

University Senate CUPS Committee

Co-Chairs: LaMonica Wiggins & David Salcido

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Meeting URL: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/97875896348?from=addon>
Meeting ID: 978 7589 6348
Passcode: 433144

1. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - CUPS Facility Tour, Spring 2023
 - i. Center for Creativity / Cathedral Rooms / Hillman Library
2. Items of New Business
 - None noted
3. Committee Administrative Business
 - Welcome to New Members!
 - Co-Chair Vote
 - i. LaMonica Wiggins was welcomed as co-chair with no objections.
 - Annual Agenda Group Discussion
 - Some suggestions from the Co-Chairs:
 - i. Major Campus Construction Projects & Capital Budget
 1. No specific additional action suggested on the path of involvement in Capital Budget planning, except to attempt to continue the subcommittee's work meeting with Dave DeJong.
 - ii. **Transportation:** Oakland BRT / Campus Shuttles / Parking
 1. Parking is noted as a perennial topic of interest, and an update will be pending at a future meeting
 2. Pitt and external representatives will be asked to speak on progress and implications of the BRT at a future meeting
 - iii. **Sustainability:** Solar Farm Tour / Building Efficiency
 1. *Scott B notes that the solar farm is currently open and operational.*
 2. When the group was queried as to the practicality of a solar farm tour, some suggest it may be a waste of time if there are no generalizable lessons from a tour
 3. Consensus is to continue exploring how this may be accomplished.
 - iv. **Safety:** Policies, Processes, and Infrastructure

1. *Scott B provides a brief review of progress on the panic buttons and door locks throughout campus (summarized elsewhere in UTimes and Faculty Assembly)*
 2. *The committee will seek opportunities to contribute to policy review/development on safety matters. No current policies on the docket*
- v. **Grounds Update** – Irene Frieze suggests this would be a valuable addition to the committee’s upcoming discussions
4. Safety Update (If applicable)
 - Ted Fritz was unable to attend
 - Co-Chair David noted that the committee will examine means of facilitating additional emergency response training and lifesaving skills training, including a recent program to place Narcan on campus
 5. Learning Space Management Team Update
 - Christopher Coat, Associate University Registrar
 - A new approach to space assignment that reallocates departmentally controlled teaching spaces for general usage while maintaining some departmental priority usage and offloading maintenance and renovation costs was described.
 - Some concerns about existing spaces, including Scaife Hall’s extension were voiced. It was related that these concerns were known and addressed.
 - It was related that proportional classroom utilization has been fairly constant over the past several years. Irene Frieze inquired about the stability of space availability across the university over the past several years, i.e., has the number of learning spaces changed. The answer is complex.
 - Viktoria Harms noted that demand for prime teaching time slots is complex and reflects a multifactorial dynamic including student preferences and faculty schedule balancing.
 6. New business
 - None this time.

Attendance:

Present:

Irene Frieze

David Salcido (Co-Chair)

Jinan Jian

Mary Lou Klem

Mary Murray

Lucy Russell
Braydan Issermoyer
David Beck
Viktoria Harms
Paul Munro
Paul Supowitz
Renee Prymus
Carol Cawley
Greg Smith
Scott Bernotas
LaMonica Wiggins (Co-Chair)
Robin Kear
Chris Bonneau
Susan Jones

Guest:
Christopher Coats