

**Senate Community Relations Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 18, 2011**

**Attendees:** Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services; Denise Chisholm, CRC co-chair; Laurie Cohen, CRC member; David Givens, Student Rep for GPSA; Linda Hartman, CRC member; Georgia Petropoulos Muir, Oakland Business Improvement District; Patricia Weiss, Senate Liaison; Steve Zupcic, Community Relations.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from CRC Meeting of November 16, 2010: Minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting were distributed and approved with minor technical edits.

**New Business:**

Co-chair Remarks:

Denise Chisholm reported that both the November 23, 2010 Faculty Assembly and December 1, 2010 Senate Council were cancelled. Denise reported that Martha Terry is in the process of confirming if the CRC will host the Senate Plenary for Fall 2011.

Presentation by Georgia Petropoulos Muir, Executive Director of Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID)

Georgia discussed the new mission and vision for OBID; gave an overview of the organization; described the wide range of OBID events and marketing strategies; gave an update on the Innovation Oakland digital infrastructure project.

Upcoming OBID events include:

- Oakland Restaurant Week, January 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch for \$5 at select Oakland eateries.
- Think Pink for a Week, February 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Oakland shops and restaurants will raise awareness of Breast Cancer and funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®
- Drink for Pink, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm to 7 pm, Peter's Pub, 116 Oakland Avenue  
First 100 patrons receive free wine/beer. Celebrity bartenders; all tip proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

GPSA Update: David Givens from the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly discussed the Pancakes and Politics series; the establishment of the Pittsburgh Government Council which includes 9 local universities/colleges; Leadership Transition and the goal of formalizing a student advisory position with City Council.

Community Service Events: Steve Zupcic reported on a number of community service events – including Blood Drives and the plan to approach diversity building in a systematic way.

**Old Business:**

Laurie Cohen requested discussion on how participation in service activities, including holding a position as a member of the CRC was viewed and how it contributed to performance reviews and promotion. There seemed to be a wide range of differences across faculty/staff positions. It was agreed that this topic would be appropriate to continue discussion on at a future meeting.

**Future Meetings:**

Next CRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2011, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in 272 Hillman Library.

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Denise Chisholm