



# University of Pittsburgh

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**June 21, 2011**  
**Rm 272, Hillman Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)**  
**Noon to 1:30 pm**

**Attendees:**

Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services; Denise Chisholm; Laurie Cohen; David Givens, GPSA; Peter Hart, University Times; Linda Hartman; Patrick Loughlin; Tommy Pearce, Community Human Services; Georgia Petropoulos Muir, Oakland Business Improvement District; Margaret Rosenzweig; Tracey Soska; Martha Terry; Patricia Weiss.

**Old Business:**

Denise Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:07. Laurie Cohen moved to approve the minutes from meeting of May 17, 2011.

**New Business:**

Denise Chisholm's formal tenure on the committee will end on June 30, leaving the CRC with a vacant co-chair position for the 2011-2012 year. Laurie Cohen agreed to serve in that capacity with Martha Ann Terry. Denise will remain a pro tem member and will be available for advice to the new co-chairs during the 2011-2012 term.

Martha Terry will send out an email in August to establish CRC meeting dates/times for the fall and spring terms, taking into account the publication schedule of the *University Times*. The Ideas for topics for monthly meetings included a virtual site visit with one of the branch campuses and a visit to one of Oakland's new restaurants. Georgia suggested considering visits to Bakery Square, Phipps, Carnegie Museum and the parklet at the former Children's Hospital site.

Georgia Petropoulos Muir, Executive Director, Oakland Business Improvement District, gave a presentation on Innovations Oakland, an initiative to move Oakland commerce into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, using technology to connect and contact stakeholders. It will involve significant upgrades to infrastructure and use a lot of art and new lighting strategies.

Martha Terry gave an update on the fall plenary, which will be held on November 10 at William Pitt Union. The session is entitled "Community/Campus Partnerships for Health and Wellness" and will feature a keynote speaker, a panel of three teams of community/campus partners who will talk about their collaboration and a Marketplace/Poster Showcase. CRC members will be needed to serve on a poster committee, to decide the best way to advertise the poster session, formatting guidelines and criteria on which posters will be judged. CRC members will also be needed to assist with communications (editing PR pieces and the like). Lori Molinaro from the Provost's Office,

will provide considerable support in the form of reserving the space, ordering food and arranging for the PR items to be sent out.

David Givens presented a Student Government Update from GPSA. He spoke about its advocacy initiatives: 1) the Pittsburgh Student Government Council, collaboration of students across universities in Pittsburgh, which led initiatives for representation in the mayor's office, helping Port Authority through its Lobby Day in Harrisburg, fighting budget cuts in Harrisburg and coordinating with schools throughout the state against the governor's budget; 2) Pitt Day in Harrisburg. He also talked about GPSA's service and community involvement, including work at a food pantry and an aid organization for disaster relief, and participation in Make a Difference Day. GPSA sponsored the Pancakes and Politics Series that involved Mike Doyle, Rep. Jaret Gibbons and was part of an initiative that resulted in having September named Student Civic Engagement Month by the city. GSPH supported the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students to lobby Congress around issues of education affordability, research funding, open access to research, campus safety, student loans and visa reform. He noted that GPSA contributed half a million dollars to the Oakland and greater Pittsburgh area through hosting events for grad students, highlighting business partnerships and patronage, and funding grad student research. GPSA also provided an additional quarter million dollars to cultural groups for the same purpose. GPSA was recognized by the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, as 1 of 2 organizations to receive the Good Government award for 2011.

#### New Business / Community Partner Announcements

CHS Rock the Streets event was very successful. Oakland Arts 2011, an event that will feature paintings, photography, sculpture, installations, musical acts, poetry, performance arts and more will be held on August 20, 10 am to 10 pm, at Frazier Field. There will be a follow-up session for ONE on July 14, 2011.

Next Meeting: TBD

Submitted by Martha Ann Terry, Co-Chair, August, 18, 2011