

**University Senate  
Community Relations Committee  
Minutes  
Sept 18, 2018**

Call to Order @ 12:00pm

Present (Faculty and Pro-Tem): Attia, Coleman, Cousins, Harper, Hays, Soska, White, Molinaro, Kriska, Kariuki, Petropolis, Tempalski, Wilson

Absent: Deitrick, Kaufman, Estes, Kent-Smith, Luan, Artlet, Jeffrey, Philips, Rainey

Mission Moment: Daren Ellerbe, Director of Homewood CEC, presented substantial information related to the design and development of the new community engagement center opening in Homewood. The grand opening event will be held on the evening of Oct 18, from 6-8pm on-site. She discussed her hiring process, which was informed by a large and diverse Community Advisory Council with whom she works with on a regular basis. Floor plans were shared as well as the goals and objectives of the CEC. Initial tenants included the IEE, Science Lab, and Human Resources. There are also multi-use and “mess rooms” that can be utilized by both Pitt faculty and community partners for programming. Current space will expand in the spring. Long term lease with the Bible Center in Homewood. Kirk Holbrook, recently hired director of the Hill District CEC was in attendance.

Wilds (CGR): Updates on faculty and staff “Day of Caring” to be held Oct 19, 2018. Passed out save the date cards. Also, discussed new student guide that has been repackaged into a more accessible, smaller print format. “Stay Grounded” campaign has been created to address the problem of student safety on rooftop spaces. Pointed out that it is actually illegal to be on a roof. Several Block Parties are planned, with the last being on Oct. 2.

Petropolis (OBID): University of Pittsburgh Pop-Up grocery on 3810 Forbes Ave. Partnership between Sodexo and PITT.

Wilson (OPDC): Increased demand for affordable housing and apartments. Oakland community Land Trust has 24 existing apts (waiting list) with 25 more to be constructed. Community building activities with current neighbors and residents to help them understand the advantages to selling to the land trust. Also, helping renters to start thinking about becoming home-owners. OPDC serves as a great communication channel to the Roundtable of Landlords and also the Oakland Landlord Alliance. Partnering with PITTServes on trash and waste cleanup initiative. Futuremakers youth program underway and now includes drivers education.

Tempalski (Peoples Oakland): Non-profit Wellness recovery center adds options for active treatment. Plans for several community-based events that promote stronger communities, community empowerment, and provide peer-support. Praised PITT for the number of great student volunteers.