



# University of Pittsburgh

*Community Relations Committee*

*University Senate*

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**Community Relations Committee Meeting  
Tuesday March 15, 2022  
1:30pm – 2:30pm  
Zoom Video Conference  
University of Pittsburgh**

Meeting URL: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92415042635?from=addon>

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## Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** LaMonica Wiggins, Shenay Jeffrey, Susan Whitney, Susan Jones, Anne Hays, Joel Heney, Marisa Alert, Jamie Hammond, David Givens, Stephanie Mutchler, Lina Dostillo, Victor Bench, John Maier, Robin Kear, Andrea Templaski, Georgia Petropoulos, Kristy Giandomenico

- I. Call to Order: 1:37pm
- II. Meeting minutes approval
  - LaMonica Wiggins:** The minutes for our last meeting have been distributed to you via the TEAMS files. We need to approve the minutes. Are there any corrections? Please use the zoom reactions to thumbs up or check mark to approve the minutes as distributed. **Meeting notes are approved.**
- III. Updates from Community Relations Liaisons and Engagement Officers at Pitt
  - Lina Dostillo (Office of Community Affairs):** 1. Upcoming development activities meeting for a number of Pitt projects co-hosted by OBID and OPDC. This meeting will highlight changes to Langley Hall, William Pitt Union and the rec and wellness center that is being built. 2 Be a good neighbor day is coming up. 3. Volunteerism benefit for staff- 8 hours a month. 4. The community engagement centers have wrapped up Black History Month programming. To stay abreast of their events, you can sign up for the newsletters - <https://www.community.pitt.edu/about->

[us/newsletter-sign](#) 5. The Office of Community Affairs has welcomed new colleagues including Keith Codwell, Director of Impact and Continuity across our community engagement centers. He will lead the hiring a new lead of the Homewood Community Engagement Center. Our office is also hiring for a Director of Data and Impact Measurement, this position which will track and monitor our community impact across engagement programs. 6. The Community Engaged Scholar Forum videos and resources will be made available via the [cesf.pitt.edu](http://cesf.pitt.edu) website for upto 30 days after the conference. We are currently working on the conference proceedings.

- ❑ **Shenay Jeffrey (Pitt Serves):** Be a Good Neighbor Day – March 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for support and push for volunteers. We have lots of projects that need to be filled- this is open to both students, staff and faculty. Please share within your networks -

<https://www.pitt.edu/pittwire/announcements-and-updates/register-be-good-neighbor-day-2022>

- ❑ **Kristy Giandomenico (Pitt Serves):** 1. The deadline for registering for Be a good neighbor Day is March 21<sup>st</sup>. 2. We do offer grants through PittServes for small community projects, we have a number still available. Please contact me directly for information.

#### IV. Updates from Community Pro-tem Members and Partners - Peoples Oakland and OTMA

- ❑ **Andrea Templaski (People's Oakland):** 1. I'd like to introduce a new coworker with us – Joel has joined our team as a resource coordinator and lead for community engagement. 2. We have been able to open our doors for 2 weeks now with in-person sessions. 3. We had a planning team meeting recently for spring activities and programs.

- ❑ **LaMonica Wiggins (on behalf of OTMA):** 1. There will be traffic restrictions through Oakland and uptown due to People's Gas work. Flaggers will be onsite, please be mindful of safety. 2. Transit riders may need to find alternative transportation or expect significant delays or missed trips due to the Port Authority vaccination mandate going into effect. The Commute Info website – will provide options for alternative transportation including car and van pooling.

#### V. Senate Council Update

- ❑ **Robin Kear (Senate President):** 1. Last month, the dependent care adhoc committee met to look at dependent care costs, fringe benefits and exemptions for graduate students. 2. I'm also meeting biweekly with the vaccine requirement to come up with a permanent campus policy. 3. CMRO announced they are looking less at case counts and more at community spread for measuring our progress with COVID 19. 4. Faculty Assembly meets tomorrow and will discuss a resolution on Freedom from

curriculum interference by government entities and the Budget Policy Committee is talking about Budget Restart and PBC updates.

VI. New/Other Business/Open Floor

- ☐ **David Givens:** We have switched to using Twitter and dating and hook up apps to reach our target audience since Facebook marketing has prevented us from direct marketing. Thanks to everyone that provide advice on this issue last meeting.
- ☐ **LaMonica Wiggins:** I am working on a pathfinder for information on community engaged scholarship with another colleague. This resource will be a short course of the top journals, trade and professional associations, different types of engaged scholarship and developing a toolkit; Pitt specific resources – CECs, Engagement Map etc. and resources for publishing and awards and grants – national and local. We will be looking for your feedback in the upcoming months.
- ☐ **Robin Kear:** The Provost is looking at requirements for tenure and promotion across the university. This effort, led by John Wallace, looks at how to measure diversity equity and inclusion and community engagement work and scholarship. This project should be done by the end of the spring and guidelines recommended by the Provost released afterwards.
- ☐ **John Maier:** Our department recently participated in a health panel at the CEC in Homewood. It was held in-person, there was tabling from various schools in the health sciences and a discussion.
- ☐ Women's History Month Programming Updates
  - i. No updates on WHM

VII. Adjourn: 2:15pm

**Next CRC Meeting: April 19, 2022**