

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Langley Hall A219B

February 11th, 2019



Meeting Summary

- Announcing the upcoming new elections, informing reps about the progress on our graduate student space

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

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

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- A&S 1
- A&S 2
- Biomedical
- SCI
- Dental
- Education

- GSPIA
- SHRS
- Katz (Professional)
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- Social Work

Absent:

- TASA
- ANKUR
- A&S 3
- Engineering
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PharmaD)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- How do we get student involvement?
 - Ad Hoc Committee Formation – haven't had a lot of interest, will still try moving forward

4. Reports

• President's Report

- Winter Weather Advisory Committee
 - Chancellor wanted to do an analysis after the extreme weather last month
 - Graduate students were already here, or were coming in regardless of whether there was classes or not
 - Feedback – “students should use their discretion”
 - a. Undergraduates don't feel they had the ability to choose
 - b. Not enough notice on the first day
 - c. Looking at the other universities that were closed, why were we still open?
 - d. In hindsight, should have paid attentions to our neighbors, who were they paying attention to?
 - e. Suggestion: give more notice to students, does cold weather count as extreme weather
 - i. Students who drive, cars won't start
 1. Dental – students do not have discretion

- ii. 30 minute exposure safely (did the administration go outside?)
 - iii. Undergrads upset, grads going along with them
 - Graduate Student Space – 5th Floor of the WPU
 - Lounge v. Collaborative Work Space v. Individual Work Space
 - a. Undergrad fee zone
 - b. Not available for reservation?
 - i. Swipe access
 - 1. Push for the swipe access if possible
 - c. Library rooms fill up quickly, not totally enclosed there
 - d. Two spaces v. One space (split vote)
 - They are going to pay to wall of the space
 - a. Provost/Student Affairs will pay for the space
 - Looking to open in May
- Committees' Report
 - Graduate Student Retreat
 - Amanda & Jenn started the retreat with opening statements
 - Topics: Mental Health, Education Data, Mentoring, GRE
 - Request from Research Council Rep
 - Assistant Vice Chancellor for the Humanities, Arts, and Sciences
 - Provide feedback
 - Student Advisory Board for the New Student Rec Center
 - Open 2022
 - Primarily with gyms and wellness resources
 - Feedback: committees.gpsg@pitt.edu
- Communications' Report
 - No report
- Finance's Report
 - February Expense Report
 - Travel Grants Delay
 - People might be unhappy, but we should be able to move forward smoothly
 - Send the emails to the Finance Committee
 - a. Finance Committee is made up of the cultural groups
 - b. Update the contacts for the website
- Programming's Report
 - February Happy Hour
 - February 15th, O'Hara Student Center Ballroom (tickets available now on Eventbrite)
 - a. Drink tickets, games
 - b. 6pm – 9pm
 - Spring Fling
 - March 30th, River's Casino (tickets available now on Eventbrite)
 - a. \$15
 - Graduate App
 - Arsenal Bowling (50 people) – April 1st
 - Row House, Movies (30 people) – April 2nd
 - Pirates Game (75 people) – April 3rd
 - Professional Development Panel (O'Hara Student Center) – April 4th
 - Mega Grad Collab (200 people) – April 5th
- Executive Administrator's Report
 - Pitt Day in Harrisburg
 - 5 graduate students will be selected to present a poster of their work at the annual Pitt Day in Harrisburg on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019. The work should focus broadly on work that has an impact on problems experienced in the Commonwealth

- Students who are selected will be trained how to design and present a poster tailored to elected officials. Travel to and from Harrisburg, lunch, and the cost of poster printing will be covered
- https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0c8EdPAsiyWWxfD
 - a. Deadline: Friday, February 15th by noon
- “Let’s Talk” Initiative -- a drop-in service that offers **informal, confidential consultation** with a counselor from the University of Pittsburgh Wellness Center.
 - Counselors hold walk-in hours at various on-campus locations during the academic year to **meet student where they’re at**. By placing counselors in campus locations heavily trafficked by our students, Let’s Talk is aimed specifically at serving those students who may not ordinarily visit or utilize the services of the University of Pittsburgh Wellness Center. Students can stop by any location to speak briefly with a counselor about concerns; get help problem-solving; and/or learn more about consultation, counseling and referral services at the University of Pittsburgh Wellness Center and other resources available to you at the University of Pittsburgh.
 - **"Let's Talk" consultations are:**
 - a. **FREE** for enrolled University of Pittsburgh students
 - b. **15 minutes long**
 - c. **Offered first-come, first-served (no appointment necessary)**
 - d. **Confidential**
 - e. **Informal (not intended to be a substitute for traditional counseling)**
 - https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FVKibYZs8AGkct
- Collegiate Recovery Program Resources
 - www.pi.tt/crp
 - Email sent out to AB reps, information is on our website
 - Please distribute this information to your students
- 2019 – 2020 Elections
 - <http://gpsg.pitt.edu/elections>
 - Call for candidates: February 11th – March 8th
 - **Mandatory Training Meetings** for New Executive Board: April 11th, 12th, & 13th
 - Candidate Information Session -- TBD
 - Student Affairs and Elections Committee – interested representatives, please email gpsg@pitt.edu for further details
- 2019 Leadership and Service Award
 - <http://gpsg.pitt.edu/leadership-and-service-award/>
 - Nomination Process
 - a. Self-nominated applications including:
 - i. Two Personal Essays
 - ii. Two Letters of Support
 - Nomination Period: January 14th – February 13th
 - Leadership and Service Review Committee – interested representatives, please email gpsg@pitt.edu for further details
- 2019 – 2020 Executive Administrative Position
 - <http://gpsg.pitt.edu/aa-position/>
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- NAGPS Call for Director of Employment Concerns and Director of International Student Concerns
 - For more information, email gpsg@pitt.edu
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report

- *Biomedical*
 - 2 upcoming events
 - a. Winter Ski Trip
 - i. First year students put on, subsidized
 - ii. Hidden Valley, this Saturday
 - b. Transferable Skills Workshop (Feb 21st)
 - i. Taking marketable from academia and how to present them for a larger job market
- *Dental Medicine*
 - No report
- *Education*
 - No report
- *Engineering*
 - No report
- *GSPIA*
 - No report
- *School of Computing & Information*
 - Final stage for new constitution, bylaws
 - Letter from GPSG to SCI students showing support
 - a. Include letterhead
 - b. Program Administrator – send the information to us
 - SCI Recruiting Week this next week
- *Katz (Full Time)*
 - Asian Night
 - a. Atrium, March 26th, open to students
 - i. Asian culture, Indian, Taiwan
 - b. Performances, fashion show, food
 - c. 6-9 pm
- *Katz (Part Time)*
 - Welcomed new director of MBA programs
 - Spring Fling March 30th – Mattress Factory
 - Alumni event at Sports Complex (Cranberry)
 - a. More alumni and families involved
 - Revamping student highlights
 - a. Making sure professional MBA students are seen
 - Elections for next year's board (end of March)
- *Law*
 - Barrister's ball this weekend
 - Carnegie Science Center – Overall bad experience working with them
 - a. Were condescending, called "young people", had over 21 concerns
 - b. Food options removed after there were confirmations
 - c. Pressured to do event during dinner, trying to get money back
 - d. For groups moving forward, recommending caution with future events
- *Medicine*
 - No report
- *Nursing*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - No report
- *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - Leadership had an auction, raised \$8,000
- *Public Health*

- No report
- *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - Physical Therapy formal on March 30th
 - Physical faculty members at CSM event got recognized with prestigious award
- *Social Work*
 - Saturday (16th) Inner group dialogue exchange
 - Student Advisory committee (Monday) to discuss new website changes
- *ANKUR*
 - No report
- *CSSA*
 - Spring Festival Gala – Alumni hall
 - a. Dinner, performances
 - b. 300 students
 - c. Successful
- *ISA*
 - Saturday (16th) -- Movie night (50 people)
 - Persian New Year (March 23rd)
 - a. Currently organizing for the event
- *GOSECA*
 - Annual conference first weekend of March
- *TASA*
 - No report

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- VP of Finance (Yashar Aucie)
 - Previous president of ISA, working on the Finance Committee
 - Ran previously
 - Vote: unanimous in support

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: **Monday, March 18th at 5:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 pm