

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Frank Wilson. New members of Senate Council were welcomed.</p>	The meeting commenced at 3:03 pm.
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the September 21, 2016 Senate Council Meeting</u> Minutes were approved as written.</p>	Approved.
<p><u>Items of New Business</u> No items of new business were raised.</p>	None raised.
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patricia Beeson, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor</u></p> <p>In lieu of the Chancellor, who is out of town, due to his commitments to the Commission for Enhancing National Cyber Security, he sends his regrets. Provost Patricia will give the report.</p> <p>It's been a really busy month at the University since we last met. Last week in particular, along with CMU, we hosted a White House Conference – on the Frontiers. President Obama showed up, it was lovely to be able to showcase everything that is happening here at the University as well as the city. It was a group effort, full of disruption but it was great to see Pitt and Pittsburgh being the center of a national conversation. The President said he selected Pittsburgh to host the conference, because we are advancing on all five frontiers he has identified as important to the nation and the world. Areas in technology, science and innovation. It was rewarding in his comments that he made, he mentioned Pitt's motor lab- it came out on 60 Minutes a while ago, but unveiled last week through a paper that was published and last week at the conference, but not only can the paralyzed individual move the robotic arm with their thoughts, but can actually feel through the robotic arm. The President not only shook hands, but did a fist bump. It was great to see it featured in that way. We also saw a record number of hits on social media. We had over a million impressions in 24 hours.</p> <p>Our School of Medicine has received a lot of attention in the last month or so with their announcement of early successes with two experimental vaccines that are trying to address the Zika virus. It's also great to think about it in the context of the University we are trying to be. A university that does research and teaching of impact. An institution not just advancing the frontiers of disciplines and theory, but we are looking at problems that can make a difference in the world and we are making a difference. We certainly have a long way to go, human trials and all of those things have to happen, but to make advances on an important issue is very exciting.</p> <p>Also this month, we had homecoming, it was an incredibly successful event. We had Pitt families coming back. It's fun to think that students that we have here will come back in 10 – 20 years and share in that excitement. It was great to talk to so many families to hear why they valued Pitt, why their lives had been changed through their experiences of being here and how they felt connected to the university.</p> <p>In terms of our strategic goal of advancing excellence in education. We have opened the new University Center on Teaching and Learning. I've passed out a brochure that highlights some of the new programs as well as existing programs that we have at the Center on Teaching</p>	No comments were raised.

and Learning. First, the course incubator. One of the things faculty have said is they would like to redo their courses, but it was disjointed and took many different stops. Now with the Center, we are working with the faculty in a more holistic way to help develop courses. We also have three new centers on faculty and grad student development. One of them is a Center for Communications which will focus on how you present your work, not just to an academic audience, but a more general audience. Also a center on mentoring to help develop better mentoring practices. Also a center on diversity in the curriculum.

The second handout given was regarding diversity and inclusion in the classroom and included programs that the center of diversity in the curriculum was hosting.

Another development is in the area of admissions. Access and affordability is one of the key strategies we have to advance educational excellence. This year the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid has been rolling out a new set of programs. I will highlight a couple of them. The new coalition application for access and affordability. It's not just a new on-line application for students, it's much broader than that. It's a whole set of tools that students can use to help gather information while they are in high school to make affective applications to colleges. Those tools were previously only available if you went to a rich, suburban high school or if you had a private counselor who was helping you prepare to go to college. This is making it available to everyone. Pitt is one of the founding members.

There is also a new program we developed of micro scholarships which are targeted to primarily low income schools in the state of Pennsylvania but also in some markets we are trying to develop outside of the Commonwealth. Students can earn scholarship dollars by doing things that will help them do better in college. If you take certain courses that will help you be prepared to do college level work and do well in them, you might earn credit for a \$400 scholarship if you came to Pitt (any of our campuses). If you do some things outside the classroom that help strengthen your ability when you get here, you could earn scholarship dollars. Up to \$7000 in scholarships as a high school student- the idea is to help them, guide them to take the right classes when they get to campus as well as to provide some financial support when they get here.

The Year of Diversity is happening in part to help advance our diversity and inclusion initiative. I want to remind everyone of our goals for the year. To really develop a deeper appreciation of all the people we have here on campus as well as in our community. At the same time, it's really important to increase our appreciation of difference. Why are we stronger with diversity? We need to remind ourselves and our students that one of the core tenants of the academy if we think through the interchange of ideas by people who have different views, we learn more through the exchange. To talk to people with different views helps us advance. How do we engage in productive conversations with people who have different views? We have a lot of stuff going on, at least 40 proposals have already been approved. I'm hoping this year will not just be a schedule of events, but that we look deeply into how we act and establish structures, cultures which will help us move forward and create a more diverse and inclusive community.

In the area of computing and information which is one of the drivers of the strategic plan, I'll be presenting to the Board of Trustees next week a proposal for a new school of Computing and Information. This is something that began in April 2015. I invited the faculties of IS and CS to come together and think about a structure that might better support what we are trying to do. The proposal has gone through all the shared governance, the department level, the school level, last week it was discussed at the University Planning and Budgeting

<p>Committee. I'm excited about the new possibilities.</p> <p>Last month we had 220 volunteers which went out to 16 sites and completed 23 community service projects as part of United Way and Pitt's Day of Caring. Community and Governmental Relations hosted five block parties last month, a wonderful set of events and were very well accepted.</p> <p>This concludes my report.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Frank Wilson</u></p> <p>At our Faculty Assembly meeting last week, people came prepared and we had a meaningful discussion on the proposed policy on consensual relationships. Not just between faculty and students (per the current policy), but among all employees and students. There were a variety of opinions and although we didn't take a vote, we believe when the document is brought back, it will be a stronger policy than initially presented. It will probably come back to Faculty Assembly at the December meeting.</p> <p>On Monday, we held our Expanded Executive Committee meeting – which includes Senate Officers and committee chairs. We looked for areas of common interest and how we can connect multiple committee together. For example research or the evaluation of faculty. We think when we make our connections, we can make working groups which combine committees - presumably get more accomplished in a shorter period of time.</p> <p>The Plenary is being chaired by Robin Kear, Vice President. The planning committee members are meeting next Thursday. Its initial emphasis is on the increase use of metrics in evaluating faculty productivity. As with the plenaries in the past, these are not one off things. We are talking about making these issues continuous. Just because the plenary is not on Academic Freedom this year doesn't mean we have stopped talking about Academic Freedom, far from it.</p> <p>The committee that came out of Senate Council, the committee dealing with diversity, inclusion and core values. The expanded group has reading materials, we are going to have our first meeting in November. Can we create a set of institutional core values that we all buy into? This is a topic that doesn't only apply to us, this is a national story.</p>	<p>No comments were raised.</p>
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u> <i>Natalie Dall, President</i></p> <p>I. Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This past September 22nd-24th I attended the ACC President's Summit at Georgia Tech, which produced several new initiative and program ideas that our Board is considering pursuing this year. b. On September 30th and October 1st, we hosted the Pennsylvania Association of State-Related Students Conference on campus with delegates coming in from Penn State's and Temple's Student Governments. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. One product of those discussions was the creation of a resolution supporting Pennsylvania House Bill 218, which was based off of a 	<p>No comments were raised.</p>

similar resolution recently introduced on Penn State’s campus and which we introduced at our public meeting last night.

- ii. This bill expands the definition of a “hate crime” in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to include crimes committed against people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. We will be voting on it next week.
- c. On October 5th, members of our Board and Committees participated in a safety walk through South Oakland to identify areas lacking adequate lighting and clear crossings for pedestrians in addition to areas with high amounts of trash on the sidewalk and street. It sounds like it was a very productive
- d. This past Monday, Oct. 10th through Thursday, Oct. 13th was our Mental Health Awareness Week where we carried out several programs with the assistance of Pitt Active Minds, the Talk About It campaign, Pitt Program Council, the First Year Mentors, and PantherWell. We will be meeting again sometime in the next week to discuss what went well and how we can improve the week of programming for next year.
- e. We are working with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to plan a day of service for both SGB and SAAC to encourage a better connection with the athletes on our campus.
 - i. We are also brainstorming ideas for an ACC-wide service-based challenge that we could carry out in the spring semester.
- f. Finally, this Saturday is Pitt Make A Difference Day, so if you notice a sudden flooding of campus with students wearing neon yellow tshirts between 9am-3pm, that’s why!

College of General Studies Student Government (CGSSG)

Jessica Sevcik, President

Good Afternoon Chancellor Gallagher, Senate President Frank Wilson, and fellow senate members. Today I plan on telling you about CGSSG recent events, future events, and workshops, but more importantly I want to talk with you about the goals of CGSSG and how successful we have actually been in achieving them.

On Monday October 10th The College of General Studies held its Open House in the McCarl Center. This event was for current and perspective CGS students. Career Counselors, Student Advisors, Financial Aid Specialists and more were available to answer questions and help students with the CGS application process. Overall, this event was well attended and provided support (and snacks) for current and new CGS students alike.

Our next event will be National Non-traditional Student week, which will occur during the week of November 7th-11th. During this week our student government will be set up in Posvar Hall to talk about NNSW, answer questions about CGS, and provide more information

about our Student Government and upcoming student events. Additionally, we are working with the CGS intern, Lena Gallagher, to design a tshirt to hand out to students for NNSW. On Thursday, November 10th CGS will host a NNSW mixer complete with food from different cultures, music from around the world, and a dance off of competing dances.

Following that CGSSG will be preparing students for finals by handing out goodie bags filled with tools to help study during finals. The bags include granola bars, noodle lunches, fruit snacks, bottled water, study tips, library hours and list of tutoring hours. We will also hold a finals event that caters to students looking for a relaxing break from studying. We will bring in message specialists, nail specialists and others to help students reset themselves before their exams.

Additionally, CGS SG would like to do more to give back to the Pitt and Oakland community by means of community service events, food and clothing drives, or anything else that would serve the greater area. The problem that I personally have been encountering is connecting with the appropriate individuals to coordinate such events. I am putting this out to my fellow student representatives and senate members, if there is any advice or organizations that you know of that CGS SG can give back to, please feel free to share their names with me.

Finally, expanding our CGS student government and group of student ambassadors has been a slow and sometimes difficult process, but nonetheless the current CGSSG is determined to make a difference and support the students at Pitt. I still hope to bring more attention to CGS and engage with more of our current CGS students. We are making great strides connecting with more students on Social Media – hopefully this will show in future attendance.

This concludes my report for CGS SG.

Thank you for your time.

Report of Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG):

Justin Saver, President, GPSG

Good afternoon President Wilson, Provost Beeson, and all members of the Senate Council. I hope your semester is going well. I know it has been very busy for our graduate and professional students.

This month, GPSG hosted a successful Pies and Politics Event featuring Dr. Kris Kanthak for the Department of Political Students. The event featured a scientific discussion on the upcoming presidential race. This afternoon GPSG is hosting an event with the Stress Free Zone focusing on learning and practicing stress reducing techniques. This is part of our effort to open dialogue around and distribute resources to support mental health initiatives at Pitt. Additionally, GPSG will be facilitating a team for Pitt Make a Difference Day and are looking forward to making an impact on the community around us.

On October 29th GPSG will be hosting our Halloween event. Students are excited to take part in the Phantom Fright Night experience at Kennywood. Coming up on November 2nd GPSG will be hosting a self-defense class with Pitt Police.

This past weekend GPSG participated the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County International Student Welcome Event. This event was organized by former GPSG President

Dave Gau and the Pittsburgh Student Government Council. This was actually the first time an event like this was hosted in the United States. The event was modeled around an event hosted by the City of Toronto. It was great to join Mayor Bill Peduto and several city council members to welcome international students from all Pittsburgh universities to our City.

GPSG and SGB are excited to announce that the date for the TedExUniversity of Pittsburgh event has been set for March 26th. The diverse TedExUniversityofPittsburgh board is busy planning this years' theme.

Earlier this month I met with Dean Bonner to discuss Division of Student Affairs interaction with graduate and professional students. GPSG is looking into ways to increase student awareness of what the Division of Student Affairs offers all students and methods to increase dialogue between graduate and professional students and the Division of Student Affairs. I am also working with Career Development and Placement Assistance, the Office of Academic Career Development, and the Pitt Alumni Association on methods in which we can offer increased career development and alumni networking opportunities for our graduate and professional students.

GPSG is excited to welcome our new Vice President of Finance, Salim Malakouti from the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Department of Computer Sciences. During the October travel grant cycle we awarded 25 travel grants totaling over \$6,000 to support our students' presentation of their research across the globe. We have also awarded 1 supplemental funding award totaling \$750 to support inter-dispensary student programming across our campus. GPSG is also working on a portal to enable our travel grant and supplemental grant process to go paperless. We hope to have our portal live in the early Spring.

This past month has also been very eventful and busy for our student organizations. The Chinese Students and Scholars Association hosted their annual Mid-Autumn festival and Top 10 Singers Competition which was sold out with over 500 students attending. Next month the Turkish American Students Association will be hosting their largest event, a celebration of Turkey's Republic Day. In addition, each of the respective graduate student organizations and cultural groups have been hosting a plethora of events all of which seem to be growing in numbers and reaching more students.

The School of Dental Medicine hosted their 9th annual Steel City Expo featuring several seminars and a vendor fair. The School of Medicine hosted a Hispanic heritage dinner. The School of Pharmacy hosted "Rock the Block this past weekend. Students participated in a health fair for the residents of Squirrel Hill featuring diabetes education and immunizations. This month the School of Nursing doctoral students hosted their annual kick-off welcome dinner to plan for the coming year. Lastly, this Friday the School of Pharmacy and Division of Student Affairs will be hosting our bi-annual DEA Drug Take Back Day in the University Pharmacy. I encourage all of you to stop by.

In conclusion our students have been very busy both with academics and planning student activities to work towards the goals of their student organizations. GPSG is also moving forward with our goals and we thank you for your support. With that, I conclude my report from the Graduate and Professional Student Government and the Schools of the Health Sciences.

Thank you!!!

Corbin Powlus, Schools of the Professions

Good afternoon President Wilson, Chancellor Gallagher, and all members of the Senate Council. As this is my first time speaking at this meeting, I would like to briefly introduce myself and share my excitement for the opportunity to work with you all this school year. My name is Corbin Powlus and I am a 2nd year MBA student at the Katz Graduate School of Business and represent the Schools of the Professions. Under this umbrella are the Schools of Business, Education, Engineering, Public & International Affairs, Information Science, Law, and Social Work.

Since our previous Senate Council meeting, the Professional Schools have been busy electing their new committee seats and leadership board members. Additionally, we have been planning and attending both social and networking events. Highlights include a whitewater rafting trip held by the Swanson School of Engineering, a Pirates game organized by GSPIA, and a Homecoming celebration for Katz alumni and students. Similarly, the Schools of Information Science, Law, and Social Work are busy planning and organizing activities for the upcoming Fall and Spring terms.

Academically, the Schools of Education and Engineering have both held events focusing on the securing and management of grants, a common concern for many graduate and professional students. At Katz, the recruiting season is in full swing, with campus visits from companies like McKinsey, Amazon, UPMC, and more.

With the beginning of each new school year a frantic time for everyone, the 7 Professional Schools have started this Fall on the right foot, and are ramping up to have a successful 2016-2017 school year. Thank you for the opportunity to share the exciting things we are working on and what we are planning for the future. With that, I conclude my report from the Schools of the Professions. Thank you.

Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC):

Rich Colwell, President

Andy Stephany, Member

SAC website: www.sac.pitt.edu.

SAC noted that they would like to welcome Cheryl Johnson to the University in her role as Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources. They introduced her to the SAC membership body at the General Meeting earlier today. They very much look forward to working with her as their direct advisor as well as a partner in shared governance of the University. SAC is working diligently on a number of items:

- Members of SAC will be meeting with Vice Chancellor of Community and Governmental Relations Paul Supowitz to address pedestrian safety on campus, specifically the intersection of Fifth and Bellefield Avenues. They are a dedicated partner in making campus safer for everyone. They were proud participants in SGB's campus safety crawl earlier this month as well.
- SAC submitted a detailed proposal for Paid Parental Leave for staff to administration. They look forward to collaborating on a policy that will benefit staff and strengthen the University community.
- SAC is also advocating for a mandatory supervisory training program at the University. Better trained supervisors create a better performing workforce. They

<p>are working with University partners to emphasize professional development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SAC Health, Safety and Information Technology committee has successfully acquired continued access to Pitt email addresses for retiring staff. The retiree must meet certain criteria to qualify and it is estimate that this will be in place early next year. They appreciate the opportunity to continue to electronically identify as members of the Pitt community after a successful career as staff. SAC thanked Jinx Walton, Chief Information Officer, for her cooperation and dedication to this project. • This semester, SAC has held Brown Bag events as a part of our Year of Humanities programming. The topics have been taking advantage of discounted cultural opportunities through PittArts and a focus on Healthy Movement presented by Dr. Renee Rogers. They have 4 additional Brown Bags events planned for the fall. They are Benefits 101, Philanthropy, Level Reporting, and Holiday/Cultural Traditions. Staff received a Read Green email last week about these. Please stay tuned to our communication channels for registration and more details in the weeks ahead. • SAC has opened 2016 Book Fund Scholarship applications. All students who qualify for this scholarship have been notified that the application is on our website (sac.pitt.edu) and that it will remain open until October 31st. SAC is also in the process of notifying the parents whose dependents qualify for the award. They anticipate high participation this year and we look forward to honoring the children of University of Pittsburgh staff. <p>The Staff Association Council would like to thank all the Senate Council committees that have voted to allow additional SAC members to attend your meetings. These additional representatives from SAC are non-voting members, but will still be contributing members to shared governance at the University.</p> <p>Please send all SAC correspondence to our Administrator, Mariah Dickert, at sac@pitt.edu. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u></p> <p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p>	
<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <p>President Wilson adjourned the meeting.</p>	<p>Adjournment at 3:52 pm.</p>

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Respectfully Submitted,

Members attending:

Beeson, Bonner, Colwell, Dahm, Dall, Harper, Humphrey, Jacob, Kear, Kory, Labrinidis, Loughlin, Molinaro, Mulvaney, Phillippi, Powlus, Rohrer, Saver, G. Scott, Sevcik, Smith, Spring, Stephany, Stoner, Tananis, Triulzi, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Beck, Clark, Cohen, Dewar, Gleason, Helbig, Horowitz, Johnson, Kanthak, Karpuzi, Kaynar, Leers, Muenzer, Mulcahy, Munro, Nelson, Schmidhofer, W. Scott, Swanson, Vieira

*Excused attendance:

Bratman, Cole, Costantino, Czerwinski, Donihi, Flynn, Gaddy, Gallagher, Kaufman, Levine, Ramicone, Rigotti, Skledar, Sukits, Washington

Others attending:

Barlow, Becker, Connelly, Dornan, Harding, Kirsch, Olanyk, Rogers, Walker

*Notified Senate Office