

University Senate Governmental Relations Committee

Action Plan Outline & Task Leader(s) Designation Report

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After holding our first meeting of 2020-2021 on Friday September 25, 2020, the Governmental Relations Committee agreed to take positive action on the issues of racism, inequity, and justice in the following manners:

- Identify ways in which our committee, working with the University's Office of Community & Government Affairs, other Senate committees, and other university organizations of faculty, staff, students, and graduate students can communicate Pitt's efforts to combat racism, inequity, and injustice to public officials at all levels of government and the community.
- Work to highlight what our university and our faculty, staff, students, and graduate students are doing to combat these issues with elected and public officials.
- Hold a monthly Virtual Day of Action centered on specific issues including one related to racism, inequity, and injustice and how Pitt and its faculty, staff, students, and graduate students are working on these issues designed for policymakers, elected and public officials, and the public.

Our upcoming meeting in October 2020 will develop a specific timeline and have specific committee members assigned to delegated tasks and duties related to this action plan. By late October we should:

- Have a specific plan of virtual days of action for the remainder of 2020-2021 with a specific month in mind for this in 2020-21.
- Have committee members coordinate directly with the University Office of Community & Government Affairs to develop a plan to publicize and share such programs
- Develop a specific set of guest, speakers, issues, examples, from faculty, staff, students, and graduate students to participate in the event

More information will be available by the end of October and the next committee meeting.

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