

**University Senate
Community Relations Committee Minutes
270 Mervis Hall
September 19, 2017**

Call to Order @ 12: 00pm

Elected Faculty Committee Members Present: Soska, Harper, Attia, Deitrick,
Hays, Kaufman, White.
Pro-Tem: Dan Kubis

Introduction by Faculty, Staff, and Community leaders.

Updates

Chancellor's Community Relations Office

Expanding community Partners: Assistant Vice Chancellors John Wilds and Lina Dostilio discussed the Community Engagement Center strategy. The first CEC will be in Homewood and is expected to be open by April-May 2018. The second location will be in the Hill District (no specific opening timeline). Given the CEC strategy the committee discussed whether it might be good to add a community representative from Homewood and, if so, who that might be. Wilds and Dostilio will make a recommendation at the appropriate time. Wilds provided updates on office programming, such as the "Be a good neighbor" program, block parties, and the "Pitt Day of Caring." Dostilio discussed the upcoming processes related to the Carnegie Classification on Community Engagement, a recent development by the university ranking organization. Expecting a replacement for Kannu Sahni by October meeting.

Academically-Based Community Engagement (ABCE)

Holly Hickling (University Honors College) and Misti Mckeehen (PittServes) provided updates related to the planning of the Oct. 26 Idea Exchange. This year's edition of the event is focused around capacity building, with emphasis on logistics, compliance, and issues of cultural responsiveness.

University Honors College Community Engagement

Holly Hickling discussed summer funding opportunities available from her office. She pointed out that these opportunities were open to everyone.

PITTSERVES

Misti Mckeehen talked about her office's sustainability and community development initiative. Her office is also having a Community Basic Needs Dialogue. The 10th Annual Pitt Make a Difference Day will be on Oct 21. There will be \$10k in awards given out.

Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA)

Executive Director Mavis Rainey updated the committee on several items related to new bike lanes, bike signals, new traffic signals, continued accessibility issues, and new pedestrian signage.

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC)

Mavis Rainey of OTMA provided the OPDC update. Of particular note was the planned development by Oakland Gateway Ventures on Bates Street. There has been little community engagement by the developers. A future public meeting is being scheduled, to include local politicians and well as community leaders.

People's Oakland

Andrew Tempalski spoke about the substantial student engagement their office enjoys. There is high student involvement in projects studying mental illness. They are working to reduce the stigma of mental illness as a part of their office's advocacy efforts.

Oakland Pop-Up Fashion Ventures

Jonathan Walker of NextTier bank told us about their upcoming event on Sept 22.

General Discussion

Co-Chair Tracy Soska led a conversation regarding the establishment of a committee agenda for the 2017-2018 academic year. He suggested that the issue of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Ranking be a part of that agenda. The committee discussed and determined that a strong statement supporting the exploration of this classification by the university was needed and that the CRC should lead that effort. Soska made a motion for the committee to craft and present a resolution to the Faculty Assembly supporting the pursuit of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification by the University. The motion passed unanimously. Soska promised a draft of the resolution for the CRC consideration during the October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

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