

Senate Council Meeting Minutes  
2700 Posvar Hall  
June 11, 2014

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Spring at 3:01 PM.	Meeting commenced
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> Senate Council Meeting</u> Call for approval of the May 7, 2014 Senate Council minutes.	Minutes were approved as written.
<u>Items of New Business</u> None	
<u>Report of the Chancellor, Mark Nordenberg</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Because this is my last report to a Senate Council meeting I want to begin in a special way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation of Chancellor’s Affirmative Action Award</li> <li>○ Established 25 years ago thru a gift by Dr. Mimi Bishop Coffey, then Director of Affirmative Action for the University, and her late husband Dr. Joseph Coffey, member of faculty of Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.</li> <li>○ The award is presented annually to an outstanding University program or individual that has made a significant contribution to affirmative action.</li> <li>○ Nominations are thoroughly reviewed by members of a selection committee: (Thank you for your work) Chair, Carol Mohamed, director of Affirmative Action, Diversity and Inclusion; Vijai Singh, Associate Chancellor; John Wilds, Director of Community Relations; David Beck and Meg Mayer-Costa, appointees by the Senate</li> <li>○ Committee reviewed nomination packages, committee came back to the Chancellor so impressed with two nominees and requested recognition of two different programs this year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2014 Chancellor’s Affirmative Action Award Winners</p> <u>CEED Program</u> (Career Education and Enhancement for Health Care Research Diversity Program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Established in 2007 to develop strategies to recruit and retain members of underrepresented groups to pursue careers in teaching and research. Initially working with fellows, post-doc associates, &amp; junior faculty members, in 2012 the program expanded to include students in school of medicine</li> <li>➤ Students participate in a 12 month professional and research development program; includes coursework offered thru Institute of Clinical Research Education, opportunities to network and connect with senior faculty, partnering with faculty mentor who help them set and meet their goals. Skills include drafting successful grant applications</li> <li>➤ 35 scholars have graduated, many wrote letters supporting the program for this award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Hernando Gomez, assistant professor in department of critical care medicine, credits CEED with providing him with the funding that allowed him to devote 50% of his time to jumpstart a career in academics and research in an environment that allowed him to grow his ideas, subject them to peer review, and “learn the nuts and bolts of the ever confusion funding process.” Praised CEED as “life changing program that helped me to craft my voice and my path and that gave a Columbian in Pittsburgh a real opportunity to participate in the University, in the development of science, and the generation of knowledge.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Helping to broaden the pool of future researchers, to our shared advantage.</li> </ul>	

- Dr. Kaleab Abebe, Assistant professor of Medicine and Co-Director of CEED program, and Quinten Brown, Program coordinator, CEED, represented the program

Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

- Very worthy recipient given all that they do to improve lives of patients with mobility issues so that they can lead fuller lives
- Develops individualized treatment for patients facing challenges of living with limited mobility due to trauma, illness, or disease. Commitment to patient care has grown to include serving as advocates for their patients, many of whom come from socioeconomically disadvantaged and underrepresented groups
- Has received funding to research the impact of gender on recovery after traumatic brain injury; impact of race and income on provision of wheelchairs regardless of insurance coverage; examine how raising a child with disabilities impacts family dynamics, finances and health.
- Deeply involved in community, serving as volunteers with national veterans' wheelchair games, leading efforts to form "Mighty Penguins sled hockey Team" so that those with disabilities can experience the thrill of participating in a competitive and highly physical sport.
- Extends this concept of inclusiveness to recruitment of faculty and staff. According to Dr. Michael Bonninger, Department Chair, more than half of the members of the department are women, 1/3 are from underrepresented groups, a significant percentage are persons with disabilities. The department takes great pride in the fact that it has created an atmosphere where all individuals are treated equally and respectfully so that they have the opportunity to insure that other have these same opportunities.
- Dr. Amy Houtrow, Associate Professor, Vice chair of Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Dr. Michael Bonninger, Department Chair, represented the program.

Asked for another round of applause for these awardees.

Dr. Bonninger; mentioned here in the past, member of the group who has achieved so much in the development of process for control of prosthetics limbs by brain.

As we move toward the end of the fiscal year the people of Pitt continue to generate good news

- 2014 Boren awards for International Study from the National Security Education Program
  - Courtney Queen, graduate student, School of Social Work, received Boren Fellowship to further develop her Swahili language skills in Kenya where she also will study the mental health effects of female genital cutting amongst women in certain native tribes in the country.
  - Zachary Patton, a recent graduate of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, received a Boren Fellowship to further develop his Portuguese language skills in Brazil, where he will participate in two programs investigating social, environmental, and energy security issues in that country
  - 12<sup>th</sup> straight year that Pitt students have claimed Boren fellowships
- Ann Newman, Graduate School of Public Health named first faculty member to hold Katherine Detre Endowed Chair in population science, named after the late chair of the department of epidemiology; Principal Investigator on landmark study demonstrating physical activity prevents loss of mobility in older adults.

- A team led by Hrvoje Petek, Richard K. Mellon Professor, Physics and Astronomy, became the first to detect Exciton, a fundamental particle of light-matter interaction in metals.
- Sergey Frolov has received a \$3M grant to advance the science of quantum computing and received an award for the best article published in *Science* last year.
- Graham Hatfull, Eberly Family Professor of Biotechnology, received \$1.5 million Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant to continue to develop and create new lab-based biology courses aimed at retaining students in the sciences. At a past meeting, he said “The University of Pittsburgh should become known as the best university in America when it comes to providing undergraduates students with meaningful research experiences.” He certainly is doing his part.
- Pitt’s research and technology transfer efforts received high marks in a Global University ranking tool launched in May by the European Union; Pitt received top scores in citation rate, output of research publications, top cited publications, co-publications with industry partners, patents awarded, and publications cited in patents.
- Dr. Arthur Levine, Senior Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences, delivered inaugural lecture as John and Gertrude Peterson Dean, School of Medicine
  - Known for the Peterson Events Center, Peterson Sports Complex, Peterson Institute for Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, scholarships they have endowed at school of business and athletic department, and now for the deanship.
  - Creation of this chair another testament to their extraordinary generosity as well as recognition of Dr. Levine for his distinguished and visionary leadership in the health sciences.
- Recognition Reception for me and my family; another happy event involving large numbers of people; sponsored by the faculty and staff; deeply grateful to the officers of the senate, officers of staff association council, the provost; it was a wonderful experience, “words can’t describe how much it meant to me”; it meant a great deal that my family was there, that the contributions and sacrifices made by my wife over the course of the last 19 were also recognized; I am deeply grateful to everyone who participated in what will be one of the most memorable events of my life.
- 19 years as chancellor; add year as interim provost; counting Senate council meetings & plenary sessions that’s about 200 Senate council meetings, that’s got to be something near a record.
- How proud I feel of all that what we have accomplished together
  - University of Pittsburgh today is stronger in so many ways than it was two decades ago; special satisfaction comes from the fact that we have been in it together, that we are all committed to the same noble mission, we are all contending with challenging forces from the outside, one of the most important thing we have had going for us is the ability to mobilize our collective energies, intellect, and power and to keep pushing the University of Pittsburgh forward, I am deeply grateful for that even more than the reception
- There is a good transition underway
  - Chancellor elect Gallagher and I are in regular contact; he knows what I’m doing, I’m warning him about some of the things that he’s going to have to be doing
  - He has been back to campus and has met with people; he and I participated together in an alumni reception in Philadelphia last week which gave me the chance to introduce him to a large group of Pitt graduates; we went to Harrisburg and spent the day at capital meeting with the governor and senior members of his team and the leaders of each of the four legislative caucuses ; next week we will be together in DC for another even bigger alumni event

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All of my interactions with him leave me with the sense that he is a very fine, highly principled person who interacts well with other people; I know that he has a skill and experience set that I don't have, that will position him to do things for Pitt that I couldn't do or could not do nearly as well.</li> <li>➤ Again I say thanks, I say good things lie ahead, and I look forward to sharing many of those good things with you albeit from a somewhat different vantage point.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Spring</u> My report today is brief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Recognition Reception</b> for Chancellor and Dr. Nikki Nordenberg on May 12<sup>th</sup> was a spectacular success. More than 700 people attended the event and I think it is fair to say that the Nordenberg's were a little surprised and deeply appreciative of your gifts, both the contribution to the scholarship fund and the presentation of a new seating area dedicated to them.</li> <li>➤ <b>Fall Senate Plenary</b>, interest continues to grow around Data Management and Governance, and including plans for deposition of research data stores. I've discussed the matter with Vice Provost Mark Redfern, this appears to be something worth looking into and I have begun to pull together a group to look at what we might do.</li> <li>➤ <b>Agenda today</b>, we have one motion from the Bylaws and Procedures Committee, Scott Nelson and an information report from the Commonwealth Relations Committee, Debora Rougeux</li> <li>➤ I am pleased to tell you that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty continues as does a sub-committee of Tenure and Academic Freedom on policies related to online speech. We are working on the final composition of a new Ad Hoc Committee approved by Faculty Assembly that will review policies for the annual review of tenured faculty and related salary decisions.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Report of SGB (West)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support Provost Beeson on work with sustainability; working with student organizations</li> <li>➤ Real food initiative; percentage of real food is 9% based on comparison with other universities</li> <li>➤ Student life organization: matching fund through Provost</li> <li>➤ Eliminate the consumption of bottle water</li> <li>➤ Publication ranks for boards around campus</li> <li>➤ Travel grant program</li> <li>➤ Working with allocation committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Revising allocations manual</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Structure opportunities for improvement; better ways to represent the students</li> </ul> <p><u>College of General Studies: Travis Ritter, Kim O'Connor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit ideas for new workshops</li> <li>➤ Ordered agendas for all new students</li> <li>➤ Created social media card to keep in contact</li> <li>➤ New workshop: safety, bicycles:::June 21 at 10 AM</li> <li>➤ Ground floor for the new college of general studies to be open later this summer</li> </ul> <p><u>Report of GPSG: David Gau</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Development of this vision; what graduate students want from their time a Pitt</li> <li>➤ Graduate and professional student orientation on August 18, 2014</li> <li>➤ Panther Tracks: creating system that centralizes events on campus for graduate students...provides a means of tracking graduate activities</li> <li>➤ Student body organization coordinated with AAU to direct the efforts of individual student policy; to better focus on advocacy efforts</li> <li>➤ Looking for guest speakers to educate graduate students on policy</li> </ul>	

<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Rich Colwell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reception honoring the Chancellor was a success...pleasure doing this</li> <li>➤ Pleasure working with Chancellor over the past 19 years</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committee</u></p> <p><u>Bylaws and Procedures Committee, Scott Nelson, Chair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Currently there could be a delay in work of committee and lack of electing a chair for a long period</li> </ul> <p>I. Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 9</p> <p><i>The voting members of each Standing Committee shall elect the Committee Chair and Secretary for terms of office for one year. The Chair shall be an elected family member; the secretary may be either an elected or pro tem faculty member of the Committee. Co-chairs may be elected at the Committee's discretion. Terms shall run <b>July 1 through June 30. The sitting Committee Chair will organizes the election of a new Chairman and Secretary at a meeting or, if necessary, by electronic means (email, video conference, etc) before July 1. The immediate past chair shall, for the first four months of the new term year, be a non-voting member ex officio of the Committee ( unless the Chair continues to hold membership on the Committee)</b></i></p> <p><u>Commonwealth Relations Committee: Ms. Debora Rougeux, Co-Chair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discussing ways to improving success: in course of discussion; question were raised about involving city, county...officials, not just state legislators</li> <li>➤ Completed survey of community relations committee, senate council</li> <li>➤ 45 responses out of 90; overwhelmingly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In favor of broadening city, county, and state executive branch</li> <li>○ Increasing awareness of committee: 3 suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Faculty assembly, senate council</li> <li>● Visits to legislators local officers</li> <li>● Suggestions for guest speakers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Committee will work through summer</li> <li>➤ Change of name to Government Relations Committee from Commonwealth Relations Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not a conflict with community relations committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Motion passed with all in favor and one abstention</p>
<p><u>Unfinished Business</u></p>	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Senate Secretary

Members attending:

Beeson, Colwell, Costantino, Flynn, Frank, Frieze, Gaddy, Gau, Humphrey, Juhl, Levine, Lunsford, Lyon, Molinaro, Neft, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Ritter, Shafiq, Skledar, Sallie Smith, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Spring, Sukits, Supowitz, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Abboud, Burkoff, Chiarulli, Clark, Clermont, de Montmollin, Erickson, Gibson, Gleason, Hughes, Karp, Klein, Kory, Lewicka, Majumdar, McKinney, Mulcahy, Munro, Nisnevich, Savun, Smolinski, Tisherman, Upton, Vieira

\*Excused attendance:

Beck, Butterworth, Caldwell, Cauley, Cochran, Meyer, Nites, Rodzwick, Rosen, Song, Tananis

Others attending:

Abebe, Balaban, Barlow, Becker, Bonninger, Brown, Clark, Frisch, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Houtrow, Mohamed, Moore, Nelson, O'Connor, Rougeux, Service, West

\*Notified Senate Office