

Senate Council Meeting Minutes  
2700 Posvar Hall  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

<b>Topic/Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b><u>Call to Order</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order by President Frank Wilson.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.</p>
<p><b><u>Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2016 Senate Council Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Minutes were approved as written.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p><b><u>Items of New Business</u></b></p> <p>No items of new business were raised.</p>	<p>None were raised.</p>
<p><b><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u></b></p> <p>Chancellor Gallagher distributed his written milestone report to the Senate. He welcomed GSO College of Arts &amp; Sciences student representative, Amber Griffith to the Senate Council. Highlights of the Chancellor’s report included a welcome to Dr. Valerie Kinloch who will be the Dean for the School of Education, and the appointment of David Hickton, who will be founding director of our Institute for Cyber Law, Policy and Security. Lina Dostilio joined as vice-chancellor for Community Engagement Centers, and she will be focusing on having extension centers in the communities around us. Randy Juhl returns as our Acting Athletic Director to chair the search committee for Pitt’s next Athletic Director.</p> <p>Student milestones were highlighted such as the Brackenridge Research Fellow 25-student cohort of the University Honors College. Three specific projects were overviewed and were commended. Faculty milestones included School of Medicine faculty members Chang and Moore receiving the 2017 Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize, celebrating significant contributions in immunology, cancer research, microbiology and chemotherapy. Senior Vice-Chancellor Arthur Levine added additional recognition for School of Medicine faculty for virus discovery related to immunology and cancer. Chancellor Gallagher also recognized Lauren Russell from the Department of English for receiving a creative writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. Professors Greeno and Goodkind were recognized as 2017 fellows in the Society for Social Work and Research.</p> <p>Regarding community partnerships, the Chancellor reported that we signed an agreement that launches an collaboration between Pitt and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) and Pittsburgh Public Schools, to provide a pathway for local students to go to college, starting as early as possible (e.g. middle school). Multiple pathways start in the CCAC and matriculation agreement to allow students to complete their four-year degrees at Pitt. This agreement provides a better vehicle for early engagement of these students, including career fairs, advising, and early exposure to college life. In the current environment for Pitt, and in communities locally and state-wide, are educational opportunities, economic opportunities, and activities at a time where government is looking at performance and opportunity. Our unique location in Pittsburgh and regional campus location allows us to extend our work, research and services.</p> <p>The Provost’s office was thanked for creating the University Forum on current issues. It was</p>	<p>Discussion/ questions are noted below.</p>

<p>important to create a venue to tackle these issues in an in-depth way. The first event on immigration was a big success. Next week, the topic will look at Russian hacking. We are leaning in on core topics. If you have ideas, please submit those to the Provost's office website. Provost Beeson noted that future discussions will include the affordable care act, and other pertinent topics as we move forward.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Questions:</u>  Mulcahy: In the November meeting, there was a reference made to a survey on diversity in the university. Will this be put into print? It was something done related to diversity through CAS. Was there follow-up?</p> <p>Gallagher/Humphries: We will look into this and report back.</p>	
<p><b><u>Report of Senate President, Frank Wilson</u></b></p> <p>President Wilson updated that university-wide, many activities and forums have been carried out related to diversity and inclusion. He also noted that the Committee related to core values may address Professor Mulcahy's request. Several recommendations from this Committee from last semester were adopted right away, including naming 2016-17 as the Year of Diversity. One remaining recommendation was the charge to develop a statement of core values for the University. This work will be underway this semester. This values statement will help drive our course of action on the many issues we face. Once the core values statement is developed by the committee, it will come back to Senate Council for comment.</p> <p>President Wilson continued with his report related to changes and good things happening. The idea of dealing with the big issues at the university level has had an impact on many different units and across campuses. This is an essential practice of our university. Shared governance continues and strengthens, albeit not always smooth. We have had number of times where we have had differences between committees and senate members and administration, and in every case so far, we have worked through the issues and when the work is done, the outcome is better than it was before. We have several issues that will be coming through Senate Council for a vote this semester. Very soon, the updated report on consensual relations will be finalized, as it came through TAFC today with significant discussion. TAFC is a challenging meeting, but the committee is doing what they are supposed to do, and when they press an issue, it has demonstrated a better final result. Shared governance takes place in our own units and at the university level as well as at the regional campuses. These are strange and challenging times, and we need to be at our best performance and not back-off. We will be questioned on many things, and it is important how we respond. The next few months will be fast-acting; we feel this way because we are talking about important things.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Questions:</u>  Mulcahy (related to survey question, above): I think this explains my question. I think I misunderstood the report. Thank you.</p>	<p>Comments/  discussion are noted below.</p>
<p><b><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council</u></b></p> <p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u>  <i>Natalie Dall, President; Executive Vice-President, Sydney Harper, presenting</i></p> <p>President Natalie Dall was out of town at a graduate school interview. Executive Vice-President Sydney Harper presented the SGB report:</p>	

Student Government Board elections season is underway. Elections packets were released on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and are due today by 5pm. The campaign will begin for all approved candidates on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and Election Day this year will take place on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Last semester SGB partnered with SAC, the Office of Community and Governmental Relations, the City of Pittsburgh, and many other partners to analyze street safety in South Oakland. SGB was happy to announce that over 30 new street lights have now been installed on McKee Place, Semple Street, and Bates Street as a result of these campaigns. Natalie Dall, our Community and Governmental Relations Chair Nick Fisher, and GPSG President Justin Saver met on Monday with several members of the Office of Community and Governmental Relations to discuss this year's Pitt Day in Harrisburg event which will be taking place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They are incredibly excited for the opportunity to lobby in the state capital on behalf of our University, and cannot wait to start recruiting students for this year's trip.

No comments were raised.

Events coming up this semester:

- Board Member Alyssa Laguerta worked over break to plan this week's Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week in partnership with Student Health Services. She has been tabling with information on discounted products available in the campus Pharmacy this week, and will be hosting a Q&A with a Student Health Gynecologist tonight.
- Academic Affairs Committee is hosting a Meet the Academic Deans event on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-9pm in the WPU Ballroom to allow students to mingle with the heads of their respective schools.
- The second Safety Fair of the year will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Board Member Laguerta and Sydney Harper have been working on planning this year's Human Rights Conference with several members of our new First Year Council. This year's conference will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in the WPU Ballroom.
- SGB's first-ever Women's Empowerment Week will be taking place the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be shared in February. That week will also culminate in the Pitt Women's Leadership Experience Retreat hosted by our own Dr. Humphrey. Several participants from last year's program and student leaders have been working on the planning of that event since last November, and we are looking to recruit over 80 students for the retreat.

For an update from the Pittsburgh Student Government Council, which consists of Student Government representatives from all of Pittsburgh's colleges and universities, SGB is hosting the March meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the William Pitt Union, and the PSGC Executive Board is working to invite Mayor Peduto to that meeting to speak with us on issues affecting the city.

The Academic Affairs Committee is looking to submit a proposal for a new psychology minor to PACUP before the end of this semester. The committee has been drafting this proposal since the beginning of the year and is excited to almost be ready to submit.

Finally, Board Member Justin Horowitz is leading an initiative backed by the Academic Affairs Chair Hollenbach and the Academic Affairs Committee to include information regarding Counseling Services at the University on all course syllabi. He met with Vice Provost Juan Manfredi last week to discuss this initiative, and is excited to move forward with it over the coming months.

College of General Studies Student Government (CGSSG)

*David Levine, President pro-tempore, presenting for Jessica Sevcik, President*

This semester, CGS SG has had changes and challenges. They reported that they have adapted well and are moving forward with new (and old) goals.

Currently, CGS SG staff support includes Dean, Cristina Ruggiero; Director, Boryana Dobreva; and Director for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Jennifer Engel. As always, CGS SG is continuing its goal of ensuring every CGS student succeeds academically, personally, and professionally. Additionally, the CGS SG council members are reviewing the current CGS SG constitution and recommending changes to better suit our current needs. They are holding a public meeting Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to vote on the suggested amendments. To achieve their goal of student success, CGS SG is working in collaboration with The Pitt Program Council, Hillman Library, and Math and Writing tutors to facilitate workshops. Additionally, Jessica recently met with Dean Bonner to discuss the ways in which CGS SG can reach a broader range of CGS students. Next is that CGS is now accepting applications for the following 2017-18 scholarships; Outstanding Student of the Year Award, Steele Gow Award, Study Abroad Scholarship, and Success and Determination Scholarship. Finally, CGS SG is in the process of planning its annual Excellence Reception and Student Choice Awards Ceremony, which will likely take place Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the PAA.

Report of Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG):

*Justin Saver, President, GPSG*

GPSG has been busy in the last few weeks putting finishing touches on Spring semester plans. Tonight is the first Assembly Board meeting for the term. GPSG will be having a slight change in leadership as we elect our new Vice-President of Committees this evening. The VP of Committees is responsible for working with the 40 committee representatives. GPSG is also beginning to gear up for their general executive board elections occurring in late-March.

Justin reported that he has been working with CGR on the Graduate Student Research Showcase as part of Pitt Day in Harrisburg. During the last few weeks, they have been working with the Deans of the 14 graduate schools and their leadership to nominate student work focused broadly on "Innovating a Better Pennsylvania". The next step is to review the nominations and select the posters that will represent the graduate schools on Tuesday March 21st. Additionally, Justin continues to work with the Office of Academic Career Development in developing a program titled Doctoral Alumni in Residence. This program, which is scheduled to launch this Fall, aims to provide meaningful interaction between Pitt PhD students and post-doctoral associates and Pitt PhD alumni who currently work in the public and private sectors outside of education. Also, GPSG will be launching their annual graduate and professional student body survey in mid-February.

GPSG VP of Communications continues to plan our TEDxUniversityofPittsburgh event co-hosted with SGB. This event is scheduled for mid-March and will feature smaller speaker sessions prior to the big event. They are planning a Title IX Training Session with the Title IX office for our Executive and Assembly boards. The VP of Programming is working with the Event Planning Committee to plan the events for the semester. Next month, they will be hosting a movie night at Row House Cinema in Lawrenceville and a "Party in the Tropics" at Phipps Conservatory. They are excited to announce that GPSG has partnered with the Pitt Program Council to permit graduate and professional students to enjoy PPC event this

semester. They hope to continue this partnership in years to come. The GPSG VP of Finance has been hard at work with CSSD working on the new portal titled my.gpsg.pitt.edu. This portal will serve as the financial hub for GPSG and will entirely house the travel grant service. This month, 20 travel grants totaling approximately \$9,000 were awarded, along with 3 supplemental funding awards totaling approximately \$5,000.

The cultural graduate student organizations have also been very productive over the last few weeks planning their programs for the term. GOSECA, the eastern European organization is busy planning for their annual conference in March. The Iranian Student Association is planning a concert in Bellefield Hall on February 11th. CSSA, the Chinese scholar and student association, is planning their largest event of the year. They will be hosting their Spring Festival Gala on February 4th in Alumni Hall.

*Corbin Powlus, Schools of the Professions*

No update this month.

*Amber Griffith, Schools of Arts & Sciences (A&S)*

Amber is the interim president of the A&S Graduate Student Organization. She reported that the GSO is gearing up for the Grad Expo on March 24, 2017. Abstract applications are open for submission currently. For web design for A&S GSO, there is now a forum for streamlined communication within the department so we can communicate more than just at their once monthly meeting. Regarding GSO policy, there is a new committee developed that will streamline the Constitution, and a committee on Diversity and Inclusion, modeled from the University Committee, with a statement of purpose and a panel discussion at the end of the semester.

*Jacob Kantorowitz, Schools of the Health Sciences*

Jacob introduced himself; he is a student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, elected by the Schools of the Health Sciences representatives to the GPSG Assembly Board to represent them to the Senate Council. He reported that this last month has been full of fundraising and outreach campaigns for the Schools of the Health Sciences. Initiated by Kathleen Koesarie, the School of Medicine has been successfully running a bra donation program supporting local women in need at the Pittsburgh area women's shelters. This has been accomplished by partnerships with Soma and the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Additionally, the School of Medicine is having their highly anticipated Birmingham Free Clinic Auction on January 26th. The money raised from this auction goes towards healthcare for Pittsburgh's vulnerable and underserved populations. The Physical Therapy Program is planning to go to Guatemala during their spring break to provide free PT services to those in need. They have done numerous fundraisers for this event. They also participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. The School of Pharmacy continues towards constructing a Port Authority bus promotion of the importance of utilizing pharmacists. The School of Pharmacy additionally hosted their annual Tucci lecture last Tuesday with none other than Vice Dean Ann Thompson from the School of Medicine speaking on implicit bias. The Biomedical Graduate Student Association has been planning a variety of professional events for the future upcoming weeks, including a workshop for designing professional figures, a comprehensive exam panel, and a session for professional business portraits. The School of Medicine had their Student Executive Council elections since we last met. They additionally have been planning the *Black History Month Banquet* with the highly regarded February 16<sup>th</sup> keynote speaker Dr. Todd Savitt, an author and historian of medicine. He will address entry of black physicians into American medical profession after the Civil War, and parallels and lessons for work ahead in today's medical climate.

<p>The Schools of Health Sciences, although busy, have found time to blow off some steam with a variety of exciting social events throughout the Pittsburgh area. The School of Dental Medicine is currently planning their annual Snowball Dance for January 28<sup>th</sup>. The School of Pharmacy PhD program had some fun with their international lunch and Yankee swap. The Biomedical Graduate Student Association had its annual End of the Foundations night in December to celebrate their first year students completing their first semester in graduate school. They also had a social event at Kin n’ Time, making mugs from clay, in early January.</p>	
<p><b><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC):</u></b>  <i>Rich Colwell, President</i></p> <p>The SAC reported that with the new term, comes planning and budgeting for the next fiscal year. The SAC has gathered a budget task force comprising of its executive committee and all members holding appointments to any University planning and budget committees. The goal is to ensure that our concerns are prioritized and staff voices are heard in the face of what looks to be a difficult year. They understand resources may be limited, but at the very least, aim to improve and clarify information that comes out about the budgeting process. The hope is that the announcement of the salary pool increase will be concise, clear, and contains the details that staff members need to digest it. SAC looks forward to our upcoming conversations with Senior Administrators regarding this important topic. Debbie Whitfield of Dental Medicine has stepped forward to chair the upcoming officer elections. Matthew Richardson of Student Affairs has volunteered to chair the Spring Assembly. They both were thanked for their continued leadership.</p> <p>A Brown Bag is currently scheduled for March 23 in the William Pitt Union Ballroom. Jim Earle, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business, will be presenting a version of his COLE Leadership seminar to staff. Maureen Lazar of Organization Development will host a Brown Bag seminar titled Self-Advocacy: How to Navigate the Annual Review Process at Pitt with a date and location to be announced. The Staff Association Council is working to build a coalition of faculty, staff, students, and community groups to make the intersection and Fifth and Bellefield Avenues safer, particularly for pedestrians. Please send SAC your testimonials and let them know if you are interested in being an active participant in their efforts. SAC is looking forward to sending staff to Pitt Day in Harrisburg on March 21 to tell Pitt stories. It is a unique opportunity for citizens to get involved in the political process at the state level.</p> <p>Please send all SAC correspondence to us at <a href="mailto:sac@pitt.edu">sac@pitt.edu</a>. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.</p>	<p>No comments or questions were raised.</p>
<p><b><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u></b></p> <p>Vice-President Kear updated on the Plenary, which is set for Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm in the WPU. The topic is “The Role of Research Metrics in Faculty Evaluation.” VP Kear reported that many different metrics are available for research, and it is important to discuss the balance of data and peer judgement, which metrics to use, and which are important to us at Pitt. Speakers are Diana Hicks and Cassidy Sugimoto, who will address these questions and more, followed by a local expert panel will also be available at the end of the session for further discussion. Details are available on the senate website at <a href="http://www.univsenate.pitt.edu/">http://www.univsenate.pitt.edu/</a></p>	<p>No comments or questions were raised.</p>
<p><b><u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	

<p><b><u>Announcements:</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b><u>Adjournment:</u></b> President Wilson adjourned the meeting.</p>	<p>Adjournment at 4:02pm.</p>

University Senate website: <http://www.univsenate.pitt.edu/senate-council>

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Senate Secretary  
 Professor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy  
 Department of Pharmacy & Therapeutics

Members attending:

Beck, Beeson, Bonner, Colwell, Costantino, Czerwinski, Dahm, Flynn, Gallagher, Griffith, Harper, Humphrey, Jacob, Kanthak, Kantorowitz, Karpuzi, Kaufman, Kear, Labrinidis, Leers, Levine, Molinaro, Mulcahy, Phillippi, Powlus, Ramicone, Saver, G. Scott, Skledar, Smith, Spring, Stephany, Stoner, Triulzi, Washington, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Bratman, Clark, Cohen, Cole, Donihi, Gleason, Helbig, Horowitz, Kaynar, Kory, Muenzer, Munro, Nelson, Rodzicz, Schmidhofer, W. Scott, Swanson, Vieira

\*Excused attendance:

Dall, Dewar, Gaddy, Loughlin, Mulvaney, Rigotti, Rohrer, Sevcik, Sukits, Tananis

Others attending:

Balaban, Barlow, Casey, Connelly, Costanza, Dostilio, Fike, Kirsch, D. Levine, Rogers, Sahni, Walker, Wilds

\*Notified Senate Office