reports**
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report

- *Biomedical*
 - Elections this month (new EB)
- *Dental Medicine*
 - No report
- *Education*
 - No report
- *Engineering*
 - No report
- *GSPIA*
 - Election committee, elections being held in December
- *School of Computing & Information*
 - No report
- *Katz (Full Time)*
 - Student elections this week
- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - No report
- *Law*
 - No report
- *Medicine*
 - No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
- *Public Health*
 - No report
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - Held elections last week, new members next week
- *Social Work*
 - No report
- *ANKUR*
 - Social event on the 15th
 - Dahil event in November
- *CSSA*
 - No report
- *ISA*
 - Welcome picnic
 - Opening
- *GOSECA*
 - Social event on the 26th, officer elections
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- 2018-2019 Budget Discussion & Vote
 - Pitt Arts
 - 8 events, 40 graduate students for \$14,000
 - No official communication from the university

- a. It's not officially in the budget
 - b. If they do start keeping out graduate students, we can include it in the budget again, take it from Programming Budget (maybe semi-allocate)
 - Seem to be more appreciated by graduate students
 - a. Discounted tickets still okay for graduate students
- Pitt Program Council
 - \$10,000 (200 graduate students last year)
 - Undergraduate events
 - Not it is in the budget
- Vote on the budget – yes 16, 0 no
- VP of Programming Position
 - Stephanie Rose (candidate)
 - Voted unanimously in support
- Pitt Bike Co-op
 - Angela Urban (aaug9@pitt.edu)
 - Place for students to fix their bikes themselves (tools provided)
 - Group Rides
- Change of Gym Hours
 - Encourage students to use these new hours, trial period
 - Baierl Student Rec Center
 - 6 am weekdays; 8 am weekends
 - Can't do both early and late hours, so we'll have to see about flipping for some late hours
- Exercise Classes
 - Registration closes on the 20th
 - We'll post it on the website

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: **Monday, October 15th at 6:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm