

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Michael Spring at 3:03pm.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:00pm.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Senate Council Meeting</u> The minutes were approved as written.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p><u>Items of New Business</u> No new items were raised.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u></p> <p>The Chancellor reported on the Plenary. This was one of several strategic planning outreach activities to hear from stakeholders inside and outside the University. We held two town hall meetings and a very successful Senate Plenary. The Plenary involved all of our campuses and President Spring was thanked for setting this up. The video is on-line. Dave DeJong was thanked with his team for helping with Strategic Planning efforts. The CIDDE team also was thanked. He noted we are still in a listening phase; please comment on impact.pitt.edu.</p> <p>Partnerships of the University for commercializing the output of research have been a large piece of recent effort. On Monday, the Chancellor joined the President, ambassadors, the Cabinet, and visitors and investors from around the world about economic development at the Select USA Summit, an effort to attract foreign direct investment to the US. The Chancellor moderated a panel on innovative partnerships with universities, and how universities can attract businesses. Two noteworthy agreements that are part of a larger set of agreements for partnerships were signed: Pitt and UPMC signed to identify new funds from UPMC to commercialize research ideas. There has already been a startup with a prostate cancer diagnostic. Another agreement was the UPMC-Pitt-CMU agreement to look at leveraging health data to revolutionize biomedical research and patient care. The Pittsburgh Health Data Alliance has attracted international and national attention from the health IT and computer industry communities.</p> <p>The Chancellor was in Harrisburg also this week, along with other state-related universities, to attend and testify at Appropriations Hearings in the Senate and House. The government is looking for ways to support the state-related universities and understands the role the universities play in attracting growth to the areas of Pennsylvania. The Governor’s proposals detailed taxes, new spending, and the political landscape is still being formulated. The Governor’s proposal is very good to Pitt, with an increase in funding to the University of Pittsburgh. A new dynamic this year is that these increases are being tied to expectations for tuition control. Our goal is to maintain tuition increases as low as possible. The challenge is how do we maintain the value of the Pitt education in a responsible economic way. Pitt students came for a short visit (weather, traffic), along with faculty and staff to Harrisburg. The legislators were very happy with the turnout, and the Chancellor thanked all for their efforts.</p> <p>Additional recognitions were shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Davidson, MD, Director of University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and the UPMC Cancer Center was chosen as the American Association for Cancer Research President-elect for the coming year. 	<p>No comments were raised for the Chancellor.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Johnson was recognized with the 2015 Whiting Award for poetry, for early accomplishment and promise in writing. Only four poets in the U.S. receive this. • Paul Floreancig and Michael Glass earned the Teaching Excellence Awards for 2015. • US News and World Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Nursing Program was recognized as 5th in the US; 1st in Nurse Anesthesiology. ○ The School of Medicine was recognized 16th in research. ○ Many other programs were in the Top 25 in the country, including Public Health, Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation Sciences, Education, Engineering and Business Graduate Programs. • Honors Convocation highlighted outstanding students for high scholarship, leadership, character, devotion, and their work toward the university. Faculty and staff also were honored. • College radio station (WPTS) at Pitt won the National College Radio Station Woody Award for 2015. <p>Announcements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Medicine: Dr. Mark Gladwin has been promoted to the Chair of the Department of Medicine. • Mark Malandro has been named as our Founding Director of Pitt’s Innovation Institute. • Rebecca Bagley has been named as our new Vice Chancellor for Economic Partnerships. • Michael Ringler will serve as the Senior Director of Federal Relations. • P. Jerome Richey has announced his plan to retire from the University of Pittsburgh. The Chancellor thanked his for his support and guidance. He is a decorated alumnus and athlete at Pitt. • USA Today: 10 best colleges in the US to study health professions -- the University of Pittsburgh is listed as #1 	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Michael B. Spring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the Spring Senate Plenary – The Spring Senate Plenary was last Thursday from 1:00-3:00. The Chancellor and his staff were thanked for making this presentation to the Senate. He has a significant commitment to collaboration and discussion in our community on matters of importance to us all. His presentation and as well as those of the senior staff were quite compelling. If you were not able to be there, the recording of the plenary will be up for several days on www.pitt.edu/impact/input. We have also added a link to it from the Senate website where we keep information on plenaries. • Regarding the 2015 Senate Elections – Elections will begin April 7th and run through April 22nd. Frank Wilson from Administration of Justice and Alex Vieira from Dental Medicine will be running for President. Irene Frieze from Psychology, Laura Fonzi from Education and Jane Cauley from Public Health will be running for Vice-President. Susan Skledar from Pharmacy will be running unopposed for Secretary. • Regarding the my.pitt.edu Portal – Over the last several years, our community portal, my.pitt.edu, has grown in size and more and more services are now available through this portal for various communities at Pitt. The Senate has worked with CSSD to provide controlled access to specialized facilities for the Senate committees 	<p>No comments were raised on the President’s report.</p>

on the portal. Email can be read there, as well as submitting and viewing grades through the portal, and your certifications related to research grants, and access payroll information through the portal. Over the last several years federated organizations have worked with Pitt to make their information available via the portal using a single sign on. These include UPMC and TIAA-CREF/Vanguard. From a professional point of view, these actions have been undertaken with appropriate care and due diligence. Many organizations are making more and more extensive use of Single Sign On (SSO) to make the lives of their employees easier. He noted that as he takes off his Information Sciences hat, and putting on his hat as President of the Senate, he is concerned that members of our community might not be fully aware of the fact that sharing their password or leaving a machine that is logged in to the portal unattended might expose information that we would rather keep very private. The Senate Computer Usage Committee will be discussing the matter at their meeting this Friday. A survey was mounted on the Senate website to solicit thoughts about single sign on access to retirement account and UPMC medication and testing information. The results of that survey give us better information for a discussion with the administration about the scope of SSO access. At the senate website, access the survey on the tab panel labeled "my.pitt.edu". As of yesterday about 56 people had expressed their opinion about access. Of those, more than 60% were aware of the links, and 30% and 25% respectively had used it for retirement access and access to UPMC. Asked how they viewed the SSO access, 25% favored it, 41% did not favor it, and 34% preferred an arrangement where they could opt in.

- **Regarding University Travel** – The Senate is reviewing changes in the University’s travel policy that would increase requirements for reporting travel abroad by faculty and students. This has been roughly six months of work by the Provost’s office. We will be asking Student Affairs to review the changes related to students and will ask Faculty Assembly for their reactions to the faculty requirements to report travel abroad when on University business. We will be mounting a brief solicitation for input on the senate website under the tab “Travel Abroad.” Additionally, a system to obtain loaner computers and devices is being development for international travel.
- **Regarding the Standing Committee Structure** -- Under the able leadership of Dr. Tom Smitherman, the Executive Committee continues to engage in discussions about realignment of existing committees and creation of new committees that might help us to better meet our responsibilities in shared governance. We are suggesting removing one committee, merging two committees, and creating one new committee. Background materials have been placed on the Senate website. Input is being gathered in advance of the next Faculty Assembly meeting about the possible reorganization of the Senate Standing Committees. Please share your thoughts through the website. The comments posted will be linked back into the Senate tab each week so you can see what others are saying.
- **Regarding Standing Committee Reports** – We had Angie Riccelli’s report from the Benefits and Welfare Committee. Linda Hartman and Tracy Soska reported on the Community Relations Committee. Tracey Olanyk and Pat Weiss reported on the Plant Utilization and Planning Committee. There was a report in the University Times about a motion related to classroom maintenance. The report in the University Times was accurate, but those not attending Faculty Assembly may have missed the

<p>nature of the decision not to support the motion. Basically, the debate was about how or if the motion would be implemented and whether it was necessary to codify a motion about civility and courtesy. The goal is to have the best possible classrooms that we have, and PUP reported on the significant response of the facilities personnel to help keep classrooms clean.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board</u>: Graeme Meyer, President The new Chief of Staff is Arlind Karpuzi, and the Press Secretary is Daniel Lampmann.</p> <p>Pitt Day in Harrisburg was on March 4, 2015. It was a great event. Students attended the ACC Advocacy Summit was March 15th – 17th in DC. PA senators and networking occurred to share resources and communicate. Upcoming events include TEDx on April 12, 2015. Tickets went live today and were all claimed in about 1.5 hours. Overflow will be available in the Ballroom. Laverne Cox will be speaking on March 30th at 7pm in Alumni Hall.</p> <p>General Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Food Signing occurred at public meeting last night. We were very happy to see this commitment being taken by Chancellor Gallagher and Vice- Chancellor Clark. • Collaboration between Facilities and Transportation Chair Anand, Executive Vice-President Harun, the Intramurals and Recreation Department, and the William Pitt Union will take 10 students to OSU, Kent, and Akron on Sunday to tour their recreation and student union facilities. • The first Assembly meeting was held last week to incorporate more student voice within the operations of student government. • Work has been done in partnership with Oakwatch to establish an off-campus tenants association to ensure that positive student relations with our neighbors are continued from year to year. • Governmental Relations Chair Corelli has setup voter registration training with Kyle Miller from CGR and will be partnering with ResLife to register our freshmen students. • Wellness Committee has been working closely on the It's On Us campaign. • Mental Health has been a large part of our agenda since before we began our term and has since moved up considerably in the priority list. Board members Murphy and Sykes along with Wellness Chair Butler are working on establishing a coalition of all mental-health focused student organizations and are working with Student Affairs to create a campaign addressing the stigma surrounding mental health. They are also fully prepared to push forward with their plans regarding the Jed Clinton Health Matters Campaign pending the announcement of a new director of the counseling center. 	<p>No comments were raised for the student member leaders.</p>

Allocations: \$123,876.43 has been distributed to student organizations this semester. We will be on-budget for this year.

Task Force and Ad Hoc Committee Updates:

- **Constitutional Review Committee** – Nominated and appointed last night, will be focusing on the restructuring and renaming of SGB.
- **Marketing and Brand Task Force** – Met with Shawn Ahearn to discuss promotion of SGB and improvements to Student Affairs websites.
- **Traditions Committee** – Have been meeting with members of Blue and Gold, Panther Pitt, and Oakland Zoo. Mainly conducting research into past traditions.
- **Mental Health Task Force** – In anticipation of the

Undergraduate Research Travel Grants: 5 more since we last met 45 have been approved this academic year. Each recipient earns \$250 towards travel to and from a conference where they are presenting their research.

College of Graduate Studies:

Chelsea Procopio, Council Member, presenting

CGS has been busy recruiting new student leaders and hosting our events. Members were in attendance for the lunch with Mayor Peduto and hope to encourage our Veteran leaders to get involved in the Zero Vet Homeless initiative! The CGSSG veteran liaison, Matt Hannan, is very involved with veteran issues from legal to social and is interested in further serving his fellow veterans. CGSSG President Pro Tempore, Kim O'Connor also has a vested interest in the Pittsburgh Promise, as she moved her young son to the city in order to take advantage of the grant opportunity. The luncheon was very informative and showed opportunities to get more involved in the Pittsburgh community. Students were also in attendance at Pitt Day in Harrisburg. Aside from the long delay on the side of the road, it was, as usual, a wonderful opportunity to connect with legislators and learn the process of supporting our state-associated universities. The CGS is in the process of revitalizing our Legal Studies/ Administration of Justice fraternal society. Two informational sessions were hosted and new inductions will begin in the fall semester. This is another opportunity for students to engage and become leaders. Our Open House was successful, engaging approximately 80 new students, from undergraduate to post-baccalaureate. Call to Leadership engaged about 15 students from various schools across campus. New faces will be on CGS Council come April.

The CGS is planning the awards and Council inauguration event, the Excellence Reception for 4/17/15. This has always been a semester highlight. Faculty and staff who go above and beyond the call of duty will be awarded and new council members will be inducted. Council members are also Ambassadors who serve as peer mentors for incoming students. Work is beginning with PittServes, in order to further engage students in the honor of service. CGS President Pro Tempore, Kim O'Connor will be attending a session at Hill House this coming Saturday. A Career Fair is being hosted as we speak, in the McCarl Center downstairs. CGSSG is currently re-writing our constitution and by-laws to reflect the changes in student life and population. The goal is to have all documents approved, to be implemented in the fall semester.

<p><u>Report of Graduate and Professional Student (GPSG): David Gau</u></p> <p>Right before Spring Break, GPSG completed the election process and David announced the new board: Joe Kozak (President, Swanson), Latriece Holland (VP Committees, Katz), Greg Logan (VP Communications, Medicine), Tim Folts (VP Finance, Katz & Swanson), Michele Ingari (VP Programming, Education). The official term for the new board begins May 1, 2015.</p> <p>Events happening across the graduate schools this past month were highlighted. Arts & Sciences recently held their Grad Expo. This is an all day event where A&S graduate students present papers/posters to fellow graduate students, faculty, and members of the Pitt community. This year, there were over 60 presenters and also held a Grad School 411 panel where undergraduates interested in graduate school could interact with grad students and ask questions about grad life. They also held a session on how to prepare for a difficult conversation. A&S is also reviewing nominations for their Baranger Teaching Award. This award is given to outstanding graduate student teachers who are nominated by faculty, undergraduates, and fellow graduate students. Over 230 nominations were received this year. The Biomedical Engineering Society and new organization Fourth River Solutions is hosting the 2nd annual Pitt Health Innovation Case Competition. PHICC is an opportunity for advanced professional degree students to learn about and showcase consulting skills. The competition not only exposes, educates, and implements the students to solve real business challenges, but also helps students develop valuable networking connections with industry and consulting firms. The best part is, it was all organized by graduate students. The Fourth River Solutions is an organization that stemmed from last year's PHICC. The 4RS is a student-driven non-profit consulting organization founded on two core tenets: developing professional skills of graduate students, and leveraging their skills to provide impact and value. Through experiential learning engagements, 4RS provides highly qualified graduate students with valuable real world experience while efficiently and competently executing client needs.</p> <p>The Katz Graduate School of Business has been doing well this past month. They are continuously moving up the ranking for business schools. They also had students Terry Evans, James Dalton (VP Finance on the Board this year), and Benjamin Donat compete in 2 case competitions in a 24-hour time span. This team placed 2nd in the 2015 Association for Corporate Growth Cup, and immediately after traveled to Montreal and placed 3rd in the Van Berkomp JMBS Case Competition. From GPSG, our Spring formal is coming up this Friday. It will be at the Omni Penn this year. Do not forget about the upcoming University-wide Orientation for all graduate and professional students on August 24th, 1-4 pm, at the O'Hara Student Center. Please help to get the word out to incoming graduate students. Also, look for visiting graduate students from the NE region in our area, as PITT hosts the NE NAGPS conference from April 10-12, 2015.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC):</u></p> <p>Rich Colwell, President Lindsay Rodzicz, Program Administrator Lynn Rosen, Academic and Career Advisor</p> <p>The SAC commended President Spring, and the rest of those who made the Senate Plenary a very successful and extremely informational event. SAC looks forward to working to continue PITT's excellence through shared governance by advocating for staff and have encouraged all of our members to voice their comments on-line related to the strategic planning network. The terms of the SAC officers ends June 30th. Nominations will be held at next month's SAC general body meeting.</p>	<p>No comments were raised for SAC.</p>

<p>SAC has many exciting events to report on. On Thursday, March 19, SAC had its highest attendance at the New Pitt Perks Brown Bag, forcing us to close registration at 235. The next Brown Bag event is on Medical benefits is Thursday, April 16, from 12n-1pm at WPU. John Kozar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of Benefits, will be presenting. Registration for the event is on the SAG website (sac.pitt.edu). SAC Spring Assembly Development Committee is finalizing professional development topics for the May 19 event also located at the WPU from 11:30-3:30pm, with keynote speaker Chancellor Gallagher. PITT Day at Kennywood is 115 days away. Sunday July 19th is the Kennywood Day. SAG has an e-newsletter subscription; to receive it, subscribe on the website at sac.pitt.edu.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>Spring: CGS does an amazing job with part-time students and the work is challenging. They were complemented on their hard work. David Gau was recognized for his commitment for bringing the Graduate Student organization into the forefront.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees</u></p> <p>None.</p>	None scheduled.
<p><u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business</u></p> <p>No new business was introduced.</p>	None.
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <p>No announcements were made.</p>	None.
<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <p>President Spring adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM.</p>	Adjournment at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Members attending:

Beeson, Burkoff, Colwell, Dewar, Fort, Frieze, Gallagher, Gau, Green, Groark, Harun, Humphrey, Juhl, Kear, Levine, Meyer, Molinaro, Morel, Ramicone, Richey, Rodzwick, Rosen, Skledar, Smith, Smitherman, Spring, Supowitz, Wilson

Members not attending:

Ataai, Brubach, Buchanich, Caldwell, Cauley, Clark, Erickson, Fusco, Gibson, Goodhart, Hravnak, Hughes, Karp, Kerns, Kory, Lewicka, Lin, McKinney, Mulcahy, Munro, Murphy, Nisnevich, Novy, Ramsey, Ritter, Shafiq, Smolinski, Sukits, Weinberg

*Excused attendance: (*Notified Senate Office)

Alarcon, Gaddy, Kovacs, Miller, Poloyac, Savinov, Savoia, Withers

Others attending:

Ackerman, Balaban, Barlow, Clark, Dyer, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Ingari, Kozale, Olanyk, Procopio, Service