

Minutes - Senate Budget Policies Committee  
Friday, February 21, 2020  
2:00-4:00 pm in 817 Cathedral of Learning

**Members in attendance:** Elia Beniash, Panos Chrysanthis, Yolanda Covington-Ward, John Mendeloff, Emily Murphy (co-chair), Wesley Rohrer, Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte (SC), Beverly Ann Gaddy, Frank Wilson, Amanda Brodish, Richard Henderson, Thurman Wingrove, Irene Frieze, Nathan Urban, Melissa Schild, Brandi McClain, Donovan Harrell (UTimes).

**Absent:** Tyler Bickford (co-chair; on Study Abroad Program this term), Mackey Friedman, Jennifer Lee (excused), Ashima Agarwal (SGB), Yashar Aucie (GPSG), Jennifer Elizabeth Jones (UPPDA)(excused), Brian Smith (SC), John J. Baker, Phil Wion, David DeJong, Narahari Sastry, Stephen Wisniewski, Chris Bonneau.

Call to order shortly after 2:00 pm.

1. Approve January minutes

January minutes were submitted prior to the meeting. Edits were submitted prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved as amended.

2. Matters arising

None.

3. Strategic Planning Workshop – Nathan Urban (Vice Provost and Plan for Pitt Co-Chair)

This was a one-hour long workshop, led by Nathan Urban (Provost office) and Melissa Schild (CFO's office), to collect input from BCP members regarding Pitt's Strategic Planning for the next 5 years. It is overall in its early stages to engage faculty, staff, students in this planning. Urban presented a review of previous goals and presented new plan. He has conducted 27 presentations to date across campus. In total four Senate standing committees requested this workshop. BCP is one of them.

This time around the desire is to focus more on outcomes, on what we can actually achieve. If what we want is "X", what does it take to get there. This needs to be articulated.

The committee chose to work on Foundational Strengths. BCP participated very actively. Presenters were pleased with the takeaways from this exercise.

The notes can be found at: [https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pfp\\_2025\\_-\\_discussion\\_21\\_feb\\_2020\\_senate\\_budget\\_comm.pdf](https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pfp_2025_-_discussion_21_feb_2020_senate_budget_comm.pdf)

4. Attribution Study (Thurman Wingrove) – Confidential, closed session.

Thurman Wingrove presented the latest Attribution Study. A copy was made available to members on a private Box folder for review. A paper copy was distributed at the beginning of the presentation (and collected at the end).

This study has been carried out yearly since the 90s. Wingrove gave credit to Phil Wion for writing the rationale (about 20 introductory pages) at that time. It is so comprehensive it remains almost the same to date.

Adjournment at around 3:55 pm