

University Senate Student Admissions, Aid, and Affairs Committee (SAAA) Meeting via Zoom
Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2021

Called to order 3:00pm

Attendance

Elected Members

Harvey Borovetz, Swanson School of Engineering
Nancy W. Glynn, Co-Chair, Graduate School of Public Health, Dept of Epidemiology
Marylou Gramm, Dietrich School, Department of English
Thottala Jayaraman, School of Dental Medicine
Uma Satyavolu Rau, Dietrich School, Department of English
Sybil Anne Streeter, Co-Chair, Dietrich School, Department of Psychology

Student Representatives

David Gau, University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association
Harshitha Ramanan, Student Government Board
Madeleine Detwiler, College of General Studies
Yousuf Aladuladheem, Graduate and Professional Student Government

Chancellor's Liaisons

Kenyon Bonner, Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Amanda Godley, Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs
Mark Harding, Vice Provost for Enrollment
Jennifer Seng, General Counsel

Senate Appointments

Malgorzata Fort, Senate Liaison
Robin Kear, Senate President

Guests

Donovan Harrell, University Times
Carla Panzella, Dean of Students
Ted Fritz, Vice Chancellor for Public Safety and Emergency Management
Katie Pope, Associate Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights and Title IX

Agenda:

1. Approval of November 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. Minor change, sentence deleted
 - b. Approved
2. Update on Campus Safety - Vice Chancellor Fritz, Associate Vice Chancellor Pope, and Dean Panzella
 - a. Introduction from Vice Chancellor Fritz

- i. How officers at Pitt are taught to investigate sexual misconduct, from PA training (state police, **D. Stafford and Associates**) and Pitt training, Title IX training, major focus on sexual assault training and how to handle appropriate training
 - ii. Students do not receive same type of training, mostly bystander and scenario training
 - 1. Past two years have been affected by pandemic and no in-person training
 - 2. Pitt was on an upwards trend, after 2015-2016 when Title IX became a much bigger topic, Pitt included city police in their efforts to better sexual assault investigative training and prevention
 - iii. Rave Guardian: can be used for confidential reporting or tips
- b. Associate Vice Chancellor Pope
 - i. Sexual assault task force: meetings monthly to communicate well with students (both undergrad and grad), looking for ways to do more outreach or make sure resources are available and students feel comfortable.
- c. Dean Panzella
 - i. Training is a priority
 - 1. Communicating with staff and students
 - 2. Making sure students are aware of what is available to them and what is expected of them
 - ii. Investigations of cases if needed
 - iii. Biggest role is in support areas - Counseling Center, Health services, Residence life and our Care team or Care managers
 - 1. Considering piloting sexual assault support program for survivors and students who reported cases of sexual assault.
 - 2. As Dean of Students will work with student government, and students at-large to see, hear, and raise their voices and concerns as they arise
 - iv. Hopefully everything is leading to eradication of sexual of assault
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Students can do in-person or tele-health options for support
 - 2. What is the jurisdiction? Police- 500 yards from any building that Pitt owns or leases. Title IX jurisdiction – ANYONE affiliated with campus. If students need an officer – even in a city case, the university will grant one for support.
 - 3. Students can do a legal, university, or both investigative process
 - 4. Grad students- have modules to help bring awareness and training for sexual assault awareness
 - 5. Are there preventative measures in place?

- a. Feb 2020- Program for Prevention and Education. **Carrie Benson** runs the program for the safe peer educators – creating conversations about awareness, consents, and similar topics. Shows positive impacts for participants.
 - b. Past orientation **Dr. Jay Darr** from University Counseling Center – Sexual Citizens Program (Stanford) – having conversations about sex (especially for students who had no sex ed. in school) Try to get people to talk about their concerns in a proactive way, instead of coming after
 - c. From Vice Chancellor Fritz:
<https://www.safety.pitt.edu/policies/sexual-assault-and-harassment-dating-and-domestic-violence-stalking>
 - d. From Vice Chancellor Fritz:
<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/engagement/sexual-misconduct-prevention/prevention-initiatives>
 - e. How do we make the Rave Guardian app better/how to bring more people to the app?
3. Discussion of endorsing Lauren’s Promise for syllabi
 - a. What the promise is and what it promotes
 - b. Discussion over the content of this topic
 - c. Pick this topic back up in January meeting
 - i. SBG will help give context from their past reports, will be circulated before the next meeting.
4. New business
5. Spring Meeting Ideas
 - a. Spring 2022 Meeting Dates: Wednesdays: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 20, May 18, June15 (as needed)
 - b. January meeting topic set – Lauren’s Promise

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 3pm via Zoom