

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
June 12, 2013

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Smitherman called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM	The meeting commenced at.
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the, May 8, 2013 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Smitherman asked for approval of the minutes.	The minutes were approved as written.
<u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> No new business.	
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor of the University, Mark A. Nordenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Chancellor’s Affirmative Action Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognition of members of Selection Committee ○ Award Presented to Department of Bioengineering in the Swanson School of Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee impressed by culture of inclusion in Swanson School, Bioengineering has reputation as leader in diversity programs ▪ Nominated by Dean Holder ▪ Award accepted by Chair Harvey Borovetz • Re-Accreditation Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General observations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “University can be proud of where it stands” ▪ Greatest challenges are external, most specifically state funding • Financial challenges continue to grow • Public Milestone reached by crossing \$2 billion mark in fundraising campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Credit belongs to more than 180,000 donors, development professionals, campaign volunteers, and every person who made Pitt a place worthy of philanthropic support. • Examples of quality and impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ten continuing students and one 2013 graduate received either Boren or Critical Language scholarships from the State Department ○ Seven faculty selected for teaching grants through Innovation in Education awards program of the Provost’s Office ○ Ford Institute for Human Security received \$2.6 million USAID contract to evaluate effectiveness of programs in West Africa ○ Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (Pitt/CMU partnership) received \$1.6 million Gates Foundation Grant to partner with Notre Dame in the fight against malaria ○ Two Medical School researchers share \$9.6 million from Melanoma Research Alliance ○ Recently published research results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anti-cancer drug reverses memory deficit in Alzheimer’s mouse model ▪ Described for the first time, the 4 million atom structure of the HIV protein shell ▪ Reveal potential treatment for deadly drug resistant bacteria infections ▪ Show that young football players are less susceptible to concussions during practice than they are in the heat of games ○ Center for Race and Social Problems hosted first national gathering of Directors of Academic Centers on Race, Ethnicity and Poverty ○ Outgoing SAC President Deborah Walker received the Sojourner Truth 	

<p>award from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, their highest honor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of outgoing President Smitherman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ceremonial Gavel and Scroll of Cathedral of Learning 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarding of 2013 Senate Service Award to Prof. John Baker <p><u>Report of the President of the Senate, Thomas Smitherman.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations and Thanks to Senate Council • Welcome to incoming officers; Michael Spring, President, and Irene Frieze, Vice President • Major work completed on updating University Senate website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanks to Dr. Spring for his expertise and the Chancellor for providing the necessary budget • Retrospective review of decisions about the future of Graduate programs in German, Religious Studies, and Classics is nearing an end <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provost Beeson reports full review was undertaken with faculty members of affected departments; proposals developed and approved by Dietrich School Council and Dietrich School Planning & Budget committee approved all 3 proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing of Religious Studies graduate programs ▪ Suspension of admissions to Classics and German graduate programs ○ Dietrich School is in the process of forwarding those decisions to the Provost for final decision • Campus wide working group on sustainability to compliment PUP taking shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will meet three times a year (fall, winter & spring) ○ Members will include, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two faculty nominated by the University Senate ▪ Two students nominated by Student Government groups coordinated by the Dean of Students ▪ Two staff nominated by SAC ▪ Members the Department of Facilities Management ▪ Experts called in on ad hoc basis as needed ▪ Meeting organized & convened by Department of Facilities Management • Tenure & Academic Freedom committee: Reducing Salary of School of Medicine Tenured Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevant policies posted on SOM website ○ Dr. Levine’s address archived on SOM website ○ Local chapter of American Association of University Professors letter to University Times and Dr. Levine’s response to appear in next issue ○ AAUP PowerPoint presented at last Faculty Assembly meeting is posted on AAUP website ○ Proposal on shared governance compiled by Dr. Smitherman, Dr. Pinsky presented to Dr. Levine – response positive 	
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board: John Cordier</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Government Leadership Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SGB host conference for local high school SG leaders for mentoring ○ Collaborating with Penn Hills High School • PITT Make a Difference Day, October 26, 2013 • Panther GOLD Retreat, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 day retreat for student leaders at Camp Kon-o-kwee • Traditions Committee – new t-shirt design 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Office of Off Campus Housing to arrange information sessions <p><u>SGB – CGS: Travis Ritter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning session for upcoming year held on May 11 • Expanding outreach & recruitment • CGS student expressed interest in; updating software in McCarl Center, self-service printer on 4th floor of Cathedral, expanded hours in McCarl Center <p><u>Graduate and Professional Student Assembly: David Gau</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPSG Orientation, September 10, 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal to provide University & Pittsburgh community resources • Advocating for GPS on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letters to federal legislators in support low interest rates on student loans ○ Work with Office of International Services on Immigration reform as effects potential students ○ Coordinating research symposium at state/federal level to advocate for research funding • Latest “Benedict Cumberbatch Appreciation Event”; 98% theater capacity for midnight show , next event – Pirates game in July <p><u>Schools of the Professions:</u></p> <p><u>Arts and Science Graduate Student Association: Michael Lipschultz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings over the summer, nothing to report at this time 	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Deborah Walker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve working conditions by encouraging staff to take advantage of many resources offered ○ Two successful technology assemblies ○ SAC executive team made sound financial decisions where all dollars were spent to improve the organization ○ SAC members were involved in governance ○ Proud to have served in senate as SAC President 	
<p><u>Announcements.:</u> Chancellor’s reception immediately following</p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Members attending:

Becker, Beeson, Butterworth, Cochran, Cordier, Costantino, Gau, Hravnak, Humphrey, Juhl, Kear, Levine, Lipschultz, Lyon, Molinaro, Neft, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Singh, Sallie Smith, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Vieira, Walker, Wendell

Members not attending:

Barker, Bartholomae, Bauer, Bonneau, Brause, Chiarulli, Clermont, Culley, Daley, Gaddy, Gallagher, Gleason, Jabro, Kearns, Kory, Lin, Lunsford, Majumdar, Miller, Mulcahy, Neufeld, Savinov, Savoia, Slimick, Wilson

*Excused attendance:

Arnold-Blais, Beck, Buchanich, Flynn, Frank, Hartman, Kovacs, Louderback, Matychak, Pinsky, Skledar, Song, Tananis

Others attending:

Baker, Balaban, Barlow, Bent, Clark, Frieze, Harding, Harvith, Hoogendoorn, Mohamed, Moore, Ritter, Schackner, Spring, Sulameswaroon, Wilds

*Notified Senate Office