

University Senate Student Admissions, Aid, and Affairs Committee (SAAA) Meeting via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2022

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  
Shannon Reed, Dietrich School, Department of English  
Sue Skledar, School of Pharmacy  
Sybil Anne Streeter, Co-Chair, Dietrich School, Department of Psychology  
Susan Wesmiller, School of Nursing, Health Promotion & Development

Student Representatives

Harshitha Ramanan, Student Government Board  
Madeleine Detwiler, College of General Studies

Staff Council

Tricia Connell, Office of Institutional Advancement

Chancellor's Liaisons

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

Senate Appointments

Gosia Fort, Senate Liaison  
Robin Kear, Senate President

Pro Tem Member

Ronald Idoko, Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Guest

Donovan Harrell, University Times

Agenda:

1. Approval of December meeting minutes (documents attached to email)
  - a. Minutes approved, after some adjustments

2. Discussion of endorsing Lauren's Promise for syllabi (document attached to email)  
Review Website: <https://www.laurenmccluskey.org/>
  - a. Discussion of details of Lauren's Promise
    - i. Mandatory reporting and the Promise are not mutually exclusive
    - ii. There was some confusion over guidance as to how and why promise would be implemented into syllabi and how professors should do so
    - iii. Guidance at Pitt is already available
      1. Responsible Employee Program and Reporting:  
<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/civil-rights-title-ix/make-report/responsible-employee-program-and-reporting>
    - iv. Many professors go over "required" links quickly – maybe there is a middle ground to ask professors to explicitly state what it available to students.
    - v. Additionally, the statement to "listen" is the difference between the Promise and what is already in our statement at Pitt
    - vi. A lot of members felt that it is not necessarily on the professor to listen, it can also be very triggering or hard to bring up for faculty. Cannot mandate the promise for all faculty, especially with current affairs.
    - vii. Maybe advisors are the better people to ask since they are more involved in general in student life
    - viii. Maybe the promise is better included in campus safety days (similar to what comes from the nursing school)
    - ix. There are far fewer academic advisors than faculty in general, maybe there are other ways to get it out there so faculty can better get the message (i.e., University Times?)
      1. University Times: If anyone has any tips or pitches, they'd like to share with the U-Times, you can contact at dharrell@pitt.edu, or Sue Jones at suejones.pitt.edu
      2. Senate Matters Committee
    - x. Residence Life has already adopted Lauren's Promise
    - xi. Maybe there is a way to adopt a modified version Lauren's Promise
    - xii. Is there training available?
      1. From Ron Idoko: Sexual Misconduct Prevention educational opportunities: <https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/engagement/sexual-misconduct-prevention/educational-opportunities>
      2. We have many opportunities and resources in place – we just need to get more engagement
      3. Sexual Assault Facilitation and Education (SAFE) Peer Educators: <https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/sexual-assault-facilitation-and-education-safe-peer-educators>
      4. Request a SAFE Workshop- SAFE Peer Educators offer three workshops that foster conversation around consent, bystander intervention and healthy relationships. Request a workshop: [https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3PLX1ugs32nLDIF](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PLX1ugs32nLDIF)
      5. For additional questions please reach out to carrie.benson@pitt.edu or [safestudentleaders@pitt.edu](mailto:safestudentleaders@pitt.edu).

- 6. Sexual Misconduct Prevention Initiatives:  
<https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/engagement/sexual-misconduct-prevention/prevention-initiatives>
  - 7. Carrie Benson - Prevention and Education Coordinator  
[carrie.benson@pitt.edu](mailto:carrie.benson@pitt.edu) / 412-648-7860
  - xiii. Grappling with how to raise awareness – is the promise the best way?
  - xiv. Some people will not want to support this, a different audience for this topic may be more helpful
3. New business
- a. Spring Meeting Ideas:
    - i. Feb meeting: Topics: Name, Image, and Likeness – Chris Hoppe and Jennifer Seng Priority Schedule for Band Discussion
    - ii. Technology tracking and data collection
      - 1. Only public safety has access
      - 2. Other universities have policies to opt in or out – unresolved
      - 3. Chad Burton was a speaker – potentially bring him back
    - iii. Provide more help to veteran students and ask for an update
  - b. Applications and Admissions
    - i. Update (Undergrad): “Awesome” – Vice Provost Marc Harding
    - ii. Grad: different reports, and some are down on applications. Other schools like Katz and SHRS are up. No in real time data collection across graduate schools, this fall new system called “Gradcast” better real time data for the university. Find Salesforce better ways to track admissions and get better and consistence data about admissions (early stages).
  - c. How uptick in people admitted and students has affected the University systems
    - i. From Marc Harding: Too early to see how data are affected
    - ii. Some elements of this are cyclical, based upon changes, and world events: sometimes issues hard to track and Pitt is making adjustments
    - iii. From MaryLou Gramm: There are a lot of students who can’t get seats in classes this academic year for example in first-year writing due to the uptick we were not prepared for. We could not keep pace because we were not told until late summer about the additional 500-600 students. We were told they were unanticipated non-summer melt.
    - iv. This year was a big anomaly that many people (advisors) have not seen before in years of working.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3pm via Zoom

Topics: Name, Image, and Likeness – Chris Hoppe and Jennifer Seng & Priority Schedule for Band Discussion