

Senate Governmental Relations Committee

Minutes – October 2, 2023 – 10 AM

GRC Members present:

Shelly DiCesaro – SHRS (co-chair), Ray Pitetti – SOM (co-chair), Lori Molinaro (Senate Office)
Geoff Wood (UPG), David Brown (VC Governmental Relations), Ricky Lloyd (CGS), Mike Ringler (Federal Relations), Amy Kleebank (Staff Council), Grace Cuevas (SGB), Alex Sunderman (SOM), Sue Jones (UTimes), Katie Gill (Dental Medicine), Yuliana Ndauma (GPSG), Donna Nativio (Nursing – pro tem)

Highlighted – denotes voting member

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Meeting was called to order at 10:06
2. Introduction of committee members
 - 2.1. Committee members introduced themselves to reacquaint with those continuing on the committee and new members recently elected.
3. Mission of GRC
 - 3.1. The mission of the GRC was revisited as a reminder of the work ahead as well as set intention for forthcoming agendas, conversations, and committee work.
 - 3.2. No revisions were identified or discussed, proceeding as written.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1. As may arise from faculty
 - 4.1.1. None
5. New Business
 - 5.1. Identify topics of interest to university/faculty legislatively
 - 5.1.1. Discussion ensued surrounding the intent and resurrection of the on-campus legislator visits. The GRC will work with David and Charlie in the university GR office to communicate and plan visits with key legislators at the local, state, and federal level. Legislators will be targeted based upon committee involvement and complementary work happening on campus(es). The intent of our visits will be to showcase the work and talents of faculty, research, and students and not necessarily to refute issues effecting Pitt in Harrisburg/federally, continuing to build relationships with stakeholders and legislators.
 - 5.2. Identify/ Target legislators
 - 5.2.1. Worksite/Research Tours
 - 5.2.1.1. GRC members discussed ideas for worksite tours including NMRL Human Warrior research, Bioforge (?), members to continue to solicit ideas from faculty.
 - 5.2.1.2. Lunch and Learn

- 5.2.1.3. GRC members discussed a few ideas for lunch and learn including a healthy home tour, aging in place initiative. Committee to continue to solicit ideas from faculty.
- 5.2.1.4. Alex Sunderman has a close connection with [State Representative Dan Frankel](#) (D 23). Will be working with GR office to coordinate a meeting as initial worksite/lunch and learn.
- 6. Announcements
 - 6.1. Pitt Day in Harrisburg date yet to be set, Session dates for 2024 should post near the end of the year. GR office will keep us posted. GRC should have a strong presence and a role in recruiting and planning the day.
- 7. As may arise
 - 7.1. None
- 8. Adjournment
 - 8.1. Meeting was adjourned at 10:47

Future Meetings

November 6, 2023 - 10:00 am to 10:50 am - Via Zoom

December 4, 2023 - 10:00 am to 10:50 am - Via Zoom