

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
March 21, 2018

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Frank Wilson.</p>	The meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the February 20 Senate Council Meeting</u> Minutes were approved as written.</p>	Approved
<p><u>Items of New Business</u> No items of new business were raised.</p>	No items
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u></p> <p>Welcome to Spring in Pittsburgh! (as it snows outside)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jimmy Martin, Dean of Swanson School of Engineering will begin August 15, 2018 • Dr. Amy Wildermuth, Dean of the School of Law will begin July 1, 2018 • Pitt Day of Giving – 2nd annual, record setting, raised over \$9M, every state, 31 countries, 6 continents. Over 800 faculty and staff gifts. • Pitt Day in Harrisburg, May 23rd is rescheduled due to snow today. • Pitt Seed – 171 applications • Titusville – proposal for regional training hub. BOT unanimously supported this idea and we are moving now to form that hub. • Milestones: Partnership, student, athletic and faculty – see Chancellor’s Report <p>See Chancellor’s Report for more specific details on these items.</p> <p>Question/Discussion: None BONNEAU: What is the budget for 171 applications for Seed grants. Most likely \$2M range, looking at the net number of applications emerging from the review.</p>	Question below
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Frank Wilson</u></p> <p>Faculty Assembly meeting: Provost Beeson provided a State of the University report; hoping that this becomes an annual event with the new Provost.</p> <p>Plenary: March 27, 12p-3p: Teaching Today, for Tomorrow. Presentations and break out discussions. Goals is to kickstart and continue efforts related to teaching with the assistance of the Center for Teaching and Learning.</p> <p>Senate Elections: April 4th. Thank you to Michael Spring and Lori Molinaro for making this happen! Candidates for President: Chris Bonneau, Carey Balaban, Wes Rohrer. Robin Kear and Cindy Tananis are willing to serve as VP and Secretary for next year.</p>	No discussion

<p><u>Reports of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p>	<p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u> <i>Max Kneis, President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Good afternoon everyone, thank you for having us here today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. As you may remember, the election for the 2018-2019 Student Government Board took place the day of our February meeting. 3,481 students participated in this year’s election, representing roughly 17.5% voter turnout. This election featured 2 presidential candidates and 11 students vying for 8 Board positions. Next year’s President will be Maggie Kennedy and she will be joined by Jahari Mercer, Jessa Chong, Pooja Humar, Cory Stillman, Rajaab Nadeem, Cole Dunn, Zechariah Brown, and Albert Tanjaya on the Board. The new group takes office April 20th. b. We are now in the beginning of our transition process. Applications for our chair positions, committee membership, and office of the president roles are all due next Monday, March 26th. We are looking forward (sort of) to many long hours of interviewing great candidates over the next month. c. Finally, SGB recently passed a bill revising the way our 4 representatives to the Senate Council are selected. Going forward the 4 SGB reps will be the President, EVP, VP & Chief of Finance, and VP & Chief of Cabinet. Previously we sent the President + top 3 vote getting board members. II. Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Medical Amnesty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. At our March 13th public meeting, SGB passed a calling upon PA to modify the medical amnesty policy to legally protect the person in need of medical assistance. Currently Pennsylvania’s medical amnesty policy does not provide protection for the person receiving medical attention. It is interesting to note that under the “Good Samaritan” law for a drug overdose, the person receiving medical attention receives legal immunity. This additional legal protection incentivizes people to call legal authorities for help when necessary. Our neighbors like NY, NJ, WV, MD, DE have all expanded their amnesty policies in recent years to cover both individuals involved. We are working with student governments around the state to lobby our state legislature on this topic in the coming months, and had the resolution co-sponsored by all 3 Greek councils here on campus. 	<p>No discussion</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. WE Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Women’s Empowerment Week will be held from March 26th - 30th, a collaboration event between SGB, PPC, Pitt FEM, the Panhellenic Association, Girl Up, Student Affairs, and Dr. Humphrey’s Office. After the Pittsburgh Women’s Leadership Experience retreat this coming weekend, over 10 events will be taking place, ranging from lectures, service events, tabling, and more. Highlights include an evening with Justin Baldoni, sponsored on Tues. March 27th, beginning at 8:30pm in the WPU Assembly Room and the annual GAL-A, an event honoring female leaders around campus and the community, on Fri. March 30th, beginning at 6pm in the Alumni Hall Connolly Ballroom. c. TedX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The 4th annual TedX University of Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, March 31st in the WPU. This year’s theme is “(re)think” and the event is co-sponsored by both SGB & GPSG. The event is completely student run and intends to spark deep discussions and connections in a small group. d. PSGC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On Thursday Pitt will be hosting the March Pittsburgh Student Government Council meeting. This group is made up of representatives from local Universities like CMU, Duquesne, Carlow, RMU, Chatham, Point Park, etc. We meet on a monthly basis, often have local elected officials come speak to us, and work on advocacy issues affecting all Pittsburgh students together. Topics this month will include the March For our Lives, March for Science, medical amnesty, and student housing. <p>III. Thank you for having us.</p> <p>IV. You only need to bear with me for one more meeting after today, and that concludes my report.</p>	
	<p><u>College of General Studies Student Government (CG SSG)</u> <i>Dave Levine, President</i> Not attending/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

	<p><u>Report of Graduate and Professional Schools Student Government (GPSG)</u> <i>Christopher E. Staten, President</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We had our first headshot day with the assistance of Kent Weaver and Adam Gaus in Student Affairs. 40 graduate & professional students received free headshots. Next headshot day will be on Friday, March 16th. 2. I am representing the graduate & professional students at Pitt on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion committee that is reviewing the name of Parran Hall. From open discussion at our Assembly Board meeting on March 14th, general sentiment regarding the name of Parran Hall from 20+ graduate & professional students that represent the respective graduate schools at Pitt is negative. 3. Pitt GPSG will be represented by Rachel Coombs, Assembly Board Representative from the School of Arts & Sciences, at the Student Advocates of Graduate of Education Day on the Hill. Students Advocated of Graduate Education, also known as SAGE, is a coalition of Graduate Student Organizations from leading U.S. public research universities who are committed to improving the quality of graduate student life at their own campuses, and promoting access, quality, and opportunity for graduate and professional students at the federal level. Pitt GPSG joined SAGE in the Summer of 2017 and Pitt hosted the SAGE Fall Summit last semester. SAGE’s Day on the Hill is a 4-day conference where SAGE representatives advocate and lobby on the behalf of graduate & professional students across the nation. 4. We had our second TEDx – University of Pittsburgh salon on Sunday, March 18th by Sara Goodkind, Associate Professor of Social Work, Sociology, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on marginalized youth and the inequities they experience. Salons are a series of events meant to foster conversation around ideas worth spreading. This Salon is open to University of Pittsburgh students, faculty, staff, and community members 5. We started our Executive Board Elections on Monday, March 19th. All who candidates appear to be passionate about advocating for the graduate & professional student population and competent to do the work necessary. Polls close on March 25th. 6. We are planning for our April Events which include our Spring Formal and our annual Pirate Game! 	<p>No discussion</p>
	<p><u>Schools of the Professions</u></p> <p>No representative/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

	<p><u>School of the Arts and Sciences Graduate Students</u></p> <p><i>Amber Griffith, President</i></p> <p>We are wrapping up our programming for the academic year. On February 28th, the CDI hosted a diversity resource fair. Unfortunately, the turnout was less than expected. We are hoping to pair the event with another ongoing event next academic year to increase the turnout. Our next event is the Grad Expo that will be held on March 23rd in the William Pitt Union. We have over 60 participants from the School of Arts and Sciences either hosting posters or 10 minute seminars on their research. As part of the Grad Expo, we are hosting a negotiations workshop for professional development</p> <p>The CDI will be rolling out their diversity climate survey during the last month of the semester. We are hoping to collect data on the climate to compare to last year’s survey. Lastly, It is almost election season for the GSO and we are looking for candidates to fill our executive board.</p> <p>Graduate Student Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine graduate students from the History of Art & Architecture department attended a conference hosted by the College Art Association. Here they participated in panels and received feedback on their current work. 	
	<p><u>Biomedical Graduate Student Administration</u></p> <p>No representative/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
	<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Council (SC)</u></p> <p><i>Andy Stephany, President</i> <i>Alex Toner, Vice-President of Public Relations</i></p> <p>Vice Chancellor Cheryl Johnson visited our general membership meeting this afternoon and discussed the Total Rewards initiative, staff climate and engagement survey, defined retirement savings plans updates, and respective cost savings of the Paid Parental Leave policy between July and December 2017. The policy has reduced employee turnover numbers, with cost savings of approximately \$400,000 over that period.</p> <p>Staff Council general membership unanimously approved the organization’s <i>Volunteer and Community Service Approved Absence Policy</i> proposal at its February general membership meeting. The proposal seeks to establish a policy at the University for capped employee paid time off to engage in approved volunteer and community service initiatives. We look forward to working with our University partners to successfully advance the proposal.</p> <p>On Tuesday, March 13 Staff Council hosted an Education Benefits Town Hall in collaboration with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid as well as the Office</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

<p>of Human Resources. In addition to providing an open forum for questions, the event, which attracted over 100 persons, provided key information and requirements to be aware when utilizing Pitt tuition benefits, which we encourage all Pitt staff to take advantage of.</p> <p>Save the date for our annual Spring Assembly on Tuesday, May 15 which this year is being held in the O’Hara Student Center. The 2018 iteration, focused on staff empowerment, will included remarks from Chancellor Gallagher, a yet to be announced keynote address, breakout sessions, announcement of the recipient of the 2018 Staff Professional Development Award, and more. Registration will open soon. Megan Victorson of Student Affairs is chairing the committee.</p> <p>Applications are now being accepted for the second annual <i>Staff Professional Development Award in Honor of Ronald W. Frisch</i>, which supports the ambition of Pitt staff members who seek to supplement their professional and personal engagement at the University through professional development opportunities. The award provides up to \$500 to selected University of Pittsburgh staff members to pursue professional enrichment opportunities. Applications are being accepted until April 6. Kelly Gilliam of Human Resources is chairing the committee.</p> <p>Staff Council and its members appreciate the return of the Chancellor’s annual Staff and Faculty Appreciation Picnic and look forward to volunteering for the event.</p> <p>Pitt Day at Kennywood is scheduled for Sunday, July 15.</p> <p>Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 in Benedum Hall room 102 beginning at 12pm. All are welcome to attend the open session.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u></p> <p>Athletics Committee: Proposed name change to “Athletics and Recreation Committee.”</p> <p>MUNRO: There is overlap with some other Senate committees, however, this was discussed at Faculty Assembly and provides opportunity for collective actions.</p> <p>WILSON: Agreed.</p> <p>VOTE: Approved unanimously</p>	<p>Athletic Committee name change, APPROVED</p>
<p><u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u></p>	<p>No business</p>
<p><u>Announcements</u></p>	<p>No Announcements</p>
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>Adjournment at 3:37p</p>

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Respectfully Submitted,



HAIL TO PITT!

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Members attending:

Balaban, Betru, Bonneau, Bonner, Bratman, Brodt, Deitrick, Fall, Fort, Gallagher, Griffith, Haley, Henker, Humphrey, Kear, Kneis, Levine A, Loughlin, Molinaro, Mulvaney, Munro, Perry, Rigotti, Scott, Smith, Spring, Staten, Stephany, Tananis, Toner, Washington, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Becker, Bilodeau, Clark, De Vallejo, Gaddy, Harries, Horne, Jones, Kanthak, Kory, Levine D., Manem, Morel, Mulcahy, Nelson, Sukits, Swanson, Thorpe, Van Nostrand, Weikle-Mills

*Excused attendance:

Beeson, Bromberg, Czerwinski, Goldberg, Kent-Smith, Kiselyov, Lyon, Muenzer, Phillippi, Rohrer

Others attending:

Connelly, Costanza, DiPalma, Farwell, Fike, Kennedy, Kirsch, Lancaster, Schneider, Walker, Wilds

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