

GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

University of Pittsburgh 5317 Sennott Square

Meeting Summary:

- First reading of the budget.
- The student activity fee raise was approved, starting in the fall.

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Dave Gau
- Mitali Patil
- Ravi Choudhuri (*late*)
- James Dalton
- Jess Brubach

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- Arts & Sciences 1
- Biomedical
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab
Science
- Katz (Full Time)
- Medicine
- Nursing (GNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- School of
Information
Sciences (*excused*)
- ANKUR
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- PANAF
- Persian Panthers

Others in Attendance:

- Michael Lipschultz

Absent:

- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Dental Medicine
- Education 1
- Education 2
- Katz (Part Time)
- Law
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- Social Work
- TASA

1. Call to Order

President Gau called the meeting to order.

No quorum, so voting items were skipped. President Gau reported that VP of Programming Brubach will wave an angry stick. President Gau will just respond to email.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

None

4. Reports

4a. President's Report

Welcome back to GPSG Assembly Board meetings.

Mission of the Assembly Board. Will discuss during the meeting and will also be highlighted in the minutes.

End of year report for GPSG 2013-14 .

President Gau reported that he did not have the time to write a report because he got married last weekend.

4b. Committees' Report

The Conflict of Interest Committee specifically wants someone from Engineering or Law.

1. Committee Representative Positions Available!

The following committees still require representation! Please spread the word, and if anyone has any questions about the committee itself, please don't hesitate to email your VP of Committees at committees.pittgpsg@gmail.com.

- a. Provost's Advisory Committees

- i. Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns (One representative position available)
- b. University Senate Standing Committees
 - i. Admissions & Student Aid
 - ii. Benefits & Welfare
 - iii. Educational Policies
 - iv. Library
 - v. Plant Utilization & Planning
- c. University Special Committees
 - i. Conflict of Interest Committee
 - ii. Parking & Transportation Committee

2. Judiciary Committee (GPSG Standing Committee) Members Needed!

My committee (originally entitled the Bylaws Committee), will now be known as the Judiciary Committee, so any misconduct that goes against the GPSG Bylaws will be reviewed by my committee. In addition, this committee will continue revising the bylaws as needed as well as preparing a GPSG Constitution. So if you're interested, feel free to email me at committee.pittgpsg@gmail.com.

3. Committee Report

No committee report for this month as none of the committees have met for this academic year.

4c. Communications' Report

I have been working on the new GPSG website this summer, and it should go live very soon after we fix any visible problems.

Bulletins will go out every two weeks, so be sure to send me things you want to advertise to my email at communications.pittgpsg@gmail.com when I request them from you.

The e-Bulletin for the beginning of September will go out on Tuesday, September 2nd 2014 because of Labor Day, so send me your bulletin information by September 1st, 2014.

If you know of anyone that is interested in getting involved in my Public Relations Committee, please let me know at communications.pittgpsg@gmail.com.

VP of Programming Brubach adds that there are ways to connect with GPSG:

- email list
- texting services
- FB page/group
- instagram
- twitter

4d. Finance's Report

Travel Grants:

Cycle 1: we awarded \$6,700 (28 applicants, 27 awards given)

Cycle 2: 92 applicants

GSA Funding / Supplemental Funds:

GSA funding has been increased to account for 15% of our expected budget.

5% of the expected budget has been reserved for supplemental funding requests.

2014-2015 Budget

At this time we have not received final notification from the University as to our final budget. I will present the final budget along with any current expenses at the September meeting.

4e. Programming's Report

- 1) Event Planning Committee Recruitment**
 - a. Still trying to expand EPC and would love to have a diverse committee representing all of the graduate and professional schools
 - i. Meetings will occur monthly
 - b. Please contact programming.pittgpg@gmail.com if you are interested in attending
- 2) Fall Events Calendar**

| <u>Event Name</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Pirate Game and Tailgate | 8/18/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Summary (report was submitted before event occurred) |
| Welcome Back Happy Hour | 9/2/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Back Happy Hour at Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh Tuesday, September 2 from 7PM-12AM (Midnight) All you-can-eat Bavarian appetizers and two bier or wine tickets per attendee 600 tickets will be available for the event Purchase tickets starting on August 14 at https://gpsg2014welcomebackhh.eventbrite.com |
| Fall Formal | 11/7/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional details to come |
| Mockingjay Part I premiere | 11/20/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00PM Premiere on November 10 (two hours before midnight premiere) There will be events leading up to the movie premiere |
| VIP seats for Mockingjay | | |

- 3) **Advertising; Please help us by advertising our events at your school**
- 4) **Utilizing GPSG Calendar**

4f. Administrative Assistant's Report

We are in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant. This will probably be my last time as Administrative Assistant at these meetings. I'm leaving because I was offered a Visiting Lecturer position in my department.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Engineering

Our Coffee Hour is coming up. This time, it will define what EGSO is. We're rafting at Ohiopyle on September 15.

GSPIA

One member in our student cabinet is very passionate about recycling, so we're getting new bins for recycling in Posvar. If you want new bins, let us know and we can put you in contact with the right people.

Medicine

First year students started last week. Second years started on Monday. Third and fourth years don't get summers.

Nursing GNSO

A new vice president was brought in last week. We're holding a Meet the Dean event on September 29 around lunch time.

Pharmacy PharmD

Students came in for orientation today. We're having a back to school picnic next Tuesday.

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science

Occupational Therapy is going through accreditation review this semester. We're trying to get an event for rowing in dragon boats; kids with autism can do this.

CSSA: This sounds Chinese?

SHRS: There's no dragons involved.

ANKUR

We provided temporary accommodations for about 60 new students. India Day occurred recently. If you were on campus, you probably saw us parading around the Cathedral of Learning. On August 29, we're having a movie night.

CSSA

We had a BBQ for new Chinese students; about 150 attended. On September 27, we're having our Mid-Autumn Festival. This'll be a big event.

PANAF

We went to GPSG's orientation and met some new students. We're having a Welcome Back picnic on September 13.

Persian Panthers

We're having a Welcome Picnic in two weeks. The time and location is to be determined. We're having a general board meeting at the picnic to elect a new president and vice president.

5. New Business

President Gau describes the budget, letting each officer and administrative assistant describe their parts of the budget.

6. Announcements

There is a change in the meeting locations for the rest of the semester. The remaining meetings will be in 4127 Sennott Square (The Martin Room).