Meeting Summary

- Informing members about plans for the upcoming Spring Semester, and new Executive Board elections.

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:
- Rachel Coombs (President)
- Crystal Taylor (VP of Communications)
- J. Stephanie Rose (VP of Programming)
- Amanda Leifson (GSA)

Health & Rehab Science
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- ISA
- TASA

GPSG Assembly Board Members:
- Arts & Science 1
- Arts & Science 2
- Arts & Science 3
- Biomedical
- Dental
- SCI
- Katz (Part-Time)
- Law
- Medicine
- Social Work
- Education
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Katz (Full-Time)
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- ANKUR
- Jennifer Enriquez (VP of Committees)
- Spencer Edelstein (VP of Finance)

Absent:

1. Call to Order
   - President Coombs called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. Approval of Minutes
   - Motion to approve November minutes. Minutes approved. None opposed.

3. Old Business
   - GSA Ad Hoc Committee (to discuss bylaw changes for incorporating more GSA’s into the AB)
     - Looking for a few more members to join
     - Email sent out by Jenn tomorrow

4. Reports
   - President’s Report
     - Stronger than Hate T-shirts available for Assembly Board Reps
     - Professional and Advocacy Grants
       - Application available now, physical copies handed out and will be on the website
       - Bringing back information to the university, first-come-first serve
         - Approved by the Executive Board
     - Campus Climate Survey (AAU)
       - February 11th
       - Please inform your students about the survey
     - GPSG survey
       - What information do you want? Questions that you are interested in asking
       - Have been done in the past, but data has not been shared
         - Last year was interested in what students want from GPSG
         - This year, want to get more idea what resources the university is providing to students
c. In the past – mental health, professional development
   o Dean of Students Campus Recreation Center Student Advisory Group
     • Identify undergraduate & graduate students who will meet with student affairs, facilities management, and architects to inform the design/functionality of the new rec center
       a. Getting the student voice about how it can be best useful to students
       b. Concern last year that most of the time it is geared by undergraduate needs, so it’s important to get the graduate student needs heard
     • Will meet in early February (need nominations by January 18th)
       a. Let Rachel know (president.gpsg@pitt.edu) if you are interested
     • Commitment: 3 to 4 1-hour meetings during Spring Semester
   o Asking Dr. Urban and Provost Cudd to return to an AB Meeting
     • Ideas for when best to invite them to talk to us

• Committees’ Report
  o No report – she’ll email it tomorrow

• Communications’ Report
  o Advocacy Grants will be up this week on the website
  o Working on how best to utilize Mail Chimp

• Finance’s Report
  o Working on best solution to a questionable situation

• Programming’s Report
  o Winter Kick-off Event (January 11th 7-11pm)
    • Mass Mutual Pittsburgh Ice Rink
  o Happy Hour
    • Friday, February 15th at St. Nick’s
  o Spring Fling
    • March 29th or 30th at Three Rivers Casino
      a. Probably the 30th
  o National Graduate Student Appreciation Week (April 1-5th)
    • Small events
    • Major graduate collaboration on the 5th with other universities in the area
      a. Last event of the semester

• Executive Administrator’s Report
  o 2019 – 2020 Elections
    • Call for candidates: February 11th – March 4th
    • Student Affairs and Elections Committee – interested representatives, please email gpsg@pitt.edu for further details
  o 2019 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

• Assembly Board Member Reports
  o Arts & Sciences
    • No Report
  o Biomedical
    • Upcoming ski trip for upper classmen (Feb)
    • Upcoming workshops for how to apply graduate skills outside of academia, Adobe Illustrator
  o Dental Medicine
- Conference (District level) with other universities including Penn, Howard – speakers, networking
- Snowball Dinner/Dance upcoming

  - **Education**
    - No report
  - **Engineering**
    - No report
  - **GSPIA**
    - No report
  - **School of Computing & Information**
    - No report
  - **Katz (Full Time)**
    - No report
  - **Katz (Part Time)**
    - Friendsgiving was a great success, 15 different students sharing their culture/home country
    - Friend/Alumni/Family friendly event (cookie decorating event)
      - a. Very successful, looking for new opportunities
      - b. Looking for event in Cranberry, working with engineering
    - Spring Fling Dance
    - Welcomed a new board member
    - Will start elections in March for new board
  - **Law**
    - Barrister’s bar (Feb 2nd)
      - a. Starting to sell ticket
  - **Medicine**
    - Student Executive Council elections are coming up, will have new reps
    - Winter Formal March 2nd
  - **Nursing**
    - No report
  - **Pharmacy (PharmD)**
    - Pharmacy Week
      - a. Friday event at Steel Cactus
      - b. Bunch of events for the next two weeks
        - i. Auctions for students, professors
        - ii. Male Beauty pageant, Dental school involvement
  - **Pharmacy (PhD)**
    - No report
  - **Public Health**
    - No report
  - **School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences**
    - Next week combined section meeting in D.C., sending a bunch of students
    - Formal tentatively scheduled for March 30th
  - **Social Work**
    - New executive board
    - Want to get student committees up and running
    - Planning an event with the Dean, event to ask questions to the Dean
  - **ANKUR**
    - No report
  - **CSSA**
    - No report
  - **ISA**
• Mid-December event (15th) was a success
• Events upcoming – karaoke, game night
• Organize event for the Persian New Year (March 23rd)
  o GOSECA
    • Planning for graduate student conference
  o TASA
    • Painting with a Twister event in December
    • Back to School Happy Hour to get community back together

5. Committee Reports
   • See full reports on website (www.gpsg.pitt.edu)

6. New Business
   • How do we get student involvement?
     o Something that all organizations struggle with, but how do we get students interested in getting involved with graduate student government, cultural associations
     o Important question that could be addressed during the Bylaw Ad Hoc committee

7. Announcements
   • Next meeting: Monday, February 11th at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 pm