University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Student Government Association
House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes August 29, 2012

Present: Speaker Heather Metro, Vice Speaker Jess Uhler, Secretary Fred Mejia, SGA Advisor/Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel, SGA President Scott Szypulski, SAB President Brittany Turley and representatives from the following campus clubs and organizations: Village Senate, Accounting Club, Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Omega, Gay Straight Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Psi Chi, Resident Student Council, Sigma Tau Delta, SPSEA, Performing Arts Society, Visual Arts Society, Math Club, OACS, Diversity Student Coalition, Active Minds, Ski Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Middle Eastern Club.

Absent: Ice Hockey, Pendulum, Circle K

House Speaker Heather Metro opened the meeting at 12:01 PM

Commuter Relations committee chairman Senator James Decker spoke on behalf of his committee, asking for members of the house to participate.

House Secretary Fred Mejia took attendance of clubs. Clubs that were in attendance but have not turned in paperwork as of yet are: OACS, Math Club, Active Minds on Campus, Middle Eastern Club, Diversity Student Coalition, Ski Club, Phi Eta Sigma.

Clubs that we have paperwork for but were not represented at the meeting: Circle K, Ice Hockey, Pendulum

Officer Reports:

Speaker Metro – Introduced herself to the House as Speaker
Vice Speaker Jess Uhler – Introduced herself, and she does whatever Heather tells her to.
Secretary Mejia – Introduced himself, and also does whatever Heather tells him to
SGA President Scott Szypulski – Introduced himself as SGA President, and also spoke on the Pitt Plus discount program. We are actively looking for businesses in the local area to participate in the discount program. If anyone would like to help in the search or submit an idea, his email address is srs99@pitt.edu.
Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel – Introduced himself to us, and promised fun stuff. Al’s favorite word is accountability, and we should all have an accountability buddy. His office is in student services, 219 Chambers Hall.

Individual Club Representatives then introduced themselves one by one.
New Business – Speaker Metro spoke on this summer’s retreat and the discussion of the purpose of the house. It was decided that the House is here to bring all the campus clubs together, to promote communication, and to enhance event promotion and scheduling. Speaker then talked on change to the house meeting time and day, proposing the first Sunday of every month at 12 Noon. This would provide us with a better quality meeting and better communication between clubs. It was also mentioned that a few Wednesday meetings would still be needed, in the case of the business office and budget workshop days, and for the end of the semester lunch. House Representatives need to report to their clubs the budgetary rules and information given in the house meetings. There was also a call for emphasized importance of the House Rep to their club, and why these Reps need to attend and communicate information from the House meetings. It was also noted that the house rep does not have to be the same throughout the year, although this is preferred. Finally in this section we discussed the fact that one person should represent one club in the House, starting this year.

Also in new business was the activities fair on Tuesday, September 4th. The deadline for clubs to sign up for a table is this Friday August 31, 2012. This is a large event for clubs to specifically recruit and get freshmen involved, as well as to grow the scope of your club. Be engaging and really try to draw people in, and drive interest in your club. Website to sign up for a table is: http://goo.gl/iCXWP

The next house meeting will be Wednesday September 5th, 2012 in Village Hall 118. We will be voting on the proposed meeting time change here, attendance is mandatory.

Vice Speaker Uhler also mentioned the new system for advertising in the cafeteria. Interested clubs should talk to Al about getting into the new system for event marketing.

Speaker Metro adjourned the meeting at 12:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Mejia
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
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House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes September 5, 2012

Present: Speaker Heather Metro, Vice Speaker Jess Uhler, Secretary Fred Mejia, SGA Advisor/Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel, and representatives from the following clubs/organizations: Academic Village Senate, Accounting, Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Omega, Gay/Straight Alliance, Ice Hockey, Pendulum, Resident Student Council, Sigma Tau Delta, SPSEA, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Math, OACS, Diversity Student Coalition, Active Minds, Ski Club, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, BASIC, College Democrats, Spanish Club

Absent: SGA President Scott Szypulski, and representatives from the following clubs/organizations: Circle K, Habitat for Humanity, Psi Chi, Phi Eta Sigma, Middle Eastern Club

House Speaker Metro called the meeting to order at 12:00

Officer Reports:
Speaker Metro, Vice-Speaker Uhler, and Secretary Mejia had nothing to add that was not already on the agenda. Al reported on the impending launch of the Symplicity system. This is a computerized club management system that will give each club their own webpage to update information and advertise events, meeting times, and executive board members. Pages will be approved as Al gets information from the clubs, incomplete pages will not be activated, and that club will not be considered active until all information is completed. Members can request to join a club page; club presidents will be administrators on these pages and can approve membership. This system keeps the rosters online, and also feeds into the student involvement transcript system. More information and specifics will be provided in the coming weeks. Fred needs contact information and executive board information from all clubs. This should be emailed to him ASAP at fmm11@pitt.edu.

Old business:
The proposal to change the meeting time and place to Sunday at noon in Village Hall was brought up. This is to improve communication and substance in meetings. Speaker Metro also brought up a new attendance policy with these new meetings. If a club misses one meeting, that club will forfeit the right to submit short-term budget requests for the semester the meeting was missed. A short-term request is a budget request stemming from unforeseen event expenses or events outside of the semester long budget request. If there are serious concerns about a club not being able to make the Sunday meetings, please talk to a member of the house exec or Al to discuss.
New Business: Speaker Metro proposed a vote on the new meetings structure. Concerns were brought forward about reminders between meetings, as well as clubs not being able to make meetings on a Sunday afternoon. A secret ballot vote was taken and counted by Speaker Metro and Secretary Mejia. The decision to be made was whether to change the house meeting time to the first Sunday of every month at 12:00 PM in Village hall. The vote in the affirmative was 15; the vote in the negative was 4. The motion passed with the required 2/3 majority.

Upcoming Events:

House meetings upcoming are as follows:

- September 16 12:00 PM Village Hall 118
- October 17 12:00 PM Location TBD – this is treasury and budget training. Every club is required to attend, as a lot of important information will be presented. Bill Doyle, SGA treasurer will also be presenting at this meeting. His email is WHD4@pitt.edu if there are questions about budgets
- Sunday November 4 12:00 PM Village Hall 118
- Sunday December 2 12:00 PM Village Hall 118 – Last regular meeting of the semester
- Wednesday December 12 – end of semester lunch, time and place TBD

The on-campus leadership conference is scheduled for November 10th. Every club will be asked to send 2 representatives (one executive board member, and one new member). Anyone wanting to present at the leadership conference should get in contact with Al. The holiday parade is November 17th. Anyone interested in participating should contact Senate Parliamentarian Josh Myers.

Club Events Upcoming:

- RSC first meeting is September 5 at 8PM in the Lyceum.
- GSA first meeting is September 6 at noon in village hall
- Sigma Tau Delta first meeting is September 7 at 11:45
- Fall Arts trip registration begins on September 6th at 8:00 AM, registration papers are available from the faculty secretaries in FOB
- A joint PAS/VAS meeting will be held September 11th at 11:30 in the coffeehouse
- Acting auditions for the fall play Arsenic and Old Lace, and the spring musical Eleanor: An American Love Story are September 5th and 6th at 7:00 PM in Ferguson Theater. Singing auditions for Eleanor are September 10th and 12th at 7:00 PM in Campana Chapel
- VAS mentioned that the Greensburg art walk is this Friday, September 7 from 3-5 PM in downtown Greensburg, with student art night to follow at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Also there is a trip to the Carnegie Museum on September 22, the cost is $4
Speaker Metro adjourned the meeting at 12:28 PM
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House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes September 16, 2012

Personnel present: House speaker Metro, Vice Speaker Uhler, Secretary Mejia, Advisor Thiel, SGA President Szypulski, and representatives from the following clubs/organizations: Academic Village Senate, Accounting, Active Minds, BASIC, Tri-Beta, College Action Sports, College Democrats, Delta Psi Omega, Diversity Student Coalition, Gay/Straight Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Math, Middle Eastern, OACS, Pendulum, Phi Eta Sigma, Psi Chi, RSC, Sigma Tau Delta, Ski Club, Spanish Club, SPSEA, PAS, VAS, Yoga, Criminal Justice, SAB, Young Democratic Socialists, Lambda Pi Eta

Absent: Circle K, Ice Hockey, Gamma Sigma Epsilon

Speaker Metro called the meeting to order at 12:00

Officer Reports:

Scott is attending the advisory board meeting this week. From Al – Club contact information needs to be updated ASAP, and there is a club advisor meeting this Friday. If your club advisor has not contacted Al, please have them do so ahead of this meeting. From Senate – There is a holiday parade float meeting this Sunday, the 23rd at 7:00 PM in the SGA office. Contact Parliamentarian Josh Myers for more info.

Old Business:

Update on Symplicity system implementation: the combination of old records is taking longer than expected. However the system is on its way to being operational sooner rather than later. Reminder on attendance policy: Missing one meeting will prevent your club from submitting short-term budget requests. There are only 4 house meetings, please do not miss one. Also if you are putting posters up on campus, please get them stamped by the secretaries or Al in student services. Posting in the library can only be done on bulletin boards.

New Business:

Homecoming is coming up fast. The big day of events will be Saturday October 13. There will be a festival and car cruise where clubs will be able to have tables for fundraisers. If a club would like a table, sign up at this link: goo.gl/3xBVv. Also please fill out a fundraising form with Al in his office prior to fundraising. Homecoming court applications are out and are due in Al’s office by Friday, September 28th. Clubs can sponsor one person for king, and one for queen.
The leadership conference is on November 10th. This is a Saturday. It is not going to run past 5 PM. It is mandatory for each club to have 2 representatives there, one from the executive board and one up and coming member. This is being used a bridge to make sure there is not a leadership gap for the clubs. Free Dinner! Email will be forthcoming on this. Also please contact Al if you are interested in presenting a breakout session.

Also please let Al know when you plan events so they can be added to the student services calendar.

Club Activities/Shenanigans:

- Khalil is doing a poetry reading on the 27th of September along with another published poet as part of the written spoken series. 7:00 PM in the chapel, look for the posters on campus.
- Criminal Justice club is looking at a trip to the Eastern State Pen in the near future; they are gauging interest in the trip currently. Next club meeting is 24th of September at 3:30 in FOB 138.
- Yoga club is holding classes this Thursday at 7 PM in the smith lounge. BYOYM (Bring Your Own Yoga Mat) although there may be a few extras. First club meeting is at 3:45 in the lyceum on Wednesday
- Psi Chi will be having an event talking about therapist/client relationships sometime in the fall
- Habitat for Humanity will be presenting an event in Village Hall 118 on October 1 at 7:00 PM, in celebration of world Habitat day. Village Credit!
- VAS is going on a trip to the Carnegie Museum on September 22nd, sign up with the faculty secretaries in FOB. $4, Cheap!
- Sigma Tau Delta is selling keurig coffee in the library for $1.25 per cup as a club fundraiser. Banned Book reading October 2, 7:00 PM Village Hall. Devils night will be either October 30 or November 1, location and time TBD.
- GSA will be hosting I Love You Phillip Morris on September 21 in village hall, 9:30 start time. October 7 they will be hosting the LGBTQ Interfaith Network service from 2-6 PM in the chapel. October 11th is national coming out day, and the Unity Rally is upcoming, info to follow.
- BASIC fundraising for their annual conference later in November. Meetings Monday nights at 7:30 in the chapel.
- SAB meetings are at noon every Monday in 212 chambers. Committees are taking signups. Statlers Free Go-Karts and mini golf this Saturday night 9:00-11 PM
- Diversity student coalition first meeting September 20, 3:30 in fireside. Fundraising upcoming September 24-26 in Chambers, Sushi provided. Cookout upcoming, first or second Saturday in October. Also October 30 is the basketball game.
- Accounting club movie night is upcoming, expect a date in October. Guest speaker on the CPA exam soon, as well as a trip to treasury in Pittsburgh.
Spring accounting conference in collaboration with other universities is upcoming.

- Young Democratic Socialists meetings are at 11:30 on Wednesdays on the terrace outside the Cassel.
- College action sports is starting back up, meeting Friday at 4:30 in the bobcat, with work on the trails/paintball area to begin around 4:45.
- Village Senate meetings every Monday at noon in village hall 101. Clubs can come to apply for village credit for events 2 weeks in advance. Applications outside Sheila’s office in village hall.
- Tri Beta will have their first meeting sometime this week. Blanket fundraiser for children’s hospitals is in the works.
- Homecoming tables: If a group would like a loan for fundraising, Al may be able to help you. See him if interested.
- DPO is accepting associate members. Come to the meetings every other Thursday at 9:30 in Ferguson Theater if interested.

Upcoming Events:

- October 17 – House Budget Meeting. Every club should be represented. Location TBD
- October 31 – Spring semester long budget deadline
- November 4 – Regular House Meeting, Noon Village Hall 118
- November 17 – Leadership Conference on campus, more info to come
- December 2 – House meeting and Budget Review Extravaganza, Noon Village Hall 118
- December 12 – End of semester lunch, location and time TBD

Speaker Metro adjourned the meeting at 12:40

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Mejia
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Student Government Association
House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes October 17, 2012

Present: Speaker Heather Metro, Vice Speaker Jess Uhler, Secretary Fred Mejia, SGA Advisor/Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel, and representatives from the following campus clubs and organizations: Village Senate, Accounting Club, Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Omega, Gay Straight Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Psi Chi, Resident Student Council, Sigma Tau Delta, SPSEA, Performing Arts Society, Visual Arts Society, Math Club, OACS, Diversity Student Coalition, Active Minds, Ski Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Middle Eastern Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Rellew Prep, Yoga Club, Young Democratic Socialists, Criminal Justice, Hope 4 Africa, Circle K, Pi Sigma Alpha, College Action Sports, College Republicans, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Lambda Pi Eta

Absent: Ice Hockey Club

House speaker Metro opened the meeting at 12:00 PM

Business office policy and procedure: Ronna Colland, CPA and Deann Scherbick from the business office:

Packet that was passed out was important. For notes on this, please refer to the procedures listed in the packet.

Highlights:

- Detail is good. Accountants like detail
- Who you're paying, why, when services are performed, and appropriate contract agreement for speakers and live performance
- Submit your request early. 10 days to get one through, sometimes sooner.
- Purchase Requisitions: tangible goods purchases. Alan Tedro is the purchasing agent on campus, requisitions go through him.
  - Process is described in the packet, usually requisitions require signature from Al, deliveries are made to student services office.
  - Student Services secretaries are helpful when choosing a vendor for your products
- Cash Deposits: If you are collecting cash, you need to take cash and go to student services to have it counted and deposited. If collecting checks, they have to be made payable to University of Pittsburgh. No other name in the “pay to” line will be accepted and cleared by the bank.
- Sales tax exemptions: business office does not reimburse for state sales tax. You need to get the exemption form from the business office to avoid paying state sales tax on your items. Use the website listed or go to the business office for a copy of this form, Al also has them.
- University name, logo, trademarks: no one may request or authorize a vendor to put university names or trademarks on a product if they are not licensed to by the university. Policy is further explained on the website or in the packet. Any items with Pitt references must be bought through licensed vendors.
- Alcohol: Student activity fees will not, under any circumstance, pay for alcohol. Any problems with this can be discussed with Al.
- University Charge Cards: Walmart and Target cards that clubs can sign out to buy items. Bring back original receipts from purchases within 24 hours to the business office for processing. Make sure no sales tax is charged, you will not be reimbursed for this.
- Travel and business expenses: university reimburses for travel expenses on university business. Expenses must be actual and reasonable and necessary to conduct university business. Original receipts must be provided for reimbursement. Starting point is always Pitt-Greensburg, not your home address. Highway tolls are also reimbursable, along with parking, just receipts for this.

Again, the packet is very important, and has important information in it for clubs when it comes to dealing with university funds.

Regular Business:

Old:

Simplicity: Moving forward. All clubs and orgs have been uploaded into the system. In the next 2 weeks, you will be getting an email from Al to reactivate your club in the system, Al is willing to help with getting all of this up and running on a club by club basis. Everything needs to be done by the end of the semester as far as getting clubs reactivated.

Policy: Short-term budget requests are allowed. These forms are available from Al or in the SGA office. If you have an event opportunity that comes up that you have not requested for, pick up a form and fill it out, and give it to the treasurer, Bill Doyle, his office hours are Mondays from 1 to 3. This can go in his mailbox also. If you miss a house meeting, you cannot request short term for the rest of the semester.

New Business:

Binders are here! These were put together by heather, Fred, fish, and Scott. They have calendars, places for house agendas, club rosters and constitutions, as well as a place to take notes. These are there to document activities from the clubs over the year, in order to more smoothly transition leadership.
Budget Presentation: Semester Long budget requests are due 5 PM, Wednesday, October 31st in Bill’s mailbox, or to Al. If late requests are received, they will go to the bottom of the pile, so don’t be late. Requests are reviewed at the extravaganza in the order they are received. This meeting is one large budget meeting for club reps to come to senate and explain their budget request and provide more information. Changes to the budget form: tentative date for event (estimate, does not have to be exact). This is to help with planning, and help with preparing for billing for certain events to happen. The format is brand new, and we hope it is going to help to streamline the process. Attach documentation for whatever you are doing, more detail provided in breakdowns is better, and the more likely you are to get your full funding request. Al is happy to help you put together your request. Also, more than one sheet can be submitted if you so need. When in doubt, put it in your request. Every event is considered individually.

Events most likely to be funded are ones that are open to the entire campus. If they promote growth and community on the campus, as well as serving the mission of your club, they are more likely to be funded.

Celing numbers for funding certain events are available from Al or Bill, and are listed in the Allocations manual. This is kept in the SGA office, as well as Al’s office.

Upcoming Shenanigans:

DSC: Basketball game oct 31 in the gym.
Pendulum: Oct 18th spread the word. Readings from written works. Village credit for participation in two events. All are welcome to listen or speak.
VAS: Film Series upcoming.
PAS: Broadway battles breast cancer, oct 20th in the chapel at 7:30. Raffle baskets and prizes.
Active Minds: For Colored Girls, Monday Oct 22, 7:00 in fireside. Free Popcorn!
Lambda Pi Eta: Pie sale, see a communication major for information.

Next House meeting Is November 4, at noon in Village Hall

Speaker Metro adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM
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Meeting Minutes November 4, 2012

Present: Speaker Heather Metro, SGA Advisor/Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel, SGA President Scott Szypulski, Senate Vice President Jonathan Fischer, and representatives from the following campus clubs and organizations: Village Senate, Accounting Club, BASIC, Circle K, Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Omega, Habitat for Humanity, Psi Chi, SPSEA, Performing Arts Society, Visual Arts Society, OACS, Active Minds, Ski Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Middle Eastern Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Circle K, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Hope 4 Africa, Nerdfighters, Science Club, Phi Kappa Phi

Absent: Vice Speaker Jess Uhler, Criminal Justice, College Action Sports, College Democrats, College Republicans, Diversity Student Coalition, Gay/Straight Alliance, Lambda Pi Eta, Math Club, Middle Eastern Club, Pendulum, Pi Sigma Alpha, Rellew Prep, RSC, SAB, Sigma Tau Delta, Yoga Club, Ice Hockey Club

House speaker Metro opened the meeting at 12:05 PM

Officer Reports:

Heather – None

Fred – None

Scott – Pitt Plus program cards are on the way, and the program is being revamped and brought back. Also Scott met with the eagle scout that is clearing the trail behind the village and the maintenance shed. If you are interested in you or your club helping to clean up the trail, email Scott at srs99@pitt.edu

Al – If anyone knows who the reps for the absent clubs, let them know that they will be getting a follow-up from Al, attendance has been good so far but has fallen off today.

Heather – Changes in agenda, reminder about short-term budget policy, reminder about bringing and using binders.

(kind of) New Business:
Into the streets - This is a Community service event for three days to get our name out there. Some events that are going to be offered:

Dates: Thurs Nov 29, Fri Nov 30, Sat Dec 1.
Time commitment: 2 to 3 hours, weekdays in the evening, Saturday late morning to early afternoon.

Signups: on the front desk by the bobcat.

- Example Events: Sports events at the YMCA, added bonus of anyone who helps getting 2 weeks free at the Y
- Overly’s country Christmas
- Seton Hill Children’s Center
- Bell ringing for the Salvation Army
- Project Linus, blankets for children’s hospitals

Email will be send out in the coming week with the full list of events and times. Reimbursement for travel expenses for all events. Make sure that if someone signs up, they actually commit to it. All clubs and organizations are being encouraged to be a part of this. FREE T-SHIRTS

Old Business:

Symplicity is ready to go, at long last. Each club will get an email from Al with a log in link. Each club will be responsible to re-activate their organization in the system. This will all need to be done by the end of finals week. You will not get your funding if this is not done by the time you leave for the holiday. Al is willing to help you if you need it. If you log in and your club is not there, let Al know. Executive board, advisor, and club purpose is required information for now. In the future club rosters, constitutions, and meeting times will be uploaded into the system.

(actual) New Business:

The first allocation committee meeting was held this past Friday. 4 people from senate, and 2 people from the house review the budgets and make recommendations to senate about funding. If house members want to come to the meetings, they are welcome to on November 9th, 16th, and 30th at 3 PM in the conference room in the student services hallway in chambers Hall.

Leadership conference is this coming Saturday, reminder that each organization is to have 2 people there. If you have not registered, use this link (add link) to register for the conference. Registration begins at noon; dinner will be at 5 PM. Only one club represented per person please. Emerging leaders series will also begin on this day. Topics covered will be tailored to people who have not held a leadership position before.

Oktoberfest was successful in club fundraising; consider having this event in the future.
Upcoming Club Shenanigans:

- **Psi Chi** – Nov 5 Therapist/Client relationships as depicted in the media. 7 PM village hall 118.
- **SPSEA** – Jingle Jam will be an Into the Streets event, information upcoming
- **SAB** – Ted, 9:30 in the Chapel Nov 6th. Dark Knight Rises and The Campaign upcoming before the end of the semester. Free Apple Cider on Monday, Halo 4 Release party on Tuesday night, 11:00 in village hall. Nov 15th, Michael and Justin in the chapel. Up All Night is superhero themed, wear your costumes. Gingerbread house making competition last Tuesday of the month.
- **PAS Film Series** – December 5th Rock of Ages. Also Arsenic and Old Lace November 15th – 18th, 7:30 each night, 2:30 matinee on Sunday. Dinner theatre November 17th, tickets $25 per person.
- **Dec 8th** – Whose Line marathon in the theatre, relax before finals week happens.
- **Accounting Club** – Nov 13th will have a speaker from the PICPA as well as President Smith speaking on ethics. If you want to attend, email Pam Ondeck (ondeck@pitt.edu), dinner included.
- **Nerdfighters** – Considering seeing The Hobbit as a group, as well as attending the anime convention downtown. Candy Cane fundraiser (like in Mean Girls) will also be happening.
- **Active Minds - Dec 4th** 11-1 Active Minds stress busters (PUPPIES!!!) in the gym.
- **VAS film series**, Nov 29th, Da Vinci Code, Dec 8th The Mummy
- **Village Senate** – Faculty Appreciation Week Nov 12th – 16th.

Other important dates:

- Nov 10 – Leadership conference
- Nov 17 – Holiday Parade, will have a build for the float on November 10th after the leadership conference. Line up at 10 AM for the parade on the 17th, more information to follow. Contact Josh Myers if you want to help.
- Dec 2 – Budget Extravaganza. Be in Village Hall 118 at Noon for the house meeting, with the budget meeting to follow. Come and defend your budget and explain to senate why you should get your funding.
- For events to make the campus calendar, you need to email them to Erin Frey by the 19th of the previous month

Speaker Metro adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
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House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes December 2, 2012

Present: Speaker Heather Metro, Vice Speaker Jess Uhler, SGA Advisor/Director of Campus Activities Al Thiel, SGA President Scott Szypulski, Senate Vice President Jonathan Fischer, and representatives from the following campus clubs and organizations: Village Senate, Accounting Club, BASIC, Circle K, Beta Beta Beta, Delta Psi Omega, Habitat for Humanity, Psi Chi, SPSEA, Performing Arts Society, Visual Arts Society, OACS, Active Minds, Ski Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Circle K, Hope 4 Africa, Nerdfighters, Circle K, Criminal Justice, College Action Sports, College Democrats, College Republicans GSA, Lambda Pi Eta, Pendulum, Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi, Rellew Prep, RSC, SAB, Sigma Tau Delta, Spanish Club, Yoga Club

Absent: Ice Hockey, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Math Club, Science Club,

Late: Diversity Student Coalition, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Middle Eastern Club,

House speaker Metro opened the meeting at 12:00 PM

Officer Reports:

Heather – None

Jess – Nada

Fred – Zilch

Scotty – Thanks for being hereee!

Al – Symplicity emails have been sent, and recertification is due by the end of the semester. Clubs that have problems, see Al in his office. New clubs that are not listed are chartering for the first time. Adding rosters is going to be the next step; eventually people will be able to add themselves. Clubs can have selective registration, and this is encouraged. Archiving is in progress also.

Business–

Into the streets was a success, especially the Overly's volunteering crew. YMCA had no coordination between the school and the organization, not sure if we're going back. Salvation Army bell ringing was awesome. Zach and Heather did Seton Hill childhood services, and instead of playing with kids got to clean. But Heather got to hold a baby, so awesome! Blankets for the Linus Project was a success, and the UPG
group made great blankets. Our Lady of Grace would like help in the spring, volunteering for activates there. Let Al or Jenna know if you would like projects for the spring.

More Business–

Charity basketball game is coming later this spring. We would like to get the house involved with this, in addition to senate. This is a great opportunity for fundraising and club participation on campus, as well as community service. We need people and help with set up and clean up for this, help running the actual basketball game. March 21st. The charity basketball game puts faculty and staff against students in an exhibition basketball game that supports a local charity. Local businesses and organizations donate raffle baskets and money to the game. As SGA, we need to seek out sponsors and businesses willing to donate to the charity. Contact Scott, Heather, or Al if you have an idea about this.

Club Shenanigans –

- SAB – Finals week coming up. Monday’s Suck – Free Hot Chocolate and cookies. TNDR stress busters, Ferguson theatre free comedian on Thursday, Up All night this coming Friday, 10-2 AM, Dress up as your favorite super hero. Prizes and stuff, all free.
- DSC has a Christmas dinner Monday night, good food and fun. Donate non-perishable items for the food bank, 5:15 – 9:30 in fireside.
- Nerdfighters – Candy Cane grams (mean girls!) selling outside the dining hall all week. $.50 to give one, $1.00 to have it delivered. Proceeds to charity called Child’s Play, raise money for children’s hospitals for toys and games over Christmas.
- Tuesday night, Nate LaSor has his Hollywood event, discussing his experience in Hollywood on a movie set this past summer. 7:00 in Ferguson Theatre
- Phi Eta Sigma – Dec 11, free hot choc in the bobcat.
- Dec 8th, DPO has the Whose Line marathon in ferguson, 7-10 PM, come de-stress before finals week.
- Saturday, VAS painting party
- PAS movie, Rock of Ages 9 PM in Ferguson on Wednesday
- RSC raffle basket, Finals week survival kit at the moonlight breakfast, as well as survey prizes.
- Scott wants you to donate to charity. JUST DO IT. Don’t make that Sheetz run, give that money to charity!
- Active Minds Tuesday, Stress Busters, and PUPPIES AHHHHHHHH!
• GSA has Vagina Monologues in the spring. Talk to Nicole if interested. Penis and Vagina pops as always. You can only read if you have a vagina, money donated to the Blackburn Center.

• Important Dates:
  o House Meetings Spring Semester: January 13, February 10, March 3, and April 7: tentative date for the budget extravaganza. All meetings at noon in Village Hall 118
  o Remember if you want an event on the calendar for the next month, have it to Erin Frey by the 19th of the previous month.

Speaker Metro adjourned at 12:31:07.
1/13/12

Jess: Took attendance

Officer Reports:
Scott handed out Pitt plus cards. Businesses that give UPG kids discounts!

Symplicity clarification by Al, adding your club’s events and members. Al will still be taking questions about the system, go to his office or email for inquiries. By March 1st, needs every single club’s constitution. He has copies of constitutions in his office. You can update your constitution too or make one if your club does not have one. Will always be in Symplicity.

Budget extravaganza thoughts:
- there was enough information but the amount of questions being asked was excessive to some.
- questions were repetitive
- information could be explained better when presenting budgets or filling out the forms
Feedback is encouraged! Talk to Al, Heather, Scott, Fish or Bill

Six Senator positions are open! Ask Fish for more information. Can double up and be a House Rep AND a Senator. Must be available Tuesdays from 11:45am-12:50 pm in Hempfield Room.

Charity Basketball game: Don’t knock over President Smith! Asking Clubs for more participation in the game this year: Make baskets for raffles, volunteering, need help contacting businesses for donations. Individual ideas can be emailed to Heather.

What’s going on with yo club??
-GSA: Vagina Monologues auditions are January 15 at 5:30 in Coffeehouse and the 16 at noon in the Coffeehouse. NAW35@pitt.edu- email to make an individual audition. The show is February 14-16. Women can only read the monologues but guys are encouraged to help with selling raffles, selling tickets, etc. GSA meetings are at noon every other Tuesday.
-SAB: Pirates games tickets on sale 13th of April. Midnight bowling this weekend at Hillview Lanes. Ice skating right after the hockey game against UPJ. Secret Concert announcement soon. Tickets for the concert will be 5 dollars for UPG students and 10 for everyone else. Mondays Suck: Get a fortune cookie. Pitch Perfect Tuesday night in the Chapel. SAB will be showing Perks of Being a Wallflower-January 25 and 29.
-Criminal Justice: want to go to Eastern State Penitentiary this semester, looking for those interested. Would stay one night in hotel. Open campus wide, 15-20 slots available for trip. Meeting schedule TBD.
-DPO: hosting Red Eye project-February 16-17. 24 hour theater event. Write a play, directing, performance all in 24 hours! Provide food. *village credit
-Chorale-Concert March 1st. In April, Heinz chapel choir show. Will be on tour the first weekend of Spring break. Going to SPARTAAAAAA, New Jersey and Newton,PA.
-Pi Sigma Alpha-trip to Philly this semester to see historical sites.
-PAS- Assembly Ball-promotional dance for Eleanor. Dress as a historical character. Film Series: Indie film theme! Ex: Monty Python, 500 days of Summer. Dates TBD. Cabaret-17th of April. More info on that later.
-Ski Club: trip to Seven Springs last Friday. Trips every Friday this month and hopefully next. Ten dollars per rental and ten for lift tickets. Own transportation required.
-Yoga: Still a thing! Now on Mondays/Wednesdays at seven in Smith Hall Lounge.

*If you want your Events for Village Credit come to Village Senate every Monday at noon. Fill out event accreditation form and present it to Village Senate.

Important dates:
February 10-next house meeting
March 3-House Meeting
March 21- Charity Basketball game
April 7-Budget Extravaganza...maybe.

Want your events on the calendar? Email Erin Frey the 19th of the month before your event!

Bill put your allocation letters in your SGA mailbox. Go pick them up!

Meeting adjourned! See you next month!
House speaker Metro opened the meeting at 12:00 PM

Roll Call by Fred Mejia

Officer Reports:

Heather – Nothing on agenda

Jess – coffeehouse renovation: Want to knock down the wall separating the coffeehouse and the music room. Make more efficient the food service system. Any other ideas JMU6@pitt.edu

Fred – nothing

Scotty – just a couple things: Senate just put out SGA scholarships for spring semester. Leadership, study abroad, non-traditional, and transfer student. Applications are available from Al in 219 chambers. Coffeehouse renovation is being worked on. Talk to Jess or Scott if you have ideas or want to help. Senator spots are open; pick up an application in 212 chambers if interested.

Al – nothing

Business–

Old: Symplicity update: next deadline for constitution and full roster is march 1st. Scott wants an email to the advisors about d Symplicity system. Al is working on giving them rights in the system. Symplicity issues: if someone asks to join your group, you need to manually check this; rosters will show people awaiting approval. Make sure you are updating information, this is important for rollover for the next academic year. Club constitutions may be available from Al, inquire in his office for this or any other questions.

Budget Extravaganza concerns: for this semester, forms will be out at the beginning of March. Bill will be at the next house meeting to answer questions. Hotel budgets are going to be up to $75/person, $150/room. Advisor signatures will be required for these requests, something to keep in mind for fall 2013 semester long allocation. Extravaganza is schedule for April 7, be in village hall 118 at 12:00 for the house meeting, with the budget meeting to follow. Short term budget requesting is also available; get it to Bill Doyle by the Monday night before the senate meeting Tuesday
morning. These are for clubs who have not missed a house meeting, for unforeseen events that clubs want to hold.

New Business – Heather is excited for Valentines Day. New binders are in for clubs; they will be in the SGA office this week for pickup. Don’t forget to use your binders at the house meetings, this keeps all your club papers in one place and keeps a history for your club.

Charity ball – full SGA project, everyone should participate in some way. Clubs can put together a basket to raffle off, or help to set up and clean up after the game. The game is scheduled for March 21st, at 7:00 PM in the gym. Different committees if interested in helping, see Scott if interested: PR – advertising on and off campus, signups for players in the game. Logistics – set up and tear down, handle the actual event. Halftime – entertainment for halftime of the game. Donations – the actual monetary and material procurement committee for the charity aspect of the game. Raffle committee – raffle baskets and fun stuff. This is the kickoff for into the streets. Dr. Smith will be playing, so if nothing else come to watch that.

Into the streets – confirmed: partying at the local nursing home (BINGO YEAHHH), Westmoreland county food bank (10 people only). Signups begin March 1. Not confirmed but likely: Humane society, Delmont Public Library. Any project ideas go to Al in student services. Online signups are going to be tried, hopefully this will work. Dave R from IT is awesome, open to feedback and ideas about IT.

Shenanigans (past and present):

- Game Creation: Halo 4 tournament (SH 216, 7:30-8:30) this Tuesday and next, trying for a weekly tournament for games. Also trying to make a simple game through a series of lectures
- Spanish: Mardi Gras Dance, 4:30-6:30 in chartwells, Brazilian food. Dance from 9-midnight with samba dancing. Selling roses on the 13th and 14th for Valentines Day outside powers and the cafeteria.
- DPO/PAS red eye project this coming weekend. 2 village stamps to be in it, 1 to see it. Saturday at 4 in Ferguson theater.
- CJ having the criminal justice day Monday the 18th, speaker at 3:00 to talk about cellphone crime, 6:30 about cybercrime, MCK 131
- GSA Vagina Monologues – Pledge against rape and sexual violence, table in chambers this week. Also selling chocolate genitalia in the bobcat this week. Monologues
- Phi Kappa Phi scholarships available for study abroad, 3.75 GPA requirement, 50 scholarships available. April 1 deadline, inquire with Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Jess Everly can help with this.
- Lambda Pi Eta/Phi Eta Sigma/OACS snow tubing, transportation provided. Sign ups start Monday (Feb 10) in the bobcat
Open mic night Monday night (tomorrow), you might even get to see Scotty sing a song.

VAS Film series: surviving Picasso, Feb 21 5:30 in the chapel. Art show in March, registration due March 14, show opens the 27th. PAS: Holy Grail Feb. 20 (coconuts provided, also free popcorn) 9:00 PM. Post valentines presidents day ball (Eleanor shameless plug) 9PM-1AM in village hall 118, Feb 22nd, performance of a song by Eleanor cast. Wear a costume of your favorite historical figure. Lincoln, FDR, Marilyn already taken, sorry fellas.

Mayday Parade this weekend, Saturday. Get your tickets soon. Potential sellout. 8:00 PM doors, chambers hall.

April 6 – spring fling at PNC Park, ballroom style dance in the club level of the stadium. Hoeur d’ouers and stuff, fun! Perhaps valet parking

Looking into the DJ situation. When you buy your ticket, you write down what you want to hear, we will create a playlist of shit you want to hear.

Week after the dance, pirates game. All you can eat seats, fireworks, and fun. Tickets on sale week after the concert. $15-$20, transportation provided. Drink responsibly, no bail money provided.

Village Senate – 2 Wednesdays from now, Nurse Patty and Leigh Hoffman dinner and discussion, signups on Sheila's door. Staff appreciation happening first week of March, goes along with Faculty Appreciation that happens in the fall.

If you want village credit, fill out the form by Sheila’s door; come to the village senate meetings, Monday's at noon in village hall 101.

Wednesday, commuter appreciation, FREE CHICK FIL A IN POWERS AND SMITH YEAHHHHHHHHHHHH

Important Dates

- March 3, next house meeting
- Charity Ball – March 21
- April 6 – leadership conference and dance
- April 7, budget extravaganza

Events on the March calendar get them to Erin Frey in Al’s office by Feb 19.

SAB Oscar party, Sunday Feb 24th, if anyone is interested in collaborating contact Scott.

Happy Chinese New Year – Year of the snake.

Heather adjourned the meeting at 12:45