

GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

University of Pittsburgh 4217 Sennott Square

Meeting Summary:

- Panther Tracks- career development initiative
- “Canstruction” – update on specifics of competition

Attendance:

GPSG Executive Board Officers:

- Dave Gau
- Mitali Patil
- Ravi Choudhuri
- James Dalton
- Jess Brubach

GPSG Assembly Board Members:

- Arts & Sciences 1
- Arts & Sciences 2
- Arts & Sciences 3
- Biomedical
- Dental Medicine
- Education 1
- Education 2
- Engineering
- GSPIA
- Health & Rehab Science
- Katz (Part Time)
- Katz (Full Time)
- Law
- Nursing (GNSO)
- Nursing (DNSO)
- Pharmacy PharmD
- Pharmacy PhD
- Public Health
- School of Information Sciences
- CSSA
- GOSECA
- PANAF
- Social Work
- TASA

Others in Attendance:

- Christina Mazur

Absent:

- Medicine
- ANKUR

1. Call to Order

President Gau called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes report for Pharmacy PhD was incorrectly reported under PharmD. This has been corrected.

Minutes approved

3. Old Business

Construction

Gu- Each school responsible for doing can drive approval from CHS and Schools

It would take place over two weeks in November 10-14 and National Homeless and Hunger Awareness Nov 17-21. The construction would take place the second week and the Final day would be Friday, November 21, 2014

Request to engage schools, to collect cans, and find a space

Pitt Serves- University Community Service Office- Fits into their goal of Food Insecurity this year

President Gau- Should we open competition to whole university?

Recommendation- do a fundraiser to buy the cans so your school can purchase canned goods of same size for construction purpose instead of varied sizes cans

Awards- We will create a selection committee comprised of faculty for judging.

Contact Dave if you need help contacting facilities regarding roping off space.

Contacting media to raise awareness. Inform Dave if you do not want your information sent to media

4. Reports

4a. President's Report

Panther Tracks- President Gau is meeting with Associate Deans to present ideas to schools

This is a Career Development Initiative.

The plan is to create a software system to organize and centralize career services.

It would also track events and advertise in centralized location. Prevent schools from duplicating efforts. Students could track skills that they are developing

Certified document from University after you have completed workshop on skills.

This information would be compiled this into database that is searchable by employer.

It could track what students are doing and seeing where students are placed.

It could also provide advice to students as to what companies are looking for and how you can get skills at Pitt

Establish a contact with company- companies create a profile on database that could have a contact person

4b. Committees' Report

Educational Policies Committee

online student surveys for instructors CIDDE

In spring there was a drop in response rate with transition online.

Their plan is to raise awareness to fill out form Nov 17- Dec 7.

Veterans Early Registration Oct 24 Veterans are eligible for in-state tuition.

Current Goals and Priorities- extended course descriptions for course registry

Review plagiarism and academic integrity policies concerning social media.

Commonwealth Relations Committee

Committee changed name to Governmental Relations Committee- named change has been approved.

Alumni Advocacy

Governmental Officials invited this year Rep. Dan Frankel was first guests. House of Representatives PA- pushing for more university funding

Student Affairs

New cardio facility on 3rd floor William Pitt Union

Reflection Room- room for prayer, meditation

Hand and feet washing area by Reflection Room

Announcement- GPSP to create constitution that outlines how GPSG runs and then have bylaws that state what you are able and not able to do

Mitali is soliciting for committee to collaborate and edit Constitution.

4c. Communications' Report

TedEx- Application sent in, waiting for approval. Email Ravi if interested in joining

The Chancellor and Mayor are interested in participating.

Event will be end of March/beginning of April

Next GPSG Bulletin will go out Monday.

November 1 will be the next bulletin.

Google group issue has been corrected.

4d. Finance's Report

Cycle 3 travel grants have closed

Travel Grant committee will meet next Thursday October 23, 2014

Supplemental Funds French/Italian and Film Studies both approved.

There is a finite amount of money to allocate. The application adds extra steps which increases our goals of merit application.

4e. Programming's Report

Fall formal November 7, 2014 at St. Nick's Cathedral. 50% of tickets have been sold.

Advertise with schools

Please forward email from Jess to school

Mockingjay Premiere- Final Fall Event

10 pm Premiere- Lowes AMC Waterfront

Screening of movies on 6th and 13th. If a student goes to all three events, he/she will be entered into a raffle for a prize.

4f. Administrative Assistant's Report

Travel Grant Cycle 4 opens November 1.

4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

Arts and Science

Received the increase in amount money from student activity fee. Trying to determine how to allocate funds. Will vote next month increase to either increase amount per travel grant issued or overall number of travel grants.

Biomedical

Symposium Wednesday October 29

5 student speakers and 2 poster sessions

Guest Speaker- Dr. Eric Green 11:00 am-Human Genome Project Assembly Room William Pitt Union

They are currently updating Constitution.

Dental Medicine

7th annual Steel City Expo received positive feedback

They hosted Pumpkin fest on North Shore and helped kids pick pumpkins.

Snowball in January (formal)

Engineering

Digital Signage for advertising in Engineering

Working on increasing outreach (especially with STEM focus)

Outreach to YMCA- they are looking for around 200 tutors and mentors
Monthly event Startup Accelerator- provide funding, and mentoring (technology and business),
AlphaLab
Oct 29 5 pm 102 Benedum

GSPIA

Trying to plan 1st annual alumni/current student formal reception
Hosting fundraiser at Games N' At

Katz Full Time

Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk – raised over \$1,000
Project Bundle Up- providing coats and scarves for children in area
Karaoke night in January
Blood Drive November 3
Food Drive upcoming

Law

Student Bar Association Awareness Week October 13-17.
Duquesne Law-Pitt Law blood drive competition
Barristers Ball is being planned.
Added Executive Board Position- International Law Student
Pitt partners with Commerical Law Development Program Partner US Department on Commerce
Catie Shawley traveled to Bosnia Herzegovina.

NURSING DNSO

Service Project that will promote collaboration between DNSO and GNSO

Nursing GNSO

Planning to work on Canstruction Collaboration with DNSO.
Dec 2 School of Nursing Blood Drive- to honor the fathers of two Nursing students who recently
have passed away.

Pharmacy PharmD

OTC product question session in front of Union 1-4 pm Friday Oct 24, 2014
Diabetes walk raised over \$1,000

Pharmacy PhD

They are hosting a Kennywood event on Halloween.

Public health

Professional Development workshop- working on interview essentials
Spooky Social at Pete's Pub \$5 (if not in School of PH) Thursday, Oct 30 7:15-11:00 pm
Department Competition UNICEF Penny Wars Oct 27
Considering a coat drive

School of Health & Rehabilitation Science

OT waiting on accreditation- we should find out in November

Speech- hosting International Night TBD

Information sciences

iFest Tech Design Challenge announcing teams 10/17. Trip to occur in February.

Social Work

Happy hour 6-8 pm Social- Bakery Square

Raffles to raise money for Canstruction

Elections will occur this month

CSSA

Badminton Competition 10/25/2014 12:00-6:00 pm

Halloween Event Assembly Room WPU Nov 1

OIS International Week Nov 17-21, 2014

GOSECA

East European Festival Assembly Room WPU 10/23/2014

Border Café/CafeTransit Screening Immediately Following

PANAF

Wednesday Nov 19 in WPU International Week Event

Soccer Team- Pitt Play for a Purpose Nov 15

Persian Panthers

1st big event in December Yalda- longest night of year celebration

TASA

The Oct 10, 2014–Movie viewing “Butterfly’s Dream” films with subtitles received positive feedback

Turkish student society meeting with Duquesne

Nov 2, 2014 hosting event LeMont restaurant student \$20, non-student \$45. This event celebrates Turkish Republic Night.

5. New Business

6. Announcements

Consulting Club announcement. Contact Lu Han (luhan@pitt.edu) if you are interested in being on the Executive Board.

Pittsburgh Student Government Council- Meet the Mayor event November 11 at 6 pm. It will be a catered formal event