

Senate Council Meeting Minutes  
2700 Posvar Hall  
February 26, 2014

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Spring called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM	The meeting commenced at 3:01 PM
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the, January 29, 2014 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Spring asked for approval of the minutes.	The minutes were approved as written.
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Mark Nordenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Election by board of trustees, Dr. Patrick Gallagher as 18<sup>th</sup> chancellor which he will assume on August 1, 2014</li> <li>➤ Based on broad based search committee: Rich Colwell, Staff Association Council President; David Gau, President of the Graduate and Professional Student Government; Amelia Brause, Student Government Board Member; Kathy Humphrey, Art Ramicone, and Randy Juhl from the Administration; among others it included distinguished faculty members elected to their positions as well as trustees.</li> <li>➤ I was largely insulated from search for my successor. I have come to know Pat Gallagher as a distinguished graduate of Pitt (PhD in Physics), regularly invited back to the University to serve in some important role or to extend some form of recognition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010 Provost Lecture at celebration of science,</li> <li>○ 2012 keynote speaker at formal dedication of midcampus laboratories devoted to Quantum Computing and nanoscience</li> <li>○ 2013 (spring) commencement speaker, received honorary degree, (fall) presented with a Pitt 225 Medallion reflecting our respect for his own work extending Pitt tradition of building better lives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ My sense is he is a very accomplished, highly principled person, with good values, well developed communications skills, and warm and respectful human touch. He will bring a new set of experiences and abilities to the Chancellor's position. Under his leadership the strengths we have built will be nurtured and extended in new and appropriate ways.</li> <li>➤ Our interactions in the early stage of transitions have been very positive.</li> <li>➤ Big week for our chancellor-elect. In San Francisco at RSA conference (largest in world devoted to cyber-security) he received Excellence in Public Policy award for cyber security initiatives he has led as Director of National Institute for Standards and Technology.</li> <li>➤ Annual Martin Luther King/Black History Month program, this year celebrating the Arts. A central feature was recognition of emeritus faculty members Nathan Davis in Jazz, Toi Derricotte in poetry, and Vernell Lillie in theater for their history making contributions to Pitt and to their art. Evening also included performances by 2 new faculty; internationally acclaimed jazz pianist Geri Allen, recruited from UM, Terence Hayes, recruited from CMU, both are graduates of Pitt and profiled in the Pitt Chronicle this week. Additional performances from Some of God's Children, The Shona Sharif African Dance and Drum Ensemble, Pitt Jazz ensemble. Our own Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey's reluctance was overcome by the persuasive powers of Geri Allen delivered show stopping vocals. The room was filled with feelings of pride that Pitt had been the home to Nathan, Toi, and Vernell, and the place where they have done so much of their important work. No other place had individuals who have done so much to advance jazz or poetry or theatre and</li> </ul>	

here at Pitt we've had all three. The feelings of excitement about the work of our new colleagues, Geri Allen and Terence Hayes, who are both outstanding in their own right. The uplifting feelings that all of us get when we see our students stepping forward and doing things exceptionally well. Where else would you go and find the Dean of Students belting out vocals in the middle of a big stage to the delight of our students, their reaction was really uplifting. She stole our hearts away by the way she performed.

- Activity of a different type – rescheduled Hearings before the Appropriations Committees of both the PA Senate and House. Conducted panel style at table with Presidents of Penn state, Temple, & Lincoln Universities. Tone was both cordial and positive. We've come a long way in last couple years in terms of the initial reactions of legislators who genuinely seem to believe that we are deserving of higher levels of support. They really have helped us to hold the line the last 2 years. This year we are starting out with a proposal for flat funding. Our hope is for something more, unfortunately it doesn't seem that the revenue streams are flowing as freely as we might like. For those of us who believe in higher education, whatever we think the odds are of accomplishing anything significant this year we really do need to keep advancing the cause.
- We are having a meeting with the students who are getting ready to undertake their own advocacy efforts this year. We are a great asset to the community, the commonwealth, and the country. We all believe that the work that we do is critical to building a stronger future, whether we are talking about strength in the lives of individual students or to the collective strength of our more general effort.
- The large cuts two years ago followed by two years of flat funding have taken us back to 1995 levels of state support in absolute dollars unadjusted for inflation. The cost of nothing has stayed constant since 1995, so that presents a struggle. If you factor in inflation the levels of commonwealth support are lower than any time since we became a state related public university in the mid-60s. We always look around to see how we are doing compared to other institutions and places. A study released last month indicated that with the beginnings of an uptick in the economy most states are reinvesting in higher education, according to this study there are only ten states that are not, PA is one. We rank in 47 out of 50 states in terms of support for higher education. We are falling behind and we must keep the visibility of our cause up. We will keep working as if maybe there will be some kind of break through this year, even if there is not this is not wasted effort.
- In the last few weeks, Pitt named one of 100 best value public universities by Kiplinger's. Also one of 75 best value public universities by the Princeton Review and USA Today. Those listed are institutions delivering high values of quality while also maintaining some level of affordability. Clearly we are not on the list because we are a low cost provider, we are delivering high quality and because there is a sense that an investment made in a Pitt education are going to produce a good return.
- This week Board of Trustees Meetings this week.
- Honors Convocation: Keynote speaker Professor Alvin Roth, co-winner of last year's Nobel Prize in Economics, (based largely on work at Pitt)
  - Distinguished alumni Fellows; Tom Bigley, Bob Hernandez, and Mary Jo White, each of whom has served with distinction on the Board of Trustees as well as many other professional accomplishments.
  - Will be the first public recognition for recipients of Chancellor's awards for distinction in Public Service, Research, & Teaching among the faculty, and for distinction in Service to the University and to the Community from the ranks of the staff.

<p>➤ Other items of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chuck Perfetti, distinguished University Professor of Psychology, director of the Learning Research and Development Center, co-director of NSF supported Science of Learning Research Center (joint initiative of Pitt/CMU) received the 2014 Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the Society for Text and Discourse.</li> <li>○ John Wilds, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Community Relations received the inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Creating a Just Community award at the annual Equipoise lunch.</li> <li>○ The University and UPMC received one of the initial grants from GE and the NFL supporting additional work in the study of concussions, already a focus of interest at the University.</li> <li>○ Center for Black Equity and GSPH received 2.3 M NIH grant to study reasons for increased risk of HIV infection among African American men.</li> <li>○ Formerly celebrated the completion of the first stage of the Expansion and Renovation of GSPH, an important step in supporting the important work that is done within this school.</li> <li>○ Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally among all universities in terms of graduate school graduates going into the Peace Corp during the last year. In addition to all of the big awards we get around we also are a major provider of talent to both the Peace Corp and Teach for America.</li> </ul> <p>➤ Been a busy 4 weeks and less than 4 weeks from now I am pleased to report we will formally be into spring time. I urge you to stay warm and keep doing the work that is contributing to progress the University and the impact of the work coming out of Pitt.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President</u> My report is as follows:</p> <p>➤ Senate Plenary. We are moving forward with the implementation of the Plenary which will be titled “The Research University in the Age of Digital Information.” We have invited seven people to speak about efforts in their area. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chandralekha Singh, Physics and Astronomy, Director, Discipline Based Science Education Research Center; She will address cognitive issues in learning physics; development and evaluation of research-based curricula.</li> <li>● Cynthia Lance-Jones, Neurobiology, Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research, School of Medicine. She will address the Integrated Studies Course and related technology use in medical education.</li> <li>● Peter Brusilovsky, Chair, Information Science and Technology. He will talk about adaptive tutoring systems.</li> <li>● Tony Gaskew, Director, Criminal Justice Program, Bradford, Coordinator of Criminal Forensic Studies. He will talk about instructional and outreach use of live crime scene video.</li> <li>● David Birnbaum, Chair, Slavic Languages. He will talk about digital humanities.</li> <li>● Heidi Donovan, Acute and Tertiary Care, Nursing, Director Office of Community Partnerships. She will talk about web based symptom management and psycho-educational interventions to improve outcomes for patients with cancer and their family caregivers.</li> <li>● Christian Schunn, Psychology, Intelligent Systems Program, Learning Science and Policy, LRDC. He will talk about research on and use of peer review systems in</li> </ul>	

<p>instruction as well as commercialization of that technology.</p> <p>We hope this event will provide information on supporting new approaches to instruction, research, and entrepreneurship as well as other aspects of University operation. The plenary will be streamed live using media site and then archived for future use. Audience members will have an opportunity to participate using a variety of interactive media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ad hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty. The committee is continuing a grueling schedule gathering data and examples from across campus and the scope is broad. I urge you to review the new Senate website on which the minutes, agenda and meeting schedule of this committee and standing committees are posted.</li> <li>➤ Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We have a motion from the Senate Bylaws Committee, I will ask Professor Nelson to present right after my remarks so he can meet his scheduled class.</li> <li>b. We had an extensive report from Professor Riccelli on the activities and goals of the Senate Benefits and Welfare Committee and their efforts to make sure faculty and staff are aware of what’s available to them.</li> <li>c. We have a motion from the Senate Athletics Committee about a request from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.</li> <li>d. We have a request from Pat Weiss, chair of the PUP committee, for any concerns suggestions related to rooms and scheduling, classroom media, etc. that will be used to structure the Registrar’s presentation to the PUP committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Scholarly publications</li> </ul> <p>We have a partial follow-up on the matter raised by Lew Jacobsen regarding actions when an inquiry is sent to a corresponding author who has retired from the University. Is there a way to create what might be called a “persistent” email addresses. While we have not come to any final conclusion, Tim Deliyannides noted that the problem has been around for many years and one part of a solution might be ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) -- a nonproprietary alphanumeric code to uniquely identify scientific and other academic authors. If everyone was registered and if the ID were used on every paper, it would provide for humans a persistent identity, similar to that created for content-related entities on digital networks by digital object identifiers (DOIs).</p> <p>Nelson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Currently co-chairing bylaws &amp; procedures committee; considering the extent to which we all use electronic means for conducting our business, teaching and research activities, we wanted to formalize the ability to use those same resources in conducting certain aspects of committee business.</li> <li>➤ Art 4, sect 4 – meetings and reports add the following statement: <i>“In order to obtain the greatest possible representation of all voting members, when deemed appropriate and desirable by the chair, any vote of committee may be held by electronic means.”</i></li> </ul>	<p>Passed unanimously</p>
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board: Michael Nites</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Board approval travel grants</li> <li>➤ Crisis relief fund....assist student for immediate help</li> <li>➤ Allocation process moved to online,</li> <li>➤ Selected our newly reformed</li> <li>➤ Due to increase in student organization and since the fee has not been increased, received many question to increase the student activity fee; board will be working</li> </ul>	

with Dr. Humphrey

- ACC...student tenant association
- Pitt day in Harrisburg kickoff event this evening. Chancellor to speak

SGB – CGS: Report given by Kim O'Connor:

- Successful peer education event, more planned for this year
- How we can contribute to Pitt day in Harrisburg
- Planning a leadership appreciation at PAA on March 22...new and ambitious
- Working on taking part the Panther leadership summit
- Worked to plan new and exciting events and attendance rates have increased
- Pitt Vets: agenda to implement policies to make student veteran more successful and increase networking and improve graduation rates

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly: David Gau

- Recruiting season for graduate and professional students has begun with 8 tours for almost 40 students.
- We have been booked for an open house with Social Work next month and another six tours with various schools.
- Currently looking for more volunteers to help provide these tours to meet the heavy demand. Please let me know if you know any graduate or professional students who are looking to volunteer some time for Pitt.
- This month GOSECA, the Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia, held their annual symposium. GOSECA's seeks to promote the academic study of broader intercultural understanding of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This year's theme was "The Seductions of Progress: Conceptual and Practical Approaches to Change in East Europe and Central Asia." Eight students from the department of History, History of Art & Architecture, and Political Science, presented in the symposium which also showcased Dr. Malgorzata Fidelis from the History Department of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Each session was well attended by students across varying disciplines.
- The Pitt Graduate Biomedical Engineering Society is organizing the first ever Pitt Health Innovation Case Competition. This competition puts graduate and professional students together into teams (pre-formed or randomized) to assess a case and provide a detailed analysis.
- BMES is also hosting their annual Bioengineering Day on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all graduate and professional students and will allow Bioengineering students to present their research at the podium and with posters. The CEO of A-Lung, Pete DeComo, will be providing the keynote speech as well.
- The Council of Graduate Studies in Education is hosting their annual Spring Colloquium on March 27<sup>th</sup>. They are seeking proposals from any student working on education research regardless of how far they are along their studies.
- All of these programs are open to students of all schools and I think provides a good example of other student organizations working to connect with the Pitt community.
- This month, we provided 14 travel grants to students with 5 giving podium presentations from topics that ranged from minimizing invasive resection of cancer metastasis to network analysis of media.
- Anatalia Labilloy, graduate student from the School of Public Health was selected as a speaker for the WORLDSymposium on Lysosomal Diseases in San Diego and also a discussion leader in the Gordon Research Seminar on Lysosomal Diseases in Italy. She has had three manuscripts published as primary author and co-author in the last few months as well. She was also a recipient of one of GPSG's travel grants

- We have also put out a call for nominations for graduate and professional students that have demonstrated leadership or service above and beyond the normal calling of their duties. This will be the first year that GPSG will be offering a leadership and service award to graduate and professional students.
- We are currently undergoing our elections and I will be pleased to introduce you all to our next board at the following meeting.

Schools of the Professions:

Arts and Science Graduate Student Association: Michael Lipschultz

- The A&S grad student organization offers travel grants for students to attend conferences and perform research. It came to our attention late last semester that our current process favors those who have travel plans early in the semester, leaving those with travel later in the semester with no grant money.
- Over the next few months, we explored ways to address this issue and earlier this month we decided on a process similar to GPSG's. With this new process, funding is available every two months. Students apply for funding and are told before their travel whether they've been approved for funding.
- Our annual Grad Expo event, where grad students present their research to the Pitt community, is just one month away, on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The submission period has closed and the committee has started reviewing the submissions.
- The A&S GSO's Elizabeth Baranger Teaching Award recognizes the excellent teaching of graduate students within the Dietrich School. The nomination period has ended and nominated students have about one month to complete their applications.

On the topic of grad student excellence, I'd like to highlight some recent awards arts & sciences students have won.

- James Jewitt, a grad student in the History of Art & Architecture, won an Independent Research Grant on Venetian History and Culture from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation. The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation promotes the advancement and perpetuation of humanistic inquiry and artistic creativity by encouraging excellence in scholarship and in the performing arts.
- Computer Science graduate students John Wenskovitch and Tim Luciani, and Information Science grad student Koonwah Chen won the IEEE BIOVIS 2013 Data Contest Visualization Award at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Visualization meeting. The Biological Visualization meeting aims to bring together researchers from the visualization, bioinformatics, and biology communities to establish an interdisciplinary dialogue and to promote the sharing of expertise. These three graduate students won for their paper and system titled "Fixing TIM: Identifying Functional Mutations in Protein Families through the Interactive Exploration of Sequence and Structural Data".
- Linguistics PhD student Holman Tse won the best paper presentation award at JéTou, which took place at the University of Toulouse, France. JéTou is an international conference designed for young researchers from across the language sciences. The theme of the conference was Variation and Variability.
- Story of Heidi Cook's recent achievements. In 2012, she received a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship from Pitt's Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies. She completed her comprehensive exams and traveled to Zagreb, Croatia last spring to work on language and begin dissertation research. While there, she was awarded both a Croatian Fulbright Research Grant and an American Councils Grant to fund her dissertation research for the 2013-2014 academic year. She accepted the American Councils Title VIII (8) Advanced Research Grant, and recently returned to Zagreb to

<p>research the history of Croatian folk culture in early twentieth-century museums, ethnography, mass media, and visual arts. Her project is titled, "Representing the Peasant: The Croatian Question and the Politics of Depicting Croatian Folk Culture, 1860-1945." Recently, she presented a paper on "The NDH's Vanishing Image of the Peasant" at a conference in Berlin on "National Socialism and Regional Identity in Eastern Europe".</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Lindsay Rodzwick</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 3 of officers will participate in Pitt days in Harrisburg</li> <li>➤ Spotting security, using box, student records; will be held on March 13 at William Pitt union</li> <li>➤ Provided training on <u>March 20 on flexible spending accounts.</u></li> </ul>	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <p><u>Report from Senate Athletics Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ½ belong to council on intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)...concerned that there is not enough faculty oversight</li> <li>➤ Pitts governance structure is such that oversight is there and Pitt far exceed oversight of athletics</li> <li>➤ This year, Senate Athletic Representative to doing faculty oversight of intercollegiate athletics</li> <li>➤ Committee concluded that there is oversight.</li> <li>➤ Faculty assembly vote was approved with 2 abstentions</li> </ul> <p><i>Whereas the senate Athletics committee (SAC) reviewed the proposal form the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) for the creation of a Senate Athletics Representative</i>  <i>Whereas the proposal was reviewed and discussed at the October and November Senate Athletics committee meetings.</i>  <i>Whereas the Senate Athletics Committee voted 7 members against the COIA proposal with 1 abstention</i>  <i>Whereas the Faculty Assembly (Feb 18) approved the Senate Athletics Committee recommendation not to support a Senate Athletics Representative</i>  <i>Let it be resolved that Senate Council approves the Senate Athletic Committee recommendation not to support the COIA's concept of a Senate Athletics Representative.</i></p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, FAAN  
 Senate Secretary  
 Associate Professor of Public Health, Medicine, and Nursing  
 Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology

Members attending:

Abboud, Beeson, Butterworth, Colwell, Costantino, Flynn, Frank, Frieze, Gau, Humphrey, Juhl, Levine, Lipschultz, Lunsford, Lyon, Molinaro, Neft, Nites, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Rodzwick, Rosen, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Song, Spring, Supowitz, Tananis, Wilson

Members not attending:

Benjamin, Caldwell, Cauley, Chiarulli, Clark, Clermont, de Montmollin, Gaddy, Gibson, Gleason, Hughes, Kory, Lewicka, Majumdar, McKinney, Mulcahy, Nisnevich, Skledar, Slimick, Smolinski, Sukits, Tisherman, Tsatsos, Vieira

\*Excused attendance:

Beck, Burkoff, Cochran, Erickson, Karp, Munro, Savun, Safiq, Sallie Smith, Withers

Others attending:

Balaban, Barlow, Becker, Clark, Frisch, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Kovacs, Moore, Nelson, O'Connor, Sahni, Service, Wilds

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