

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
February 20, 2018

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order by President Frank Wilson.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:02 pm.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the January 24 Senate Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Minutes were approved as written.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><u>Items of New Business</u></p> <p>No items of new business were raised.</p>	<p>No items</p>
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u></p> <p>Art Ramicone will retire end of this summer (2018) Big shoes to fill; a big part of our financial success.</p> <p>Parran Hall, the Graduate School of Public Health. The association of Dr. Parran, historically has been under review. We have tried to put in place a system to allow issues such as this to be considered. We wanted to be proactive in tacking these issues with deliberation and thoughtfulness. We have a provision in our policy for any member of our community to bring issue. This is considered and then forms a review committee. We have done so and a report is likely in about 60 days.</p> <p>Pennsylvania Budget. Governor released his budget request; higher education funding is requested at a flat recurring rate and we expect that not to change. Will be testifying and being proactive with legislators.</p> <p>Federal Budget. Higher Education Act reauthorization discussions – House Committee started in a closed process not allowing amendments, leading to the Prosper Act. It is a punitive bill for low-income students and will end some key student supports for undergrads and grads. There seems to be mixed support, not strong for this bill. We will be putting up info on our website to allow stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Pitt SEED funding. We have had an overwhelming 118 expressions of interest; 25 submissions from staff and 73 from faculty. Due March 5th at noon. FYI online.</p> <p>Pitt was one of the top-Fulbright producer of student and scholar programs. 7th time in 8 years we’ve been so noted.</p> <p>See Chancellor’s Report for specific notes of accomplishment.</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

<p><u>Report of Senate President, Frank Wilson</u></p> <p>Parran Hall: The committee has 14 people representing Senate recommendations and the Pitt community.</p> <p>Senate election: Soliciting officers and members to Faculty Assembly; President’s seat is vacant. Afterwards we will have a second phase for Standing Committees. Both occur in April. Election Committee meeting formally February 21, 2018, Michael Spring chairing</p> <p>Senate Plenary March 27th 12p-3p Planning group has been making progress. Focus on “teaching.” Substantive info on Senate website by the end of the week. Speakers are committed, Dean of the School of Education Valerie Kinloch opening speaker; Changes in teaching in the face of a larger social context of our students and institution and faculty; more scrutiny by various publics. Focus on teaching as a foundation for Pitt; undergrad and grad. Three aspects of focus: Personalized educational experiences (Nathan Urban), changing models of education (Doug Landsittel), and open access resources (Lauren Collister). Also working with the Center for Teaching and Learning (Cynthia Golden) as a resource. Speakers and break-out groups are planned.</p> <p>Provost Search. Town Hall meetings (x2 in Pittsburgh, and one each at regionals). Open process with Faculty input.</p> <p>Question/Discussion: None</p>	<p>No discussion</p>	
<p><u>Reports of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p>	<p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u> <i>Max Kneis, President</i></p> <p>I. Good afternoon everyone, thank you for having us here today.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. As you maybe have been able to tell from all the chalk around campus, today is the election for next year’s Student Government President & Board. The election features 2 candidates for President: Maggie Kennedy & Saket Rajprohat, and 11 students vying for 8 board positions. Results will be announced this evening in Nordy’s place and run in tomorrow’s Pitt News.</p> <p>II. Updates</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Titusville</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Last week the Board passed a resolution regarding the Board of Trustees decision on whether to close the Titusville Campus or repurpose the facility as an educational and training hub. SGB strongly supports the Provost’s proposal for the creation of an educational and training hub, rather than closure. This hub will serve a wide range of constituencies and needs, as well as improve collaboration and resource sharing. While SGB</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

	<p>represents the undergraduate students on the Oakland Campus, it also has a vested interest in the University’s brand and mission and believes the hub to be an innovative and exciting opportunity for Pitt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Master plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On Tuesday January 30th SGB held an event entitled “Build Pitt: The Future of Our Campus”. Owen Cooks, Asst. VC of Planning, Design and Construction presented the initial findings from the masterplan consultants, updated students on next steps in the process, and listened and responded to a wide range of student opinions. Over 100 students came out to the event and gave great input on what they see the campuses biggest needs as being. Additionally several SGB members got to participate in a planning session on student life facilities last week, and we were very excited with the initial plans presented by the planning team. c. Provost Search Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. At our Feb. 6th public meeting SVC Rutenbar gave an overview of the search process for the next Provost, shared the search committee’s timeline, and took input into the qualities students want to see from the next chief academic officer. I want to thank Dr. Rutenbar for spending a Tuesday evening with us and making himself accessible to students. d. PASS Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A few weekends ago myself, Board member Spenceley, and CGR Chair Chong attended the spring conference of the Pennsylvania Association of State Related Schools held in State College. The event brought together student government leaders from Pitt, PSU, Temple and Lincoln. We learned a lot about their student government’s structures, initiatives, and services and are looking forward to working together on several advocacy projects related to DACA and medical amnesty. Also, congratulations to Jessa Chong for being elected the secretary for the 2018 term. e. Last week SGB and sponsoring organizations held Sexual Health and Reproductive Awareness Week. There were a range of events occurring to raise 	
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	<p>awareness and offer resources to students, including “SECCS” In the Lounge: a conversation about consensual sex; Sexual Health Q&A with a gynecologist from Student Health, and a sexual & reproductive health resource fair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Over 80 applications were received for the Pitt Women’s Leadership Experience, which is a joint initiative between SGB, Dr. Humphrey, and Student Affairs. This is an opportunity for young women to strengthen their leadership abilities through mentorship, inspiring speakers, and enriching activities over the course of a weekend retreat in late March. a. We are continuing to promote Pitt Day in Harrisburg amongst students and encourage them to join us on a trip to the Capitol and meet with legislators. <p>III. Thank you for having us.</p> <p>IV. I still can’t believe the Eagles are super bowl champions, and that concludes my report.</p>	
	<p>College of General Studies Student Government (CG SSG) <i>Dave Levine, President</i> Unable to attend meeting today/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
	<p>Report of Graduate and Professional Schools Student Government (GPSG) <i>Christopher E. Staten, President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Development: Free Headshots offered by Student Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monday February 26th – 4-5pm b. Friday March 16th 10-11am c. Wednesday – April 4th 2-3pm d. Friday April 20th – 3-4pm 2. We have closed our ballots calling for nominees for our Leadership & Service Awards where we recognize graduate & professional students for their dedication to the mission of the University & GPSG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>13</u> applications received so far 3. Prosper Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Pitt Graduate & Professional Student Government has serious concerns about the impacts of this proposal on behalf of current and future graduate students across the country. b. GPSG is looking toward putting a plan of action to make sure students are well aware of these implications <p>Discussion Chancellor Gallagher recommended that we now have a very strong team of advocates to consider and advocate for legislation. If you see</p>	<p>Comments, see end of main section</p>

	<p>issues of concern, please reach out to these offices to be part of a larger team effort.</p>	
	<p><u>Schools of the Professions</u> No representative/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
	<p><u>School of the Arts and Sciences Graduate Students</u> <i>Amber Griffith, President (Shelby Brewster, reporting at the meeting)</i> A&S GSO is gearing up for two upcoming events. First the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion will be hosting a diversity resource fair in the William Pitt Ballroom on Wednesday, February 28th from 12-4pm. We will be hosting University offices such as the Office of Disability Resources, Title IX and the Counseling Services, in addition to Student Affinity Groups around campus. Second, we will be having our annual Grad Expo on March 23rd in the William Pitt on the fifth floor. There are over 60 participants either presenting a poster or presentation. As part of the Expo, the GSO will be hosting a workshop on negotiation strategies after employment. In addition to these events, the GSO CDI is working on modifying the diversity climate survey and they anticipate administering the survey towards the end of March.</p>	
	<p><u>Biomedical Graduate Student Administration</u> No representative/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
	<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Council (SC)</u> <i>Andy Stephany, President</i> <i>Alex Toner, Vice-President of Public Relations</i> As this body is well aware the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville campus faces an uncertain future, and with it do too the staff, faculty, students and community members impacted by the two remaining options being considered by the University’s Board of Trustees this Friday. Last week Staff Council issued a statement, available on our website, opposing the shuttering of the Titusville campus and supporting the option of transitioning the campus to collaboratively-led education and training hub. Staff Council asks that University administration provide clear and consistent employment support and communication to all Titusville staff members throughout the transition process. At our general membership meeting tomorrow Staff Council will be voting to formally approve a <i>Volunteer and Community and Service Approved Absence Policy</i> proposal. The proposal would seek to establish policy at the University for capped employee paid time off to engage in approved volunteer and community service</p>	<p>Comments, see end of main section</p>

<p>initiatives.</p> <p>The proposal is based on two years of listening to staff input, gathering industry standards, and consulting with University departments such as the Office of PittServes and the Office of Community and Governmental Relations. We feel such a policy would spur increased community engagement, promote employee wellness, and align with Pitt’s strategic institutional objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plan for Pitt</i>, specifically “building community strength” to “foster a culture of civic engagement seeking to increase societal impact”. • Strengthen the <i>Carnegie Community Engagement Voluntary Classification</i> process, approved by this body in November 2017. • Being a leader amongst peers; 8 AAU schools currently have such a policy in place. <p>Once approved we look forward to partnering with Vice Chancellor Johnson and her Human Resources team to progress the proposal.</p> <p>Staff Council will be hosting an Education Benefits Town Hall on March 13 at 12pm in the O’Hara Ballroom. Representatives from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and Human Resources will be present for an open forum on the application for and utilization of staff tuition benefits, including dependent and spouse use</p> <p>On Tuesday, February 6 Staff Council hosted a Pitt Advocates Brown Bag in partnership with the Office of Community and Governmental Relations and the Alumni Association. The session, which was recorded and is available via our website, described the PA budget process, highlighted methods for sustained advocacy, and encouraged participation in this year’s Pitt Day in Harrisburg.</p> <p>Acknowledging the importance of advocacy initiatives like Pitt Day in Harrisburg, and in a desire to facilitate increased participation across all campuses, Staff Council encourages University administration to disseminate a clear message directly to staff that participation in Pitt Day in Harrisburg is considered a paid approved absence, albeit based on supervisor discretion and operational needs. It is the staff member’s obligation to initiate the conversation with their supervisor to express interest in attending Pitt Day in Harrisburg. If staff members are granted permission to attend, they should be able to use a University approved absence rather than a personal or vacation day.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>President Wilson expresses his concern about what is happening at Titusville and how closing Titusville would diminish all of us; we wish the very best in future efforts.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u></p>	<p>No reports</p>
<p><u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u></p>	<p>No business</p>

<u>Announcements</u>	No Announcements
<u>Adjournment</u>	Adjournment at 3:40p

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Respectfully Submitted,



HAIL TO PITT!

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Members attending:

Balaban, Beeson, Betru, Bonner, Bromberg, De Vallejo, Fort, Gallagher, Henker, Humphrey, Kear, Kiselyov, Kneis, A. Levine, Loughlin, Lyon, Manem, Molinaro, Mulvaney, Munro, Phillippi, Rutenbar, Scott, Smith, Spring, Staten, Stephany, Tananis, Toner, Washington, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Becker, Bilodeau, Bonneau, Bratman, Clark, Deitrick, Fall, Gaddy, Harries, Horne, Jones, Kanthak, Kory, D. Levine, Morel, Muenzer, Mulcahy, Nelson, Rohrer, Swanson, Thorpe, Van Nostrand, Weikle-Mills

*Excused attendance:

Brodt, Czerwinski, Fort, Goldberg, Griffith, Haley, Kent-Smith, Perry, Rigotti, Sukits

Others attending:

Brewster, Connelly, Costanza, Di Palma, Farwell, Feingold, Fike, Graves, Harding, Henderson, Kirsch, Miga, Miksch, Schackner, Simmons, Supowitz, Zwick

*Notified Senate Office