

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
May 16, 2018

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Frank Wilson.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:01 pm.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the April 18 Senate Council Meeting</u> Minutes were approved as written.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><u>Items of New Business</u> No items of new business were raised.</p>	<p>No items</p>
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Patrick D. Gallagher</u> Commencement Ceremonies 14,000 attended the undergrad event; close to 2,000 students. 500 students in graduate ceremony. Thank you to all volunteers and faculty.</p> <p>Enrollment Freshman class: 4,035 goal – 4,100 actual. Residents of Pennsylvania same as last year. 42% non-resident; DC-MD-VA up 19%, New England up 20%, NJ up 8% Female, minority (17% increase), and international up. 40% increase in female engineers. SATs 1348 average, ACT over 30, GPA 4.04. Reputation is the key to these numbers. Regional enrollments are ongoing, as are transfer students.</p> <p>Senate Leadership Frank has been a real champion of shared governance as President (presentation of gavel). Also thanks to Michael Spring as immediate past President who served as the President when I arrived at Pitt. Both gentlemen have been incredibly helpful in identifying the issues of the faculty for the administration and have helped us be a better University.</p> <p>See Chancellor’s Report for more specific details on these and additional items.</p> <p>Question/Discussion: None</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Frank Wilson</u> Wilson: Many aspects of the job that I have enjoyed --- ceremonial opportunities have been fun and exciting, especially seeing student successes; I also enjoy presenting the Senate Service Award.</p> <p>Senate Service Award: Dr. Wes Rohrer. I’ve been able to work with fine people as part of my service as President --- Wes is one of the finest. He is a product of Pitt and has served in multiple roles as part of Senate committees as a member and chair. He is current Chair of the Budget Policies committee and has helped that committee move forward as a real example of productive engagement.</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

<p>Wilson: I don't want to get too cheesy --- however --- one of the most frustrating parts of this job is sometimes how long it takes to get things done. The more I have reflected, it is happening because we are making deliberate steps --- and trying to be thoughtful and make better decisions as part of that process.</p> <p>Senate Council has been my favorite body to work with because all stakeholders are at the table, with voting power. I hope Chris (incoming President) will make good use of Senate Council to deliberate issues at this meeting, making the Senate meeting more interactive.</p> <p>Given the amount of change in the University, we need more opportunities to offer deliberation among the stakeholders.</p> <p>Chris (incoming President) has already begun with a transition of power. His experience as a baseball umpire may serve him and us well as President.</p> <p>To the administration: It has been an unexpected privilege to be President and to work with you; it's been a pleasure working together.</p> <p>Also like to thank Michael Spring --- he helped me to move into this position well and offered a deep institutional history and concern. Working with Cindy and Robin has been a pleasure as well. Lori Molinaro has been a joy and comfort to work with – she keeps me centered and productive.</p> <p>Lastly, shared governance is even more important today --- it is a perilous time, and we have a large responsibility to contribute to the future in a positive way.</p>		
<p><u>Reports of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p>	<p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u> <i>Maggie Kennedy, President</i> <i>Jahari Mercer, presenting remotely</i> Good afternoon University Senate,</p> <p>My name is Jahari Mercer and I will be serving as the Executive Vice President for Student Government Board this year. Jessica Chong will be serving as the VP and Chief of Cabinet and Cory Stillman will be serving as the VP and Chief of Finance. Maggie Kennedy who some of you may have met already will be serving as the President of the Student Government Board. We will be the student representatives from Student Government Board attending these meetings over the school year upcoming. Although I cannot speak on behalf of the board from my position, I do know that we are excited to be here and we look forward to working with you all and being able to represent the needs of the student body here to the Senate.</p>	<p>No discussion</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>Rachel Coombs, President</i></p> <p>No actual report; meeting on the 23rd for the first meeting. Looking forward to continued efforts.</p>	<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> <i>Gary Mills, President</i></p> <p>No report. Looking forward to continued efforts.</p>	<p>No discussion</p>
	<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> <i>Andy Stephany, President</i> <i>Alex Toner, Vice-President of Public Relations</i></p> <p>Over the last few years, we have had more opportunities for representations and have many allies as a result of administration and Senate Council. We are grateful for those opportunities.</p> <p>Staff Council held its annual Spring Assembly yesterday at the O’Hara Student Center, where we were very pleased to have over 200 Pitt staff members and administrators in attendance. Several UP Johnstown staff members even drove in for the program. The lunch portion of the event was highlighted by keynote remarks from Dr. Audrey Murrell and Chancellor Gallagher, followed by breakout sessions led by the Office of Human Resources Title IX Office, Be Fit Pitt, the Pitt Police, and Steimer Consulting.</p> <p>Video recordings of the keynotes and breakout sessions will be available via our website soon for consumption by our regional colleagues and those in Oakland unable to attend.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year’s event a success.</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh Police Sergeant Mark Villasenor is the recipient of the 2018 Staff Professional Development Award in Honor of Ronald W. Frisch, for which Staff Council received 58 applications. Sergeant Villasenor will use the award to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL this October. His attendance will inform his role as Unit Supervisor for Pitt Police’s Community Relations & Neighborhood Resource officers unit.</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

Staff Council thanks everyone who made this year's Staff and Faculty Staff Appreciation Picnic a wonderful event, in particular Chancellor Gallagher and Dr. Humphrey for hosting, Sodexo, and all the volunteers who made the day possible.

Elections to fill Staff Council's four committee chair positions will begin May 23 and run through the second week of June. Voting is limited to Staff Council members; chairs will serve two-year terms.

The City of Pittsburgh has informed Staff Council, along with the Office of Community and Governmental Relations, that implementation of safety improvements at the intersection of Fifth and North Bellefield Avenues will potentially begin within the coming weeks. These improvements on the west side of the intersection, between the University sign and Music Building, are the first phase of improvements. The second phase will include upgrading signal equipment and adding a fourth crosswalk to the intersection. The dialogue between all parties is ongoing.

Staff Council kindly requests everyone present to encourage staff members in their areas, based on supervisor discretion and business needs, to attend Pitt Day in Harrisburg next Wednesday, May 23. With the majority of our student partners now on summer break it is even more important that Pitt staff members communicate the importance of the #WithPitt message.

Upcoming events:

Staff Council is hosting a Campus Safety Crawl on Tuesday, May 22 beginning at 12pm on the steps of the William Pitt Union facing Fifth Avenue. All are welcome to join.

In conjunction with Parking, Transportation and Services, we'll be tabling Bike to Work Day tomorrow morning in Schenley Plaza.

On Friday June, 22 we'll be partnering again with PT&S and Bike Pittsburgh to host a second Lunch Loop event, intended to raise bike safety and transportation awareness in Oakland.

This year's Pitt Day at Kennywood will be Sunday, July 15. Tickets will go on sale soon via a link on Staff Council's website in the coming weeks. The event has sold out the past two years, with 2,000 tickets sold each year.

Thank you to Past-President Spring for your support and engagement with Staff Council. Thank you to President Wilson for his leadership of this body, support of Staff Council, and consistent willingness to sit down and have open and honest discussion about staff and faculty matters. We are looking forward to continuing that friendship. We also look forward to working with President Bonneau in the upcoming year.

Finally, thank to each one of Staff Council's supporters here in this room, and across the University. It has been another great year for Staff Council, from rebranding and providing development and learning opportunities for staff, to

expanding campus partnerships and advancing the Plan for Pitt. We look forward to continuing to work together to build a stronger Pitt community. SPRING: Somewhat reluctant to accept thank you --- John Baker and Rich Colwell started the relationship with Senate and Staff Council. It's been a pleasure to work with Staff Council.	
<u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u>	No reports
<u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u>	No business
<u>Announcements</u>	No Announcements
<u>Adjournment</u>	Adjournment at 3:45p

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Members attending:

Balaban, Beeson, Bonner, Bratman, Brodt, Coombs, Fort, Gallagher, Goldberg, Haley, Kear, Kiselyov, A. Levine, Loughlin, Mills, Molinaro, Mulvaney, Munro, Phillippi, Rigotti, Rohrer, Scott, Smith, spring, Stephany, Tananis, Toner, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Betru, Bilodeau, Bromberg, Chong, Clark, Deitrick, Harries, Horne, Jones, Kanthak, Kennedy, Kory, D. Levine, Lyon, Mercer, Morel, Mulcahy, Nelson, Perry, Rutenbar, Stillman, Swanson, Thorpe, Van Nostrand, Weikle-Mills

*Excused attendance:

Becker, Bonneau, Czerwinski, De Vallejo, Gaddy, Henker, Humphrey, Muenzer, Sukits, Washington

Others attending:

Bedford-Jack, DiPalma, Farwell, Fike, Harding, Henderson, Kirsch, Moran, Rose, Supowitz, Walker, Wilds

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