

**Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
November 6, 2013**

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order.</u> President Spring called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:01 PM</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes.</u> President Spring asked for approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2013 Senate Council Meeting.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p><u>Report of Chancellor Mark Nordenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yesterday I was at the University of Rochester, conducting a mandatory site visit as person who will chair their reaccreditation team next spring led me to reflect on the Middle States report that we received last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminded me how much we owe to the individuals who served on that site visit team that reviewed the University of Pittsburgh. ○ Found ourselves in the midst of the bomb threats. On the first day of the Middle States visit we had to relocate the meetings as well as on the last day. ○ Think about a group that volunteered to share in our worst time and delivered something very good to us from that experience. ➤ Allegheny conference on community development played a significant role in many of the good things that have happened in the Pittsburgh region over the course of many decades. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Morgan O’Brien, CEO of Peoples National Gas & Vice-chair of our board, will be elected Chair of the Allegheny Conference Board, a reflection of his stature as a civic leader. He will be replacing Chuck Bunch, CEO of PPG, also a member of our board. It’s one sign of the community links that exist today. ○ Thinking about that meeting led me to reflect on the help that we received from the Allegheny conference during the cuts from stated support. Both Allegheny Conference and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce stood up as advocates for higher education and support for Pennsylvania’s public research universities. Much advocacy was done behind the scenes but Denis Yablonski, CEO of Allegheny Conference, came to campus and testified under oath in a hearing before the Senate Appropriations committee about the value of Pitt to the regional community including the economy, how important support of the University was. ○ He was joined by Jerry Cohon, then president of CMU, who presented a case in support of Pitt from his perspective as a leader of a major private institution in the community. Next week his successor, Subra Suresh, who has made sustaining our partnership a priority, is being formally installed. There are good reasons for people at Pitt to be proud of what we have accomplished together but we have not done this by ourselves. ➤ Oldest of the major partnerships between Pitt & CMU, the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center got \$7.6 M grant from National Science Foundation to design & build a prototype next generation system called Data Exacell for the 	

<p>storage, handing and analysis of massive amounts of data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$5.8M NIH grant to Pittsburgh center for Kidney research to enhance kidney focused research at the University of Pittsburgh ➤ \$11M NIH grant to the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Roswell Park Cancer Institute to develop deeper understandings of ovarian cancer, with goals of prevention and cure. ➤ Pitt recognized as a major producer of students winning Fulbright Scholarships, and Teach for America Corp ➤ Two awards of particular note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yoel Sodovsky, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, School of Medicine & Director of Magee Women’s Research Institute was elected to the Institute of Medicine ○ Roger Glunt, Chair of Board of Visitors, School of Nursing, raised \$1.5M to endow a chair in Oncology nursing to honor his late sister; received John Heinz Friend of Nursing Award from the PNA ➤ Thanks for all you do to make Pitt a great place 	
<p><u>Report of the Senate President Spring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Professor Emerita Barbara Shore passed away on October 23rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She served as Vice President of the Senate in 1975-76 and as President of the Senate from 1985-1987 and again in 1990-1991. She was always at the forefront of issues of inclusion and faculty rights and served many years on both TAFC and ADPC. • Her long history of community and professional service included: Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, Hand-in-Hand Martin Luther King Award, Richard S. Caliguri Award for Community Leadership, Willie Stargell Award for Outstanding Community Service, Pennsylvania Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Lifetime Achievement Award, Allegheny Department on Aging Recognition for Community Service, National Council of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award, Woman of the Year by Pittsburgh Woman Magazine, Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service, Mon Valley Human Service Center Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and Jewish Association on Aging Eight over Eighty Award. ➤ The Senate Elections for members of the UCIS Director search are underway. We are working with the Provost’s Office and UCIS to develop a list of the constituent faculty for UCIS which has been posted on the University Senate website and that faculty has been invited to nominate members for election to the search committee. Cindy Tananis, Jerry McKinney and I were appointed to serve as the Senate Nominating Committee. We have approved what we believe to be a balanced ballot which was sent out yesterday to the constituent faculty. The faculty on the ballot include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Condee - Professor of Slavic and Film Studies • Rebecca I. Denova - NTS Lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies • Giuseppina Mecchia - Associate Professor of French and Italian • Scott Morgenstern - Associate Professor in Political Science • Josephine Olson - Professor of Business Administration • Aníbal Pérez-Liñán - Associate Professor of Political Science 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gayle Rogers - Assistant Professor of English • Andrew J. Strathern - Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Anthropology <p>➤ Regarding the Ad hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty. The committee is involving more people and continues to develop in positive ways as it involves the Standing Committees and other constituencies.</p> <p>➤ Regarding Standing Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Baker of the Senate BPC reported last week at Faculty Assembly on the related suspension and termination of the three graduate programs in A&S as well as various faculty salary reports which are made normally to Assembly. I am pleased to report that although questions still remain about the process of this termination, from the point of view of the Senate, with strict adherence to our responsibility regarding oversight of the Planning and Budget Process, we found no significant problems. We did receive reports from John Lyon (German) and Mark Possanza (Classics). There were questions that they raised, but it is outside the scope of the Senate’s purview; but we did pass that along to the senior administration. • Professor Claude Mauk will bring you up-to-date on a motion to change the name of the Senate ADPC. It passed unanimously at last week’s Faculty Assembly meeting • A question was raised regarding mail box quotas; Professor Seth Weinberg noted that recent requests to faculty to delete unused mails were causing some confusion. CIO Jinx Walton has responded to the matter. Her note in part says: <i>When a mailbox is approaching quota a series of notices are sent out letting the individual know they are approaching the limit. At this point email can be deleted or additional quota can be requested. Quota increases are requested through the Help Desk. We have a project underway to upgrade our accounting system and part of the upgrade is to provide self-service quota increases that will permit faculty to increase their quota as needed. This will be completed in February.</i> <p>➤ Regarding the Senate involvement in Research Policy, We are planning on having Vice Provost Mark Redfern speak at the next faculty assembly meeting along with Senate appointees to the research committees who are available at that time. One of the items of new business for today’s meetings will be questions or issues you would like to see addressed.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Student Government Board: Gordon Louderback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2014 Student Governments candidates are campaigning for Nov. 21st election ➤ Pitt Make A Difference Day very successful with record numbers of 3, 225 volunteers & 91 sites; debriefing with goal of making next year even better ➤ Panther Prints (yearbook): reviewing options, smaller investment while reaching more students ➤ Working to establish Office of Sustainability for Student Government Organizations, space committed to sustainability projects ➤ Documenting 30 years of history of the student government board to be compiled into a data base to be open to public 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduced website to allow students to safely sell textbooks to each other ➤ Working on petition to have OMET surveys published ➤ Preparing transition documents. 	
<p>College of General Studies: Brady McCormick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Non-traditional student week (1st full week in November), regularly recognized by national groups for programming & effort on behalf of CGS & SGB. ➤ Theme is Arts at Pitt, sponsoring over 20 events throughout the week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Friday – Alpha Sigma Lambda dinner @ PAA; 27 CGS students inducted in National Honor Society • Mentorship Program Workshop, Sensible Snacking: Eating Healthy While on the Go. Representatives from HRS- Nutrition and Dietetics program on hand to discuss better eating habits for an on the go lifestyle; free but healthy food • Friday 5-7, CGS Student Government Social, Meet the Author event with Brian O’Neill, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter and author of the book “The Paris of Appalachia: Pittsburgh in the 21st Century.” Dine on Pittsburgh soul food including pierogies and Southside pretzels. 	
<p><u>Report of Graduate Student Government: David Gau</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We held our Fall Formal, the Creepy Carnival Ball. We had 552 students attend the event held at the O’Hara Student Center. As usual, it was a great event and students who attended had the opportunity to dance to a live band, have their fortunes read, and had a chance to play some carnival games. ➤ To date this year, GPSG has provided programming for 1000 unique students, not too bad for only some part of the semester and a very low budget! Our goal is to reach 2000 unique students which do not seem too far away now. ➤ We held our Girl Rising event at Nordy’s Place and included an insightful discussion about the importance of educating women following the film. ➤ Our next event is another series of Cookies and Colloquium on Nov 21st where 3 other students will have an opportunity to present their research. ➤ Offering an ice skating event on Dec 8th with hot chocolate and 2 hours of skating time if anyone is interested. ➤ This past month has also been an exciting time for some of the cultural organizations that are a part of GPSG’s assembly board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TASA held their Turkish Republic Day over the weekend. I was asked to speak on behalf of GPSG at the event. ○ ANKUR held their Diwali event over the weekend as well which was attended by over 450 students. This is their Festival of Lights and included many great performances by students. ➤ We are beginning to plan for next year’s University-wide Orientation for all graduate and professional students. The school year begins August 25 next year and the orientation will be held on Monday August 18th. I have been working closely with Charles Nieman, Director of the Office of International Studies, and we will be working together to make this orientation even more successful. ➤ 4 students representing 10-14 schools at the University of Pittsburgh will go to Harrisburg to talk with state legislatures about what graduate and professional students do here at Pitt and also to talk about the importance of higher education. ➤ Formed a planning team between Pitt, CMU, and UVA to discuss how we will 	

<p>proceed with our advocacy day in Washington DC this spring. The DC trip will encompass the Mid-Atlantic AAU institutions which may be expanded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plan on holding a similar symposium in Harrisburg next week where graduate and professional students discuss what they do and why higher education is important. It is my hope that these events become tradition in the future. ➤ For the Trailblazers, we now have 15 volunteer graduate and professional student tour guides from 7 of the 14 schools on campus. We are assisting with tours today for the School of Education for their open house and will receive an update from the tour guides after this meeting about their experience. ➤ We are holding a student vote this week to discuss increasing the graduate and professional student activities fee by \$10. This would increase it for full time students from \$20 to \$30. 	
<p>School of Arts and Sciences: Michael Lipschultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A&S GSO will partner with GPSG to co-host future Cookies and Colloquium series, due to student interest and academic merit ➤ Planning 11th Annual Grad Expo event (basically large scale Cookies and Colloquium.) All day events for students in Dietrich School to present papers & posters to fellow students, faculty and other members of the Pitt community, provides opportunity to gain experience presenting research, fostering interdisciplinary communication amongst departments. Date set for Thursday, March 27, 2014; breakfast @ 8:30am, first session @ 9:30. Trying to find room. Will soon put out calls for abstracts. 	
<p><u>Report of Staff Association Council (SAC), Rich Colwell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SAC inducted 22 new members bringing the membership to 69 members ➤ The Brown Bag series on Benefits has begun for the academic year. The next event will be on the Retiree Benefit on November 21st at noon. There are currently 140 people registered. ➤ SAC members will be donating items to the Oakland Community Food Pantry at the November General Meeting 	
<p><u>Report of Standing Committee</u> Antidiscriminatory Policy Committee: Claude Mauk, Co-Chair</p> <p><u>Motion to change the name of the Antidiscriminatory Policy Committee</u> Change of name from Antidiscrimination Policy Committee to the Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-discrimination Advocacy Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New title is more reflective of a positive, proactive focus while guarding against discrimination <p>Motion put forward</p>	<p>Motion passes unanimously</p>
<p><u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> No new business.</p> <p>Dr. Spring: I would like to take off my Senate President hat and put on my faculty member hat and make a brief comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Professor Tananis chided at Faculty Assembly that these are substantive and important matters that we discuss and should not be reduced to technicalities. I wanted to go on the record, as a colleague, having listened to the reports of Professor Lyon and Possanza in terms of their concerns about the process. This process has been a long and painful one for a University. ➤ As an individual faculty member I wanted to express my concern for all of the agony this has caused so many people over such a long period of time with many 	

<p>people trying to do the right thing. I do not envy the provost.</p> <p>➤ As president, I sometimes find myself obligated to deal with the technical details on how we adjudicate some process.</p>	
<p><u>Announcements.:</u> None</p>	
<p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Members attending:

Beck, Butterworth, Chiarulli, Cochran, Colwell, de Montmollin, Erickson, Frank, Frieze, Gau, Humphrey, Jabro, Juhl, Levine, Lipschultz, Louderback, Lyon, McCormick, Molinaro, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Rosen, Shafiq, Sallie Smith, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Smolinski, Song, Spring, Supowitz, Tananis, Vieira, Withers

Members not attending:

Brause, Caldwell, Cauley, Clark, Clermont, Cordier, Gibson, Gleason, Hughes, Karp, Kory, Lunsford, Majumdar, McKinney, Mulcahy, Munro, Nisnevich, Savun, Slimick, Sukits, Tisherman

*Excused attendance:

Beeson, Burkoff, Costantino, Flynn, Gaddy, Lewicka, Neft, Rodzwicz, Skledar, Wilson

Others attending:

Ansell, Balaban, Barlow, Bonner, Clark, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Mauk, Mohamed, Moore, Service, Wilds

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