

# GPSG Assembly Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

University of Pittsburgh 4217 Sennott Square

## Meeting Summary:

- It's on US- Pitt campaign against Sexual Harassment
- January 14, 2015 meeting with the Chancellor

## Attendance:

### GPSG Executive Board Officers:

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

### GPSG Assembly Board Members:

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

### Others in Attendance:

- Christina Mazur

### Absent:

- Jess Brubach
- School of Information Sciences

## **1. Call to Order**

President Gau called the meeting to order.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve Minutes. Minutes approved

## **3. Old Business**

Construction- contract was not signed by the University

Canned food drive- received positive response from schools

If your school is holding a canned food drive, please inform Dave, especially of the results.

## **4. Reports**

### **4a. President's Report**

Thank you to schools for sending updates especially concerning community service, involvement with international community, and awards students have won.

Our goal is building visibility of graduate schools with new Chancellor and promoting our needs.

GPSG elections are coming up next year. Crucial election for building visibility

Career Development Center for Doctoral Development- new center on Pitt. Focuses on career and professional development

Sexual Harassment Policies on the graduate level. There is a national push for this topic.

Topher Hoffmann- graduate student assistant in Student Health. "It's on US" campaign.-

Bystander intervention campaign

Committed to create a safe environment, and report sexual harassment

Pitt's campaign is striving to create tangible long-term visibility and awareness of campaign.

They have goal of 10,000 signatures, and are creating a signature paper link chain.

If you would like your school to participate, please contact Topher who can bring campaign to your school.

Wednesday January 14-5:00-6:30 pm current federal situation regarding science policy and graduate participation Question and answer session, meet and greet reception with the Chancellor. It's a ticketed event.

Dave is asking for question submission

Chancellor's Environmental scan of university- providing feedback after watching two videos- what can we work on, what have we been successful

Chancellor's goal of updating the mission statement

#### 4b. Committees' Report

##### Budget Committee

discussed report on librarian pay. Want to make it in line with national averages

##### Student Affairs

sexual assault campaign

Resources: [www.SHARE.pitt.edu](http://www.SHARE.pitt.edu)

Step Up, Step In- Bystander prevention program

How to address sexual assault- faculty, student, staff responsibilities

[www.notalone.gov](http://www.notalone.gov)

##### Senate Educational Policies Committee

Committee is working on expanding course descriptions for undergraduate courses

Proposing sample form

Trying to stop OMET surveys from becoming public because they are looking for a better solution to providing information .

Goal is to include format for exam, more information on recitations, require/optional text books in the course descriptions

##### Plant Utilization and Planning

Use of AEDs- located in various buildings and every single

##### Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns

3 foci

Excellence in women's research

Expand services and training for women

Revamping communications

##### Community Relations Committee

Supportive of Can Drive

##### Clothing Driving

Hoping to break World Record of most articles of clothing donated 150,000 articles of clothing

Community Human Services

Food Pantry is going well.

Nursing Students have been giving dietary consultation

##### Oakland Planning and Development

Gathering tenant and landlord complaints

Rental registration reform

Concerned bike safety- pedestrian dangers of bikes on sidewalks  
Illegal in Pittsburgh to bike on sidewalks in a business district

Pitt for Pet- generous sponsor who will match donations  
Winter clothes drive- newly purchased winter clothing

#### 4c. Communications' Report

Meetings with TedEx- progress has been slow. We have the Chancellor's support and are aiming for end of March

Currently gathering input for Speakers

Possible competition for a Pitt student to give Ted Talk

Next bulletin Monday, December 1, 2014

Email Ravi with submissions

#### 4d. Finance's Report

46 travel grant requests and all will filled

Encourage supplemental funds applications. We have not had a lot of applications and would like to disperse these funds.

#### 4e. Programming's Report

Fall formal and Mockingjay were successful. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended.

#### 4f. Administrative Assistant's Report

We are currently accepting applications for Travel Grant Cycle 4. As of today we have 18 applicants. The deadline is December 1.

Please consider joining my Election Committee. Elections will be held in either February or March. Committee activities will include, posting flyers, helping at election events

#### 4g. Assembly Board Member Reports

##### Arts and Science

Working on determining how to allocate the additional funds received from the student activity fee

##### Biomedical

Hosted symposium on October 29. Speaker was from NIH who spoke about genomics. Graduate students gave talks and had a poster session

Trying to increase awareness of symposium to all of Pitt

Bowling Event for students

Grounds for Grades Program Proposal- graduate/undergraduate mentoring programming. For graduate students this is an opportunity to get involved with outreach and teaching

### Dental Medicine

Formal is taking place in January

Hosting can drive

### Education

Hosting can drive

### Engineering

Coffee Hour event December 4- preparing any student for faculty positions

### GSPIA

Local Government case competition- a GSPIA student was on a team placed

Elections taking place

Alumni Networking Event took place

### Katz Full Time

Ranked in business week as #35

Project Bundle Up- took over twenty children to K-Mart. Hosted a breakfast and purchased winter wear

### Katz Part Time

Participated in Project Bundle Up

Katz Gives Back- Food Collection Point in Mervis Hall

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Initiative

Professional Development and Networking Event planned for January

### Law

Canned food drive

Tailgate Saturday November 22, 2014 all graduate schools are invited

Fundraising Idea for Toys for Tots- Partner with Hemingway's match proceeds up to a certain amount

### Medicine

Putting Guide to 3<sup>rd</sup> year clinical clerkship

Revamping technical issues

Women in Science and Medicine presented in Chicago Association of American Medical Colleges

Doctoral Directions-professional development event Dean emeritus of Dartmouth keynote speaker March 5

### NURSING DNSO

Dropbox database sharing- collective resource  
Canned food drives

### Nursing GNSO

Elections were held for January position  
Kitchen item collection and canned food drive  
Blood Drive December 2- make an appointment Central Bloodbank

### Pharmacy PharmD

American Heart Association Heart walk  
Generation Rx- preventing prescription drug abuse- making presentations at local high schools  
Presenting about OTC medications at Nursing event November 22,2014  
Collecting anti-biotic and other medications for Cap-Haiten, Haiti  
Promoting HPV vaccination

### Pharmacy PhD

Board meeting taking place next week

### Public health

Screening of Dallas Buyers Club

### School of Health & Rehabilitation Science

OT Accreditation Board will meet in December. Anticipating renewal of accreditation  
Can drive  
Homeless shelter wishlist-making donations

### Social Work

Elections took place and new board will be in place for spring.

### ANKUR

Annual cultural affair on November 1-performances and a comedian performed

### CSSA

Events for fall have concluded. Planning spring festival for February

### GOSECA

Workshop style conference in February “Geographies in Flux: Territory, Resources, & Borders in Eastern Europe & Eurasia

### PANAF

Hosted Africa Eats November 19, 2014  
Doubled anticipated attendance

### Persian Panthers

Event December 14- Yalda concert

### TASA

November 2, 2014 Turkish Republic Day Celebration. Successful event

## **5. New Business**

Part Time Instructors- Issues have arisen with students who are also hired as part time instructors. Duplicate accounts have been created that have not merged-trouble accessing library access, student health services, print quotas, gym access. Trying to get voices together to present this issue.

Discussion on graduate pay

Contact Dave if you are aware of any concerns similar to this that should be addressed

## **6. Announcements**

Teach for America- Emily Finkelstein [Emily.finkelstein@teachforamerica.org](mailto:Emily.finkelstein@teachforamerica.org)

Sends recent college graduates, Masters and PhD students into low-income schools for a two-year teaching service.

Student Consulting Group- 4 Rivers Solutions- consulting for small companies

McKinsey Advanced Professional Degree Info Session Dec 5- Scaife Hall Auditorium 6 5-6:30 pm