

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
 May 15, 2019
 2700 Posvar Hall

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order.</u> President Chris Bonneau called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.</p>	<p>The meeting began.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2019 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Bonneau asked for approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2019, Senate Council meeting.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p><u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> President Bonneau asked if there were any new items of business to be brought forward.</p>	<p>No new items were brought forward.</p>
<p>Report of the Chancellor – Patrick Gallagher</p> <p>I just returned from India, it was a great trip. I met with several of our distinguished alumni as well as some of our students during their study abroad. Visited some of our facilities that some of our faculty are working on, signed an MOU for new partnerships between the India School of Business and the Katz school. It's good to be home.</p> <p>Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences search committee has been formed. It's a 30-member committee, being chaired by Provost Ann Cudd and Dr. Steve Shapiro from SOM and UPMC. There will be a lot of engagement opportunities</p> <p>Robert Gregerson, will become the new President at Pitt Greensburg on July 1. Previously he was the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and acting Provost. He's a biologist by training. He worked at Florida Gulf Coast University and Armstrong State. We are excited to have him. What impressed us about Bob is his ability to build the university community, he's very community oriented, and strategic. He understands the challenges facing the regional campuses and will help us propel them forward.</p> <p>Provost Cudd added that he has an impressive record of fund raising and building an alumni base.</p> <p>On the committee front, I wanted to point out that the campus weather policy review committee, has completed their work, we are reviewing that now. The Socially Responsible Investing committee has produced a report which I received when I was in India. Dr. Esa Davis is chairing a group that is working on addressing tobacco use on campus. We are working on getting that underway.</p> <p>The Oakland Campus was rated as one of the 100 safest campuses in America according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security. Pitt is the only ACC school listed and along with Michigan is one of the only two main-campus AAU schools in the top 100.</p> <p>Pitt had four Goldwater Scholars. You are only allowed to nominate</p>	<p>The Chancellor's report was accepted.</p>

<p>four, so Pitt had a clean sweep. All four being selected is only the third time that has happened at Pitt. Congrats to the Honors College who supported these students.</p> <p>Congratulations to nine Pitt students who were awarded NSF Research Fellowships. The program supports students in science, technology, engineering and math who are pursuing searched based master's and doctoral degrees. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$34,000 for three years, plus a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees.</p> <p>A novel super computer that was developed by a Pitt team at our Swanson School of Engineering reached the International Space Station earlier this month. It's one of the most powerful space based computers ever developed. Professor Alan George and his team including grad student Kevin Glunt.</p> <p>An article in Nature Medicine describes the first use of bacteriophages to treat a mycobacterial infection in a human. Graham Hatful, Professor of biological sciences has been running a program called the Sea-Phages for many years. One of the largest collections of identified phages comes from his lab. Sometimes these are identified as a potential therapy for drug resistant bacterial infections. There was a recent case in London where physicians worked with a patient with cystic fibrosis that recently had a lung transplant but was dealing with these kinds of infections. The parents read about phage therapy, reached out and through Graham's efforts they were able to identify a few strains with a couple of them needing to be genetically engineered. This cocktail of bacteriophages successfully treated this patient. This is a first, both for the type of infection and also using genetically engineered. If you haven't read any of the news coverage, I encourage you to take a look. These are available from our home page.</p> <p>With that I will conclude my report and look forward to having you all at the reception.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Senate, Chris Bonneau</u></p> <p>President Bonneau gave the following report: Well, looks like we made it. As the 2018-2019 academic year concludes, I want to use this final report to update you on some of the important issues Faculty Assembly and the Senate officers discussed/enacted this year as well as foreshadow things that will be occurring in the fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The year began with a discussion of a revised Intellectual Property Policy. Several faculty members raised concerns and we were able to work with the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research to pause the new policy and create a committee to examine the scope and implementation of a policy that complies with federal law, protects the university, and protects 	<p>The President's report was accepted.</p>

the faculty.

- We also worked with Staff Council, the Student Government Board, and the administration to set up a committee to examine Pitt's current smoking policy and make recommendations for any changes. This committee will begin to meet over the summer and hopefully will have a report to us by the end of the next academic year.
- We worked with the medical school and the administration to recommend that the tenure clock for non-clinical faculty in the medical school be extended to 10 years. This puts us in line with our peers and will help us to recruit and retain excellent faculty.
- The Chancellor's Public Safety advisory group has also been established. This group will provide a forum for information and oversight into the workings of public safety.
- I am pleased to report we will soon have information about the Title IX office publicly reported. As you know, this has been a concern for faculty, staff, and students. The Chancellor agrees that we should make aggregate data available. This will allow for better Senate oversight of that office as well as respond to concerns about the number of investigators, number of investigations, length of time for an investigation, etc. This should be released by the end of May.
- Many of the administrative searches have concluded, with Pitt-Greensburg and Pitt-Bradford hiring new presidents. We also have a new Chief Information Officer, and the committee to replace SVC Levine has been formed.
- Today we will vote on a motion from Faculty Assembly to provide representation on Senate Council to postdoctoral students at Pitt. As Senate Council, our goal is to represent all people at the university and giving representation to a previously unrepresented group is a good step in achieving that goal.
- There are several other policy committees that are currently either being formed or beginning their work. I suspect we will have action items from all of these in the fall semester. These include the Advisory Committee on Inclusion and Accessibility; PA Residency Classification and In-State Tuition; Intellectual Property; Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment; Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity, and Affirmative Action; and Electronic Information and Accessibility.

Last month we said goodbye to Cindy; today we say goodbye to Robin as she completes her 3-year term as Vice President. I have very much enjoyed working with her and she has brought an important perspective to our meetings and deliberations. I am sure she will continue to be active as she carves out a new role as Immediate Past Vice President.

As Robin and Cindy rotate off as officers, I am pleased to welcome David Salcido as the new Vice President and Gosia Fort as the new Secretary.

Finally, to sum up my first term....no collusion, no obstruction, total exoneration.

President Bonneau concluded his report and asked for questions or comments. No comments were made.

Michael Spring received the annual Senate Service Award.

For the past 20 years, public recognition has been given to a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the University through service in the University Senate. It gives me great pleasure to say that this year, members of the Senate Executive Committee were unanimous in their selection of Michael Spring for the Award for Service in the University Senate. This award recognizes his service as Senate President as well as the many different roles you have taken on within the University Senate.

It is customary for the Senate President to offer some brief remarks extolling the virtues and merits of the recipient. But, as you know, I am a different kind of President. So....what to say about Michael.....

The Senate was founded in 1940, and Michael was one of its inaugural members. Since that time, he has served on and chaired numerous committees, and served as President for 2 years. He also served as Past President for 3 years, tying a record for longevity in that position. I want to highlight two of Michael's most important accomplishments in terms of improving life here at Pitt. First, it was his idea to create the Research Committee. This committee has quickly become one of our more active committees, as it has addressed a host of issues involving the rapidly changing research environment and funding thereof. Second, Michael was critical in creating the ad hoc committee to examine NTS issues (which led to the creation of the Faculty Affairs Committee). While the need for such a committee seems obvious now, this was not the case several years ago, and without Michael's support we would not have made the progress we have made.

Finally, Michael has long been known as an authoritative source of institutional memory regarding shared governance at Pitt. As he will demonstrate in his 90 minute remarks following this introduction, this is something he is always excited to talk about. And we are all the richer for it.

Please join me in congratulating Michael on this well-deserved honor.

No SGB report was given

A&S GSO – Anthony Verardi – no report, see everyone in the fall.

Andy Stephany, Staff Council president gave the following report:

The ASGC report was accepted.

The SC report was accepted.

<p>Spring Assembly yesterday – “Better Pitt, Better You” focused on resilience, strength and recovery in the face of trauma in light of the notable local tragedies. Keynote speakers were Pam Connelly and Jamie Kulzer.</p> <p>Andy thanked the keynote speakers for their time and dedication to share their thoughts, support and advice on trauma with us.</p> <p>This year’s winner of the Staff Professional Development Award was Nancy Briones, a financial analyst at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine.</p> <p>Staff Council planned the following events for the summer and all are welcome to attend:</p> <p>June 18th – Understanding Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Savings Account brownbag from noon to 1:00 pm in the O’Hara student union building.</p> <p>June 26th – Volunteers from the Humane Society will bring therapy dogs from noon to 2:00 pm in the cathedral commons room.</p> <p>July 16th – we have a Digital Accessibility brownbag from noon to 1:00 pm in the O’Hara student union building.</p> <p>July 25th with a rain date of July 30th – we are hosting yoga on the cathedral lawn that is sponsored by Yoga U.</p> <p>Andy thanked Robin for her service and welcomed David Salcido and Gosia Fort.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate.</u> Bylaws and Procedures Committee – Nick Bircher</p> <p>As Chris pointed out, we are able to extend representation to a group that has not been represented in the past. The resolution speaks for itself, I would add that the Bylaws Committee and Faculty Assembly both endorsed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously, no no’s, no abstentions.</p>
<p><u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business.</u> No unfinished business or new business was brought forward.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
<p><u>Announcements.</u></p> <p>Frank Wilson – congratulated Michael Spring, thanked Cindy Tananis and Robin Kear for their service and saluted Sharon Smith for her leadership at Greensburg.</p> <p>Chancellor Gallagher, thanked Sharon Smith for her service.</p> <p>Robin Kear, thanked the council for their support.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>

<u>Adjournment.</u> With there being no further business, President Bonneau adjourned the meeting at 3:32	The meeting was adjourned

Members attending:

Bachman, Bonneau, Brodt, Conley, Cudd, Dahm, Deitrick, de Vallejo, Fort, Gallagher, Humphrey, Kaynar, Kear, Kiselyov, Labrinidis, A. Levine, Molinaro, Rutenbar, Salcido, Scott, Smith, Toner, Verardi, Wilson

Members not attending:

Becker, Betru, Bilodeau, Bromberg, Brown, Buchanich, Coombs, Goldberg, Harper, Harries, Horne, Infanti, Jones, Kaufman, Kory, D. Levine, Long, Martin, McGreevy, Mercer, Mulcahy, Peterson, Sant, Stephany, Stillman, Tananis, Triplette, Unger, Van Nostrand, Washington, Weikle-Mills, Weinberg

*Excused attendance:

Arkush, Bonner, Denman, Gaddy, Haley, Henker, Kovacs, Labrinidis, Morel, Stoner

Others attending:

Bircher, Connelly, Gau, Harding, Hitter, Jones, Miksch, Moran, Spring, Staresinic, Supowitz, Walker

*Notified Senate office