

# **University Senate CUPS Committee**

Co-Chairs: Jeanine Buchanich & David Salcido

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2022

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Called to order 2:32pm

1. Shortened meeting due to Senate Council at 3pm
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Approved with no objections
3. Items of New Business
  - Pitt Advocacy Group, Free the Planet re: Air quality monitoring inquiry. Approved by Sustainability. Seemed to be stuck in process. Following up with Aurora Sharrard
  - Campus Recreation Facilities – free facilities will probably be going away when new facility opens. Little discussion or notice with shared governance. Will follow up in future meetings. President Kear and Staff Council working on this as well.
  - “Rent” due from units as part of new budget model for future meeting
    - i. Carolyn Verga recommends having this addressed by someone in the CFO’s office.
4. Committee Administrative Business
  - Brief Update on Capital Budget Subcommittee – 5 members meeting with Dave DeJong. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held in early Feb. CUPS getting foundational understanding and will have input into capital projects as part of the process.
  - Carolyn Verga, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning is joining CUPS as a liaison
5. Safety Update (if present)
  - Ted Fritz, Vice Chancellor for Public Safety & Emergency Management
    - i. Safety Fair on Monday Feb 27 11-1

- ii. David Salcido will be there along with ~35 groups
- iii. Provided links in chat related to air quality and train derailment
  - 1. Pitt monitoring activity by OH, PA, ACHD, and DEP
  - 2. Statement from Pitt EHS

## 6. New business

- No new business
- Reminders for next month: Rep from faculty union will be attending to discuss overlap between union negotiations and CUPS committee mission
- Paul Munro – queried whether we would be touring new classroom or department spaces as we have done in the past. He offered that in SCI, Inf Sci there is a new space. One floor of office building across the street is now Inf Sci and is set up very similarly to a start up. Novel and innovative for a department space.
- Scott Bernotas offered new spaces in Salk (reno complete), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of Hillman, 7<sup>th</sup> floor of Cathedral. Can work with Lucy Russell's office to get access.

From chat attendance:

Lucy Russell, Provost's Office  
David Beck - SHRS  
Sue Jones, University Times  
Carol Miller Cawley - Staff Council  
Carolyn Verga, Asst. VC Campus Planning  
Ted Fritz, OPSEM  
Leslie Hammond, History, elected member  
Viktoria Harms, Dept. of German, elected member  
Rose Eva Constantino

Links provided by Ted Fritz:

Pitt EHS statement

<https://www.ehs.pitt.edu/statement-university-pittsburgh-department-environmental-health-and-safety>

Pitt article in Pittwire

See the link below, which includes a note on the train derailment and the air quality dashboard. There is also a link to receive email notification of environmental health public notices.

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Programs/Air-Quality/Air-Quality.aspx>

additional resource  
ACHD monitored data site  
<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Programs/Air-Quality/Monitored-Data.aspx>

additional local resources specific to train derailment.

Link to EPA – E Palestine Train Derailment  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=15933](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=15933)

PA DEP derailment update site – indicting “no concerns for air or water quality”  
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthwestRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Ohio-Train-Derailment.aspx>

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer – derailment statement  
<https://www.pgh2o.com/statement-regarding-east-palestin>