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

Canstruction- 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 Harrassment 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
Step Up, Step In- Bystander prevention program
How to address sexual assault- faculty, student, staff responsibilities
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 Utilzation and Planning
Use of AEDs- located in various buildings and every single

Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns
3 focii
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

<u>Arts and Science</u>
Working on determining how to allocate the additional funds received from the student activity fee

<u>Biomedical</u>

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 3rd year clinical clerkship
Revamping technical issues
Women in Science and Medicine presented in Chicago Association ofAMerican Medical Colleges
Doctoral Directions-professional development event Dean emeritus of Dartmouth kynote 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
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