

Faculty Assembly Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
October 7, 2014

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Michael Spring at 3:00 PM.</p>	The meeting commenced at 3:00 PM.
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u> President Spring asked for approval of the minutes of the Faculty Assembly meeting of September 9, 2014</p>	The minutes were amended as per Professor Nick Bircher's edits, and were approved as written.
<p><u>Introduction of Items of New Business</u> No new items were introduced.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Michael Spring (October 2014)</u> My report today is rather brief and we have one standing committee report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want to express my appreciation to Susan Skledar for the minutes produced from our last meeting. I am pleased to report that after that first meeting last month, Professor Susan Skledar is still with us as Secretary. I promise today should be more in line with our normal meetings. 2. The search committee for ULS Director Rush Miller has been completed. The elected members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Corral, SIS • Mark Lynn Anderson, English • Andrew Strathern, Anthropology 3. The Provost has convened a task force to examine how best to proceed with the matter of assigning intellectual property in accord with University policy. That group will meet tomorrow for the third time. I appreciate the speed, collegiality and thoroughness with which the Provost has engaged these matters. It is my hope that the task force will conclude its work shortly. The Provost has been diligently and astutely prepared for the faculty. 4. I would 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. There is a clear commitment to doing this work. 5. The Fall Plenary will take place on October 23rd. It will be streamed and recorded. As is usual, the Plenary will run from 12:00-3:00 on the 23rd. The Plenary will be held in the Assembly Room, William Pitt Union. 	No further comments.

<p>We are very excited about the topic: “Managing Research Data: Challenges & Opportunities at the University.” The Keynote speaker is Liz Lyon, School of Information Sciences. She comes from the UK Data Center, where she was Director. She is spending two years here. The title will be “Gearing up for Data? Institutional drivers, challenges and opportunities”</p> <p>The panel will include:</p> <p>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 Alison Langmead, Director of the Visual Media Workshop, History of Art and Architecture</p> <p>6. We continue to work on our web presence (the Senate Website). As a reminder, we have placed documents related to issues we are trying to address. Pertinent to the IPR issues there are numerous documents placed there related to the matter. We have also opened an “Initiatives Page” with documents related to research data management. These include internal and external documents. Thank you to Lori Molinaro for putting this together.</p> <p>7. One ongoing goal this year will continue to facilitate better communication among faculty as it relates to the Senate and shared governance. 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 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>8. The various standing committees continue their work. Indeed the expanded Executive Committee (which includes Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs) will be meeting on Monday October 13th for our annual meeting to review accomplishments and set goals for the year. That same group will meet with the Chancellor to discuss the work of the Senate on November 17th. The standing committees have been very active so far this year.</p> <p>9. Finally, I am aware that the two ad hoc committees – Non-tenure stream faculty, and annual review/salary policies continue their work. Also, the special working group of tenure and academic freedom focused on academic freedom and electronic media has been meeting. They may be planning a Spring Plenary. I expect we will be receiving reports from all of these groups soon.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of the Special and Standing Committees of the Senate</u> <u>Commonwealth Relations</u> (Linda Frank and Debora Rougeux: Co-Chairs [Deb reporting]) Professor Rougeux presented the following motion:</p>	<p>Motion passed. (unanimous)</p>

<p>Motion on behalf of the Commonwealth Relations Committee 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 Governmental Relations Committee. (This was already approved by the Bylaws and Procedures Committee.)</p> <p>A survey was sent out and we received very good input about expanding our Committee’s scope. To reflect that change in our scope, we felt it was appropriate to suggest a name change. Historically, the Commonwealth Relations Committee was formed right after the University became state-related. The situation has changed drastically over the years and the state Governmental Relations office was in support of the expanded mission of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Spring:</u> The Administration is very positive about this change also. The county and city are important partners with us. It is important for relationships to be understood.</p> <p><u>Frieze:</u> We need to vote on this.</p> <p><u>Spring:</u> This is a motion coming from Committee. It requires no second. There is no discussion. This will go to Senate Council, since it changes the bylaws. (show of hands) Vote is unanimous.</p> <p>Governmental Affairs Committee Mission Statement (new, distributed)</p> <p>The purpose of the Governmental Relations Committee of the University Senate is to foster and promote mutual understanding and rapport between the University of Pittsburgh faculty and members of the federal, state, county and local governments that have an impact on the University's main and regional campuses. The primary, but not exclusive means of achieving this purpose is through informal luncheons held during the academic year with members and/or representatives of these governments and University of Pittsburgh faculty, and representatives of the Staff Association Council and student governments. The Governmental Relations Committee also supports interaction with government officials on specific issues and in general between members of the University community and those who represent them.</p>	
<p><u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business</u> No new business was identified.</p>	None
<p><u>Announcements</u></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: http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=31712</p>	No further discussion.
<p><u>Adjournment</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.</p>	Adjourned 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Skledar, RPh, MPH, FASHP

Senate Secretary

Associate Professor of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, School of Pharmacy

Members attending:

Alarcon, Baker, Bircher, Burkoff, Clark, Costantino, Dahm, Donihi, Evans, Folan, Fort, Frieze, Goodhart, Groark, Guterman, Helbig, Horvath, Hughes, A. Jones, Kaufman, Kear, Kearns, Kovacs, Labrinidis, Leers, Mauk, McKinney, Miller, Molinaro, Morel, Novy, Poloyac, Riccelli, Rougeux, Savoia, Schmidhofer, Scott, Shafiq, Skledar, Smitherman, Spring, Stoner, Tananis, Weinberg, Wilson

Members not attending:

Beck, Caldwell, Cauley, Cohen, Frank, Gibson, Gleason, Gold, Hravnak, Irrgang, R. Jones, Karp, Lewicka, Lin, McLaughlin, Mulcahy, Munro, Nelson, Nisnevich, Ramsey, Savinov, Smolinski, Triulzi, Vieira, Weiss

*Excused attendance:

Ataai, Buchanich, Dewar, Erickson, Flynn, Fusco, Gaddy, Kaynar, Slimick, Sukits, Withers

Others attending:

Barlow, Fedele, Becker*Notified Senate Office