

Senate Council Meeting Minutes  
2700 Posvar Hall  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Michael Spring at 3:01 PM.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:01 PM.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2014, Senate Council Meeting</u> Asked for approval of the September 2014 Senate Council minutes.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p><u>Items of New Business</u> No items of new business were brought forward.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u></p> <p>An update on my activities and things up-and-coming. I have been in my “get to know the University” mode. My time has been spent reaching out to various parts of the University. I have been to a number of schools and Board of Visitors, hosting student leaders, athletics outreach, student organizations, and all four regional campuses now. The only complaint I can make is that all of the visits have been too short. What comes through is that the University is dynamic and well-positioned and full of good ideas. This is the year of sustainability. Next is the October 27<sup>th</sup> celebration to honor Jonas Salk. Students have been engaged in a student competition for the next sustainability project. An interesting interaction has been the Pitt – military interaction. Pitt has a rich history with the military. The VFW celebration of their anniversary brought it to my attention as it was founded here. It was a remarkable event. Pitt has been named the 2015 Military-Friendly University for how we serve that part of the community. We can be proud of that. There is a whole set of good things on the research front. My inbox fills up every day with exciting discoveries. There are important funding grants that have been awarded to the University. The NSF half-million dollars of funding to upgrade our cyber infrastructure for research was received. Also, Pitt research received a \$1.25 million grant from the Department of Defense for whole eye transplantation, including collaboration with Harvard and UC San Diego researchers. Research is also being funded across several universities, foundations, companies, DOD, and FDA related to biomarkers and imaging markers that signify traumatic brain injury. Pitt is exceptionally well-positioned here. Two other large grants include an \$ 11 million, four-year, NIH grant for big data to develop a Big Data Knowledge Center of Excellence, to explore massive data sets and understand health impacts. The second is a \$5.8 million drug discovery grant to develop 3D models that mimic the liver on a chip to advance efficient clinical trials and screening. A theme coming up that is that we can weave together related to our research in medical sciences and big data and advances in computational data analytics. When you look broadly at this area, and you add in UPMC and CMU, the Pittsburgh Region is well-positioned to be THE leader in the US in this area. This has captured our attention and focus. Expect to hear more about this as things continue to develop. What is also quite important is that as we start to look at how to solidify Pitt’s research position when federal funds are flat or declining, activity is turning to how do we work collaboratively with private funding sources such as companies, commercialization, start-ups, and University areas to support that, for example, the Innovation Institute and the Entrepreneurship Institute. These elements are critical enablers. The big picture here is very exciting to position Pitt at the forefront. We are at the cusp of doing even more. When we focus on things like enabling research with data, we will be capability to handle large data sets inside and outside the University, including in the classroom (personalized education).</p>	

I will introduce Provost Beeson to update on the Intellectual Property issue. Art Levine may also be asked to comment after Patty.

Provost Beeson: One of the issues we have been dealing with, at the request of Faculty Assembly, has been the request to have faculty sign IP agreements. In August, we asked all faculty to sign an agreement that would assign to the University the ownership of all IP developed, which is consistent with the University's policy developed decades ago. Ownership of IP is assigned to the University for several reasons including: often corporations and third-parties do not want to deal with an individual faculty member; the university supports the research and invests in the research enterprise and is thus entitled by policy entitled to a portion of the returns on what is commercialized; and the policy shares revenue between faculty and University. In August, we were trying to deal with two separate issues at same time. First is that there are federal regulations that require that we have agreements between the faculty members and the University before we accept federal funding for research done by those individual faculty members. The second issue is that we were trying to address a question/solidify the University policy. There was a recent court case (Stanford v. Roche) where a Stanford researcher inadvertently assigned his IP ownership to a company. Even though he wanted the University to have the IP so he could share in the returns, he ended up not being able to do that because there was not prior assignment. This case showed that assignment agreements are needed, and that the timing of the assignment is very important. We are dealing with two separate things: the federal regulation, and the court case that involved assignment agreements. As the Chancellor said, we are now in a position to move forward on our thinking with corporate relations, so we decided to separate those two issues. We will look at the policy and consider change, but right now, we need to do one thing: have signed agreements from all faculty who are engaged in federally sponsored research. We will give faculty several options: (these will be outlined in a letter to the faculty)

Option #1) The faculty can sign a revised IP assignment agreement that we put forward in August—new version assigns ownership of IP goes to University at time of signing, protects the investigator against inadvertently assigning IP to someone else, and will facilitate processing of third-party agreements. It also guarantees that if our policy should change so the division of returns to the invention are more favorable to the faculty member, the faculty member will be guaranteed the more favorable conditions.

Option #2) If the faculty member is not prepared to sign right now, they can sign an IP Rights Acknowledgement Agreement. This agreement acknowledges the faculty member's responsibilities under University policy and federal regulation to protect the rights of the federal government in any invention they disclose, and to disclose promptly any inventions that come out of their research funded by the federal government. That will be signed at this point in time. The faculty member will still be required under University policy, once they disclose the invention, to assign the rights once they disclose the invention.

Option #3) If the faculty member is satisfied with the existing IP agreement they signed, they can let that stand.

This will be rolled out next week. We will have a website, information sessions and FAQ. We are only requesting agreements form faculty who have federally funded research. The members of the Task Force were thanked; it was a very productive committee. Faculty and Administration, as well as the federal government should be satisfied.

<p>Chancellor: Does Art Levine want to add anything further?</p> <p>Levine: I do not have anything further information on the IP issue. He noted that it was expressed well. He did mention that he frequently does get UPMC-Highmark questions, and that he would be happy to answer those questions privately if they come about.</p> <p>Spring: Are there any questions for Provost or Chancellor? None raised.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Michael B. Spring</u></p> <p>My report today is rather brief and we have one standing committee report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>As you have just heard, the Provost convened a task force</b> to examine how best to proceed with the matter of assigning intellectual property in accord with University policy. I appreciate the speed, collegiality and thoroughness with which the Provost has engaged these matters. As a matter of fact, there was only one aspect of the process that we disagreed on – my appointment to the task force.</li> </ol> <p>I would also like to note that there is a separate but related set of discussions that are being set in motion by the Provost and the Chancellor to examine our policies on intellectual property with an eye to asking how these policies impact the exploitation of innovation and the dissemination of knowledge. We are a research institution, not a private research lab, and we have an obligation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>The Fall Plenary will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b> As is usual, the Plenary will run from 12:00-3:00 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Plenary will be held in the Assembly Room, William Pitt Union. We are very excited about the topic: “Managing Research Data: Challenges &amp; Opportunities at the University.” The keynote address will be from Liz Lyon, Visiting Scholar, School of Information Sciences. The title will be “Gearing up for Data? Institutional Drivers, Challenges and Opportunities.” The panel will include: Kelly Dornin-Koss, Director, Education and Compliance Office for Human Subject Research; Barbara Epstein, Director, Health Sciences Library System; Jay Graham, Enterprise Architect, Computing Services and Systems Development; Jennifer Woodward, Associate Vice Provost for Research Operations; Mike Becich, Chairman, Department of Biomedical Informatics; and Alison Langmead, Director of the Visual Media Workshop, History of Art and Architecture.</li> <li>3. <b>We continue to work on our web presence.</b> As a reminder, we have placed documents related to issues we are trying to address. Pertinent to the IPR issues there were numerous documents placed there related to the matter. We have also opened an initiatives page with documents related to research data management. I won’t bore you with the gory details, but of the approximately 500 visitors, about 300 found their way to the IPR page and about 170 have made their way to the research data management page. Visits to the IPR page have slowed down dramatically, and visits to the research data management page continue to grow.</li> <li>4. <b>One ongoing goal this year will continue to facilitate better communication among faculty as it relates to the Senate and shared governance.</b> As a part of our efforts to better coordinate the work of the executive committee, we will try to meet the Wednesday or Thursday before each Faculty Assembly meeting (It appears that we are settling on Thursday). We decided to hold the meeting in the College Room of University</li> </ol>	

<p>Club between 11:45 and 1:00. While we should always have a few items to discuss, we would welcome input and observations from all of you and any of our colleagues who happen to be there at that time.</p> <p><b>5. The various standing committees continue their work.</b> The Expanded Executive Committee met this past Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed accomplishments of the past year and discussed goals for the coming year of the 15 existing Committees of the Senate. We used a new format that allowed us to address a number of cross committee issues that we will try to attend to in the future. We discussed several open issues, but I would like to mention two of them here with the idea that we welcome your feedback as we begin to think about these. First, one of the responsibilities that the Senate takes seriously is advising the administration on matters of University wide concern. Sometimes, matters don't reach the Executive Committee or the relevant standing committee soon enough for us to provide feedback. We will be thinking about ways to make sure we get the appropriate faculty involved in issues at a stage where we can provide appropriate formative feedback. Second, as we focus on particular issues, it is sometimes more convenient to form special committees to focus on a given task. This can lead to less than optimal communication between all the involved parties. We will be thinking about how we can embrace such structures without losing track of the need to communicate with the involved Senate committees. The Expanded Executive Committee will meet with the Chancellor to discuss the work of the Senate on November 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>6. There are also two <i>Ad Hoc</i> committees that are active:</b> Last year we created an <i>ad hoc</i> Committee charged with the analysis of university policies and procedures related to non-tenure stream faculty, both part-time and full-time with an eye to adjustments that may need to be made and positioning of responsibility for consideration of these matters within the standing committees of the Senate, as well as identification of issues not currently within the purview of an existing standing committees. We anticipate that this committee will complete their work this year and report to faculty assembly and Senate council if appropriate. A second <i>ad hoc</i> Committee has been formed to address the guidelines in current use for performance evaluation and salary reduction of tenured faculty in the University of Pittsburgh. This committee is in the process of starting its work. I should mention that there is also a special working group of tenure and academic freedom focused on academic freedom and electronic media that has been meeting. There was a news story of faculty saying things on blogs etc, which rose to the level of state legislators. Our current policies are in good shape and the policy review went well. I expect we will be receiving reports from these groups soon.</p> <p><b>7.</b> The Chancellor's appointees have changed to General Counsel Jerome Ritchie (replacing Jerry Cochran). Mark Harding (Chief Enrollment Officer) will be joining us monthly also.</p>	
<p><b><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council</u></b></p> <p><u>Student Government Board Representatives:</u> Michael Nites</p> <p>1. A Student Government Board Referenda was passed by the student body last week. The student body voted to change the term of Student Government Board from a calendar year to an academic year. We are extremely excited about this change because it allows us to fully integrate our student representatives on University-wide governing bodies into the structure of SGB. As a result of this, we will be</p>	

restructuring our Academic Affairs Committee to work more closely with the University governing bodies for academic programs. We will also be restructuring our Community Outreach Committee to better fuse SGB and PittServes together as a team.

2. Travel Grant program: We have given out approximately 25 grants so far this semester. One of the people who were awarded a grant is named Eric Weston. The title of his presentation is “Adapting Gait to Multifocal-Lens Glasses Improves Stepping Accuracy in Novice Wearers.”
3. We have been working with Dr. Earle and Sodexo to establish a pilot for extended dining hours in the Union during the weekends.
4. We have also been working with Dean Humphrey to establish a pilot period of extended gym hours in the Union.
5. Our Environmental Chair has been working with Misti in the Office of PittServes to hire a Sustainability Coordinator for the new Office of Sustainability.
6. Safety Week, which occurred, two days ago was extremely successful. Board Member Sara Klein worked with the campus and state on pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and driving safety.
7. Two organizations for have had recent extremely successful events:
  - a. The Campus Women’s Organization brought Sasheer Zamata from Saturday Night Live last night for a performance. Eleanora Kaloyeropoulou is the President of the Campus Women’s Organization. She told me today that around 400 people attended the event.
  - b. The Resident Student Association held their annual event called the Non-Alcoholic Mix-off. This event raises awareness to alternative activities without drinking. Each of the Residence Hall Councils and several student organizations were tasked with creating non-alcoholic mixed-drinks. There was a vote to see who had the best drink. Natalie Dall is the president of the Resident Student Association.

Finally, I wanted to thank Chancellor Gallagher again as well as all of the administrators and staff members who attended the Student Leader Dinner last night. As I mentioned last night at our event, this is something that the student leaders really appreciate.

#### Report of Graduate and Professional Student (GPSG): David Gau

Good afternoon Senate Council members, I’d like to start the meeting today with a story about a few graduate students here at Pitt who lost all their possessions from a house fire on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to share this to remind everyone that life is random, but also as a testament to the Pitt Spirit that we all share here. Within a short amount of time of the fire, Dean Humphrey and her office reached out to the students. The University offered to provide dorm housing, books, laptops, and more. Their programs opened up various donations and provided the affected students with other essential materials and students from across the graduate schools made donations. A fundraiser was opened to help support the students and within 48 hours, over \$3000 was raised. No time was wasted to help the displaced students. This event demonstrated the type of community we have here at Pitt, and one that makes me proud to be a part of it.

Speaking of community, we piloted a “Meet the Deans” event at the School of Nursing this past month. Thank you to Dean Humphrey for the idea! This is something I am working with all the schools to continue or create because I do think it is important for students to hear from their deans in person and have that opportunity to meet with them if a mechanism does not exist already. Even though I am not a nursing student, I found it very interesting to

hear from Dean Dunbar-Jacob talk about how the school operates and its philosophy on nursing graduate study. This will be done on a semester-basis moving forward.

GPSG and SGB are both members of the Pittsburgh Student Government Council (PSGC). This council is comprised of the same membership as the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education, better known as PCHE (10 Pittsburgh schools). PSGC was formed in 2009 as a response to then past Mayor Ravenstahl's proposed tuition tax. GPSG is chairing the Council this semester, and we have invited Mayor Peduto to come speak with the 11 student governments in and around Pittsburgh next month. As Chancellor Gallagher mentioned last meeting, topics like sexual assault on campus will require a universal effort and it is my hope that PSGC will help organize the students of Pittsburgh to address that topic and others.

We submitted a bid recently to host the National Association of Graduate and Professional Student (NAGPS) Northeast Conference here. I'm pleased to report that the bid was accepted, and we will welcome fellow NAGPS members from CMU, MIT, Syracuse University, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, and more. We're still working on the agenda now that the bid has been accepted, but I may be asking some of you in this room to help if your schedule permits!

In November, GPSG will be assisting graduate students from the School of Social Work in organizing a campus-wide canned food drive with the assistance of the Community Human Services here in Oakland. The concept is not just to collect canned goods for the local food pantries, but to also build awareness of food insecurity in our community. We will be using an idea called "Canstruction." Schools or groups will compete with each other in donating canned goods and also using those cans to construct something. We hope to display the canstructions around campus for one week in November.

We are moving forward with bringing "TEDx" to Pitt along with SGB. Our Vice-President of Communications, Ravi, will be submitting the application to host the event here in the Spring. We're going to have a very busy Spring semester. Thank you to Kenyon for providing time and input on the application.

We are also very excited to help with Pitt's Panther Tank competition coming up on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Alumni Hall. Panther Tank is as real as an investing simulation can get. That's because student investment teams will hear pitches from real Pittsburgh startup companies, then can question them aloud on their business plan. Teams will then have 8 minutes to craft an investment deal to present to the startup. These deals will be judged by real investors from BlueTree Allied and Pittsburgh TBEDs (technology-based economic development). Though there's only one winner, all teams get to learn investing basics and startup pitching, as well as meet the startup companies and investors who are creating the next big innovations right here in Pittsburgh.

We continue to work on broadening our outreach to increase student attendance at our graduate events. Last year, we had 1292 unique graduate students attend our events. Our goal this year is 2000 students. There are 10,000 total graduate students on campus, so appealing to this varied group of students is our goal.

**Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC)**

Rich Colwell and Lindsay Rodzwick

All officers of Staff Association Council had an introductory meeting with Chancellor Gallagher last Thursday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with the Chancellor as SAC

<p>continues to take an active role in shared governance and our University.</p> <p>Members of SAC participated in <u>United Way Day of Caring</u> on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The project we were involved with was the Oakland Food Pantry which SAC supports with a Thanksgiving food drive.</p> <p><u>New member orientation</u> was Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (yesterday). Ten new members attended bringing SAC to full membership once again (75 members).</p> <p><b>Upcoming events include:</b>  <u>Brown Bags</u>: October 21<sup>st</sup> is Education benefits (available to faculty and staff); November 19<sup>th</sup> is Wellness, Department of Health and Physician Activity.  <u>Book Fund</u>: Oct 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. A scholarship is available to children/dependents of staff members of the University. Recipients will be announced at the Staff Recognition Ceremony on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We gave out 5, \$500 awards last year. This year, we will give 5 awards, with potential sixth award available.</p>	
<p><b><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees</u></b></p> <p><b>Commonwealth Relations Committee</b>  Linda R. Frank and Debora Rougeux, Co-Chairs</p> <p>Professor Rougeux presented the following motion:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b><u>Motion on behalf of the Commonwealth Relations Committee</u></b>  Motion to amend Article IV, Section 1, Part (c), Item 6 of the Bylaws of the University Senate to change the name of the Commonwealth Relations Committee to the <b>Governmental Relations Committee</b>. <i>(This was already approved by Faculty Assembly, and the Bylaws and Procedures Committee.)</i></p> <p>Spring: As a motion from a Standing Committee, this requires no second. Are there any questions? Professor Rougeux was asked if this motion was a follow-up to the Committee's recent report.</p> <p>Rougeux: Yes, this was a follow-up to our report last Spring where we noted that we sent a survey to faculty and we received very good input about changing our name to reflect our expanded mission.</p> <p>Spring: It was noted that Chancellor Emeritus Nordenberg is an advocate of this group, so the Committee should reach out to him. We need to call the question. This requires a small change to the bylaws, so the motion and mission statement request approval from Senate Council. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? (Unanimous approval)</p>	<p>Motion passed by unanimous vote.</p>
<p><b><u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business</u></b></p> <p>No items.</p>	
<p><b><u>Announcements:</u></b></p> <p>The Chancellor's seating area benches, located outside of the CL office windows, will be dedicated on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The benches were sponsored by the University Senate and Staff Association Council. There is a reception in 107 CL after the event. Read more: <a href="http://www.utimes.Pitt.edu/?p=31712">http://www.utimes.Pitt.edu/?p=31712</a></p>	

Adjournment:

President Spring adjourned the meeting at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Skledar, RPh, MPH, FASHP  
Senate Secretary  
Associate Professor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy  
Department of Pharmacy & Therapeutics

Members attending:

Abboud, Beeson, Buchanich, Clark, Colwell, Fort, Frieze, Gaddy, Gallagher, Gau, Hravnak, Humphrey, Juhl, Kear, Klein, Kory, Levine, Meyer, Miller, Molinaro, Morel, Nites, Novy, Poloyac, Richey, Rodzwick, Savoia, Skledar, Smith, Smitherman, Spring, Supowitz, Weinberg, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Ataai, Brubach, Caldwell, Cauley, Gibson, Goodhart, Hughes, Karp, Kovacs, Lewicka, Lin, McKinney, Mulcahy, Munro, Nisnevich, O'Connor, Ramsey, Ritter, Savinov, Shafiq, Slimick, Smolinski

\*Excused attendance:

Alarcon, Burkoff, Dewar, Erickson, Fusco, Groark, Kearns, Ramicone, Rosen, Sukits, Upton

Others attending:

Balaban, Barlow, Bonner, Clark, F. Cohen, Fedele, Frisch, Harding, Hoogendoorn, Horvarth, Johnson, Moore, Rougeux, Schmidhofer, Wilds

\*Notified Senate Office