

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
December 4, 2013

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Spring called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM	The meeting commenced at 3:01 PM
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the, November 6, 2013 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Spring 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"> ➤ Faculty honors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ David Bartholomae was named Pennsylvania’s Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He is one of the early proponents of the value of writing in the undergraduate curriculum, founder & leader of Pitt’s Composition Program. Awards include the Mina Shaughnessy Award, highest honor from modern language association; Pitt Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award. ➤ Maggie Potter, Professor of Health Policy & Management, GSPH received faculty award in excellence in academic public health practice from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. Recognized for national leadership in translating public health scholarship to improve Public Health Systems and ultimately to improve the public health. ➤ Two Dietrich School faculty members elected Fellows of the American Association of the Advancement of Science; James Bogen (History & Philosophy of Science) for distinguished research in philosophy of science and Jeff Brodsky (Biological Sciences) honored for research relating to the fundamental mechanisms underlying cellular protein quality control in health and disease. ➤ Four faculty received 4 Fulbright Scholar Core Grants; Susan Andrade (English), Jonathan Arac (the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of English), Peter Brusilovsky (chair of the Information Science & Technology Program in the School of Information Sciences), Valerian E. Kagan (vice chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, GSPH) ➤ Maxine Bruhns, Director of Nationality Rooms program, received a lifetime achievement award from the Women and Girls foundation of Western PA recognizing her work of global impact. She presides over an institutional treasure; no other university has a collection of rooms like the nationality classrooms ➤ 113 Pitt innovators; faculty, staff, students whose discoveries made it out of the lab and were licensed or optioned or provide basis for Startup Company. In the past year 254 invention disclosures were filed thru Office of Technology Management, 51 patents issued to the university. ➤ Changes/transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of New Innovation Institute designed to further advance successes in entrepreneurship, commercialization, and economic development. It will bring office of technology management, office of enterprise development, and institute for entrepreneurial excellence under one roof and will provide a new level of support for entrepreneurial activity. • Period of transition: Tim Delaney, at the University for 41 years, served Chief of University Police since 2001, announced his retirement 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Center for International Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Constable (Anthropology) named new director of Asian Studies center ○ Scott Morgenstern (Political Science) named director of Center for Latin American Studies ○ Confucius Institute named Confucius Institute of the Year; will be honored at 8th world Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing tomorrow. 429 Confucius Institutes worldwide to promote Chinese language & culture; Ours has always been recognized as one of the biggest & best • Announced since our last meeting, moving our own office from Beijing to Shanghai (maybe if we had known we were going to be honored in Beijing we would have kept the office there.) The move will permit us to work in collaboration with Pa envoy program office located in Shanghai. • Report co-authored by David Miller, Director, Center for Metropolitan Studies (Pitt), and Rob Cavalier, Director, Program for Deliberative Democracy (CMU); Pittsburghers are more civically healthy than average Americans and other Pennsylvanians. Civic health is a measurement of community participation; this report was produced by the National Conference on Citizenship. • Drive toward more personalized medicine: Pitt and UPMC are significantly expanding capability for next generation gene sequencing to drive cancer treatments • Stephen Wisniewski, senior associate dean and co-director of the Epidemiology Data Center, GSPH, will coordinate a new, multicenter, multidisciplinary effort supported by a five-year, \$23.8 million National Institutes of Health(NIH) grant – to study a deadly bleeding syndrome called coagulopathy, which occurs without warning in some trauma patients. • David & Dawne Hickton made major gift to endow Elder Clinic in School of Law • Heinz memorial chapel celebrated 75th anniversary including a mass renewal of wedding vows. Justice Max Baer presided. <p>Has been a very good semester for the University. Issues are still lurking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations over the federal budget • State revenue receipts which were up modestly in November but it was modest increase over expectations • How will we forge good relationships with new administration in city government in January 2014 <p>Comment per Dr. Levine (“more good news”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 faculty members from SOM elected in the American Society of Clinical Investigation. Each year about 50-60 elected across the country. 	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Senate, Michael Spring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Senate Elections for members of the UCIS Director search have been completed. With a 33% participations rate, the faculty elected four members to the search committee. They are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy Condee - Professor of Slavic and Film Studies ○ Scott Morgenstern - Associate Professor in Political Science ○ Josephine Olson - Professor of Business Administration ○ Andrew J. Strathern - Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Anthropology ➤ Regarding Research. Vice Provost Mark Redfern and Senate Appointees Mara Horwitz and Kacey Marra discussed the current efforts being undertaken by the Provost and the various committees in the area of research. The presentation was broad ranging and led to numerous comments and questions from the members of the Faculty Assembly. The faculty attending expressed deep appreciation for the comprehensive nature of the 	

<p>plans and the clarity of the presentation. The matter of future meetings on these matters was welcomed and it is anticipated that additional focused presentations will be invited. Current Senate appointees indicated a willingness to provide reports of their efforts as needed to Assembly. I believe further elaboration of the presentation and discussion will be provided by the University Times and the Minutes of Faculty Assembly which we will post as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regarding Sustainability. Vice Chancellor Cochran is in the process of forming a new committee on sustainability and we have appointed, with the recommendation of the Plant Utilization and Planning Committee, Professors Patricia Weiss and Kent Harries to represent the Senate. We have asked for further information about the relationship between Vice Chancellor Cochran’s committee and one being formed by Vice Provost Redfern. ➤ Regarding Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Admissions and Student Aid Committee has not met this year given the maternity leave of the chair. I have asked Laura Fonzi to assume the leadership role in the interim and she will be convening the committee in the near future. ○ A request to the Bylaws Committee has been made asking for a review of several matters related to the bylaws pertaining to the standing committees – i.e. when elections occur, how Senate Liaisons are appointed, etc. In addition, I have asked bylaws to provide some historical perspective on the evolution of the Standing Committees. One item in particular will be a topic for Faculty Assembly discussion in the new year – the matter of the policies and practices related to open and executive sessions of our various meetings. ➤ Regarding the Arts and Sciences Graduate Program Closures. We have passed on to the Provost the remarks made at Faculty Assembly and note the submission of a petition circulated by Marianne Novy that contained one hundred and nine signatories expressing concern about the closures. ➤ Regarding the Senate Plenary, a date has been selected – Wednesday March 19, 2014. We have tentatively focused in on a topic that will be something along the lines of “The University in the Digital Age”. I have been soliciting input from a number of people regarding speakers and organizers. The precise title and the agenda will be determined by an organizing committee. I have asked a couple people to whom I have spoken to consider looking at the established seeds of new approaches to teaching and research that capitalize on the shift to digital technology. ➤ Regarding the SGB, I would like to acknowledge the service of President Gordon Louderback and welcome his successor Michael Nites. The various student government organizations are strong at Pitt and they contribute in significant ways to what makes this University a great place. ➤ I wish each of you the best in the coming holiday and the best for the New Year. 	
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board: Gordon Louderback, President</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the last Senate Council meeting we held elections for the 2014 Student Government Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congratulations the new board, the first three I read will be serving as representatives on the Senate Council: Ellie Tsatsos, Andrew Abboud, Brandon Benjamin, Graeme Meyer, Sarah Klein, Mona Kazour, Jake Radziwon, and Abby Zurschmit, and the 2014 President Mike Nites who I invited here today. Mike’s on the 2013 Board and has a lot of experience in Student Government Board. ➤ We have recently passed Resolution 0025 	

- Shows SGB's support and dedication for the participation in the ACC Student Body President Conference

➤ Summary of some of the projects from the 2013 SGB Term:

- Boston Marathon Tribute Walk
- 24-hour library hours implementation
- Enable Pitt students access to Textbookfriend.com
- Good Neighbor Lunch
- 3,000+ Pitt Make A Difference Day
- Advocacy Week
- Zulema Fire Relief Fund
- Princeton Review Survey Campaign
- ACC Student Body President Conference
- Offering cook classes to undergraduate students
- Off-Campus living seminar
- Fundraising week for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Blue Bag Blitz for recycling in South Oakland
- Elections Code Revisions
- Over-hall of the SGB Committee and Board Bylaws
- Earth Day extravaganza
- March Service Madness
- Pitt Day in Harrisburg 2013
- Bike Fix It Station
- Paperless OMET Surveys
- Wireless internet in all dorm and apartment style residence halls
- 2013 PASS Conference
- Campus Improvement Project Form
- Passed 5 resolutions ranging from textbook prices, the office of sustainability, and Google Apps for Education
- Student Networking Events with Alumni
- Assisting in the adoption of the Workers Right Consortium

➤ Since this will be the last time I'm speaking as SGB president and one of my last official meetings of my time here at Pitt. I'd like to thank those who have made my experience on SGB, and at Pitt, so amazing – and a lot of them are in this room.

- The 2012 and 2013 SGB Board Members and Committee Chairs
- Last year's SGB President James Landreneau for being a mentor to me in my early years at Pitt
- Dr. Humphrey for dealing with me and my crazy ideas on a daily basis
- Kenyon Bonner for being our fearless advisor
- Chancellor Nordenberg for his leadership
- Dr. Beeson, Dr. Smitherman, President Spring, Renny Clark, Paul Supowitz, Steve Pederson, Jinx Walton, Gina Scozzaro, Erin Carney, Terri Milani, Scott Hoffman

CGS: Brady McCormick (was not in attendance, but President Spring read his report):

On Monday, November 11, CGS Student Govt participated in the annual Veteran's Day Roll Call. Paul Kanter, a CGS Student Govt council member and Marine Sgt. delivered remarks.

National Non-traditional students' week was one of the best attended in recent history. Over 250 students and alumni participated in 20 different events throughout the week. Especially successful events included a workshop on sensible snacking presented by members of the dietetics program in the School Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and a reading by

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Reporter Brian O’Neill from his new book, "The Paris of Appalachia: Pittsburgh in the Twenty-First Century."

O’Neill’s discussion drew over 50 people to the McCarl Center.

Currently, we are planning a new and ambitious event for the beginning of the Spring semester. Friday, January 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm, CGS Student Govt will be hosting a welcome back kickoff in the McCarl Center. The night will include food from different establishments throughout Oakland and performances by several Pitt student groups. We’re inviting students, faculty, staff and administrators, and we hope many of you can attend.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly: David Gau, President

- I would like to give Gordon and his board well-wishes in their future endeavors and also to welcome the new president and board and look forward to working with them, many of whom I know personally already from previous years.
- If we recall back to May when I first reported, I talked about the idea of “Unity”. The philosophy of a graduate student is changing. As I mentioned before, I attribute this to the fact that so institutions are focusing on their undergraduates and providing them an atmosphere to grow and develop. Pitt is doing a fantastic job with this; I have first-hand experience having completed 5 years of undergrad here.
- New graduate students are typically fresh from undergrad. With no experience of graduate life, they may expect an experience similar to the undergrad experience; but they typically do not find that at most graduate programs around the country.
- I see a trend towards creating some sort of graduate community. Graduate students became highly involved with politics then, something we are expanding even more now. The programming position was created during Nyasha’s year, 2011.
- Last year, David Givens envisioned an orientation for new graduate students. These visions and plans were led by graduate and professional students from different backgrounds, different fields of study. All their plans fell under one idea, unity.
- My board and I began the year fresh off a re-branding of GPSA to now GPSG. With a new logo and t-shirts in hand, we set off with the idea of improving the graduate community.
- We are hosting and have hosted a myriad of pilot programs this year such as:
 - graduate and professional student orientation, something we are continuing next year on August 25th. This is a joint effort between GPSG and OIS.
 - showcased graduate and professional students at Harrisburg in November.
 - going to DC with the northeast AAU institutions to again showcase graduate and professional students in the Spring.
 - Piloting a new recruiting tool for graduate and professional schools, the Trailblazers, modeled off Pathfinders.
 - Programming for the entire spectrum of graduate and professional students from the single, fresh student from undergrad, to the graduate students who have families, or children.
 - Expanded our programming to allow 1000 unique students to experience a GPSG event, our goal is to reach 2000 by the end of the academic year.
 - Bringing together students from different fields of study to discuss each other’s work in the Cookies and Colloquium series, working on film series that pose thought-provoking questions for all backgrounds to consider, and working to create a plan designed to help graduate students look for non-academic work if that is what they desire after graduation.
 - All completed this year with the assistance of Vice Provost Dr. Sbragia and Stephanie Hoogendoorn.

Future

- Our graduate and professional schools at Pitt are segregated. For the most part, it is the individual school that offers a community to the students, and each school does it differently.
- Dr. Sbragia, Stephanie, and GPSG do our best to work on ways to bring the schools together, but it is a lot of work.
- My vision is a future where all graduate students feel connected to the University, not just the program or school they are in. A future where students have the option to experience Pitt, through Trailblazers, before they arrive, a future where students who choose to become part of the Pitt community, have the availability to learn all the resources here at Pitt for them to use throughout their graduate career.
- I also see students being able to easily interact with others outside of their programs, expanding their minds with the opinions of different thought processes and also building a more diverse support network.
- I hope students will also be given the opportunity to develop skills outside of their academic training which can help them plan for a non-academic career early.
- I have heard stories of two separate graduate students, one in engineering, one in arts & sciences
 - Graduate students may find hardship with their path but do not feel that there is another student to talk with in their program about the situation. This struggle turns the student's experience into a miserable one. I'm glad to say that this student has since found a new path, but suffered emotionally quite a bit to get there.
 - Another student faced similar struggles in a completely different program. This student, graduating this semester shared the feeling that they wish they knew other students were in the same position and how they dealt with it. I am sure there are many more stories like this, students who struggle with their advisor, students who feel lost in their program and start to question the purpose of the PhD.
 - There are a growing number of students looking to connect with the University, not just their program.
 - They want a community which they can utilize as a support group, one that will pick them up if they fall, and one that will cheer with them when they succeed.
 - There is a lot in and around Pitt for students to experience, to do, and to learn. It is odd if they have to do it alone.
 - I hope to help create the blueprint, the infrastructure, to make this happen during my years here at Pitt.
 - I think between myself and my board, we have the persistence and passion to make this work and we will try our best to start finding the path next semester.

Schools of the Professions:

Arts and Science Graduate Student Association: Michael Lipschultz

- Our annual Grad Expo event, where grad students present their research to the Pitt community, has put out its call for submissions. We've also started looking for faculty and student judges to help judge the clarity and quality of the presentations. Grad Expo will be on Thursday, March 27th, starting at 8:30am.
- Cookies and Colloquium happened almost two weeks ago. This is one of our collaborations with GPSG, where grad students are given a forum to present their research and receive feedback from a general audience. We started this collaboration because students in the Dietrich school were requesting opportunities

<p>to present their research to a wider audience than their own departments. So far, we'd like to think we're successful in offering that opportunity. Interest in the series is growing – we've almost tripled submissions from the last Cookies and Colloquium, and the topics are diverse. I attended the last session and not only did I get to hear from one of my colleagues in Computer Science, but I also learned about how the Mediterranean might act as a shared space for poetic expression and about the role of lysosomes in zinc trafficking. Both interesting and well outside of anything I've thought about in the last 6.5 years of being a grad student here.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Lindsay Rodzwicz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with the Provost • All committee chairs are filled • Reinstated Brown Bag series; 150 at December Education Brown Bag and Staff Recognition • Endowed book fund: 5 scholarships will be handed out at the Staff Recognition • Participation in food bank in Oakland • July 20, 2014 - Pitt Kennywood Day 	
<p><u>Announcements:</u> Approved dial in participation into Faculty Assembly and Senate Council meetings.</p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Members attending:

Beeson, Clermont, Cochran, Cordier, Costantino, de Montmollin, Flynn, Frank, Frieze, Gau, Humphrey, Levine, Lipschultz, Louderback, Lunsford, Lyon, Molinaro, Neft, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Rodzwicz, Rosen, Shafiq, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Smolinski, Song, Spring, Vieira, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Beck, Brause, Caldwell, Cauley, Chiarulli, Clark, Gaddy, Gleason, Hughes, Jabro, Karp, Kory, Majumdar, McCormick, McKinney, Mulcahy, Munro, Nisnevich, Savun, Skledar, Slimick, Smolinski, Sukits, Tisherman

*Excused attendance:

Burkoff, Butterworth, Colwell, Erickson, Gibson, Juhl, Lewicka, Sallie Smith, Supowitz, Tananis

Others attending:

Abboud, Balaban, Barlow, Bonner, Clark, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Mohamed, Moore, Nites, Sahni, Wilds

*Notified Senate Office