

University of Pittsburgh University Senate
Student Admissions, Aid, and Affairs Committee (SAAA) Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2022

(video recording available upon request)

Called to order 3:00pm

Attendance

Elected Members

Natasha Baker, Dental Medicine
Barbara Rauscher Dewhirst, School of Nursing
Nancy Glynn, Co-Chair, SPH
Thottala Jayaraman, Dental Medicine
Clare Russell, Dietrich School, Department of English
Uma Satyavolu, Dietrich School, Department of English
Sybil Streeter, Co-Chair, Dietrich School, Department of Psychology

Student Representatives

Danielle Floyd, SGB President

Chancellor's Liaisons

Kenyon Bonner, Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Mark Harding, Vice Provost for Enrollment

Pro Tem Member

Ron Idoko, Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Senate Appointments

Robin Kear, Senate President
Jennifer Seng, General Counsel

Guests

Bernard Brooks, Dietrich School
Shannon O'Shea, University Communications

1. Opening/Introductions – New members were welcomed and introduced
2. Revise meeting dates
 - a. 3rd Thursdays mostly good, will poll for a potential Wednesday date
3. Supporting Muslim students who observe Ramadan re: food services: Bernard Brooks

- a. 2023: eve March 22 – April 21 eve (end of last day of classes) ~7:20am – 7:30pm SAS 10 days earlier each year?
 - b. Survey Muslim students – gauge needs for the month. What works? What do they need for fasting?
 - c. To-go box for pre-dawn meal? SAS: Restrictions??? Need long term sustainable solution
 - d. Iftar fast-breaking meal: make sure dining is open
 - e. Shuttles to Mosques? Is Islamic Center best (maybe 2-3/week)
 - f. Muslim chaplain on staff?
 - g. Faculty awareness of fasting students timing
 - h. Interfaith floors (reflection room?)
 - i. Muslim chaplain on campus
 - i. Kenyon has affiliation of interfaith Amieola (sp?)
 - j. Can we issue statement about Islamaphobia
 - k. Suggest Read Green notifications to go out earlier before term starts to alert faculty and address in syllabi in advance important dates
4. Initiatives for AY 22-23
- a. Impact of test-optional admissions, larger first-year class (Harding, Brodish, Wisniewski, McCarthy) – October?
 - i. 4465 target (4410) (4200-4300 typical)
 - ii. Overall enrollment stable
 - iii. Issue: retention
 - iv. test optional
 - 1. English
 - 2. Math
 - 3. Where to put first –year students?
 - b. Follow up on student data privacy (Chad Burton, Data and Privacy Officer, University of Pittsburgh) November?
5. New business
- a. Additional issues: Housing? Dining? Emergency housing: Contact Dean of Students deanofstudents@pitt.edu

Meeting Adjourned at 4:06pm