

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

University of Pittsburgh, Langley Hall A219B

April 8th, 2019



Meeting Summary

- Last meeting of the academic year, discussing union issues and providing election results

Attendance

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

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

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- ANKUR
- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental
- Engineering
- SCI
- Katz (Part Time)
- Law

- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Social Work
- GOSECA
- ISA
- TASA
- Medicine

Absent:

- Rachel Coombs (President)
- Education
- GSPIA
- Katz (Full Time)
- Nursing
- Pharmacy (PhD)
- Public Health
- CSSA
- SHRS

1. Call to Order

- VP Committees Enriquez called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

4. Reports

- President's Report (president.gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - Graduate Student Union
 - There have been a lot of questions about GPSG and its function after the vote
 - Executive Board has written a statement, wants to distribute to the student body
 - a. Would like AB input for any possible changes
 - b. For all students, not just those in the union
- VP of Committees' Report (committees.gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - Bylaws Discussion
 - **Section E. Filling Office Vacancies**
 - a. the call will go out about vacancy within 48 hours instead of the next regularly scheduled GPSG AB meeting
 - b. communication is the role of EB, not just the EA
 - c. clarity about Section 6.4
 - d. clarify regarding forfeiture of candidacy if not present at the meeting
 - e. *VOTE*: 14 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain
 - **Section F. Appointing Interim Positions**
 - a. proposal of this section addresses issues related to when a vacancy occurs

- 3. Open events – Communication
 - 4. Specific events – Programming
 - iv. Semi/Annual information to new representatives
 - 1. Information to new representatives/duties/responsibilities
- Executive Administrator’s Report (gpsg@pitt.edu)
 - GPSG 2019-2020 Executive Board Results
 - Optional Fill in for School information for next year?
 - a. To know which schools are participating in the GPSG Elections, due to our low numbers in turnout
- Assembly Board Member Reports
 - *Arts & Sciences*
 - No report
 - *Biomedical*
 - Hosting Spring Semi Formal, Spirits Brewery May 9th
 - Rep for Health and Sciences meeting after AB meeting
 - *Dental Medicine*
 - Event school wide picnic May 10th
 - *Education*
 - No report
 - *Engineering*
 - No report
 - *GSPIA*
 - No report
 - *School of Computing & Information*
 - Election Nominations, Process is ongoing
 - *Katz (Full Time)*
 - No report
 - *Katz (Part Time)*
 - Spring fling on March 30th
 - a. Best turnout in years, 200 guests
 - b. Mattress Factory
 - Elections happened
 - a. 2 new, 6 returning
 - Professional MBAs –
 - a. As of Fall you can complete the whole degree with hybrid program
 - b. Testing out virtual townhall, livestream then on online
 - *Law*
 - Elections happened
 - *Medicine*
 - No report
 - *Nursing*
 - No report
 - *Pharmacy (PharmD)*
 - End of the year party April 26th
 - *Pharmacy (PhD)*
 - No report
 - *Public Health*
 - No report
 - *School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences*
 - No report
 - *Social Work*
 - Few events, due to the latest court case

- Student walk out, responding to the community concerns
- Partnering with community organizations
 - a. Send resources to GPSG to send out to AB
- Social at the end of the year
- *ANKUR*
 - Forming new committee, next event in August
- *CSSA*
 - No report
- *ISA*
 - March 23rd – Persian New Year
 - a. 400 happy guests
- *GOSECA*
 - Spring Happy Hour April 22nd, at the Porch
 - Officer elections then
- *TASA*
 - Happy Hour in March
 - Planning another one before the semester ends
 - Picnic for national sovereignty day

5. Committee Reports

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

6. New Business

- Dr. Darlene Zellers – Center for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral students
 - Career panel last week, talking about issues
 - Career development = job search, only think about at the end of your program
 - Talking about a longer-term mindset, thinking about career development throughout your time at the university
 - Things are unpredictable, not everything is offered all the time which makes things difficult
 - Proposing from the Center – on demand offerings
 - Feedback from students wanted
 - a. Professional seminar (very few students attend) – so now proposing 15 min seminars
 - i. Interpersonal skills are hard to introduce over the computer
 - b. Variable schedule – so now proposing a fixed schedule
 - i. 8 topics always presented
 - ii. GPSG, schools could then build around this general offering with specific offerings for their unique issues
 - c. Getting students to know about the center, difficult to get students to engage with the offerings
 - Virtual Center – online
 - Academia vs. Industry
 - Variety of job information for students
 - Doctoral-Alumni in residency, former students who represent the spectrum of positions to help students (read cover letters, mock interviews)
 - Making sure not to redo efforts from schools

7. Announcements

- Next meeting: August 2019

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm