Senate Community Relations Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 20, 2010

Attendees: Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services; Dacia Beard, GSPH/BCHS; Denise Chisholm, Co-Chair; G. Reynolds Clark, Community Initiatives; Susan Hansen, Senate Liaison; Wesley M. Rohrer, Co-Chair; Wanda Wilson, OPDC; Steve Zupcic, Community Relations.

Presentation: UCP/CLASS
Melva Gooden-Ledbetter, Chief Professional Officer and Jeff Parker, Director, Human Resources shared information about UCP/CLASS.

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United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS) is a nonprofit organization that offers different services to individuals of varying abilities. Previously known as UCP of Pittsburgh, UCP/CLASS is growing into new regions, and expanding its services. UCP/CLASS is driven by organizational values that foster community inclusion for people with disabilities. UCP/CLASS offers a variety of individualized services ranging from independent living skills training in the classroom to the community-based case management for social, recreational, and residential supports.

Visit http://www.ucpclass.org/ for more information on UCP/CLASS.

Old Business:
Minutes from CRC Meeting of March 16, 2010: Distributed and approved.

New Business:
Commonwealth Relations Committee luncheon - Representative Jaret Gibbons – Denise attended and provided a brief summary of the discussion. Sustainability at Pitt Event – Denise attended and provided a brief summary of the panel discussion – visit http://www.bluegoldandgreen.pitt.edu/ for more information. Sprout Fund Grant for Public Art – Denise and Wes wrote a letter of support for the application submitted by Peoples Oakland. Community Service Events – The No-Nonsense Food Drive – a Visit http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/pitt Steve reminder everyone that only by donating through this site will your contribution be “credited” to the University of Pittsburgh, doubled by the Office of the Chancellor and purchase deep-discounted food that will be made available to the Oakland Food Pantry. ONE: Pittsburgh (Oakland Neighbors Engaged) – Genevieve provided information that was sent out via email – she will provide additional information at the next meeting. Free Health Screenings – Genevieve provided information that was sent out via email. OPDC Update – Wand shared information about the Frazier Street Community Garden Project; South Oakland Community Day; National Night Out scheduled for August; and the Keep It Clean Oakland Program. University Update – Renny shared that the removal of Children’s Hospital is planned to begin in May and the site will be a green space at least temporarily; the opening of the
park at the intersection of Darra/Terrace was a successful event; and Eat'n Park Hospitality Group is proposing to build a full-service sit-down restaurant in Schenley Plaza with completion expected in the spring 2011 – the name of the restaurant will be Currant – visit http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10079/1044306-53.stm for more information.

**Future Meetings:**
Next CRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

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