

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
May 7, 2014

Topic/Discussion	Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Michael Spring at 3:03 PM.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:01 PM</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the, March Senate Council Meeting</u> Asked for approval of the April 9, 2014 Senate Council minutes.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p><u>Items of New Business</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor, Mark Nordenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Positive aspect of honoring three internationally renowned Pitt faculty members at commencement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julius Youngner: scientific leader of Salk Polio vaccine team in 1950's; has remained respected & beloved member of Pitt faculty • Bernie Fisher: transformed our understandings of breast cancer which changed dramatically breast cancer treatment; advanced the cause of women's health more than any other single person • Tom Starzl: lead Pitt teams that developed most of the surgical techniques and drug therapies that made organ transplantation possible <p>The work of any one of these three has probably touched the lives of everyone at commencement as well as countless people worldwide. Having all 3 of them standing together for recognition & to be able to claim them as having done most of their work of impact here at the University of Pittsburgh is remarkable. Equally remarkable is the broader context. Dr. Starzl recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences; previously received National Medal of Science, Lasker-DeBaakey Prize for Clinical Medical Research, & literally 100s of other national and international forms of recognition. It is a high honor and external confirmation of the internal recognition we have given him. Coincided with rollout of official website tied to the Starzl archive in the Pitt library system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5 other Pitt faculty elected into the Association of American Physicians. Founded in 1885, the AAP recognizes researchers that have made significant contributions to the advancement of medical science over their careers. Only 60 can be elected nationally, this year 5 came from the Pitt: Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Yuan Chang; Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Patrick Moore; Watson Professor of Surgery, David Hackam; UPMC Professor of Translational Neuroscience and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, David Lewis; director of the University of Pittsburgh Asthma Center, Sally Weinsel. ➤ Nationally 75 new members were elected to American Society for Clinical Investigation (also known as the "Young Turks"), 8 from Pitt, founded in 1908, ASCI recognizes Physician/scientists under the age of 50 who have conducted meritorious original, creative, and independent investigations in medicine. We had more than 10%. They are: Cristian Apetrei, department of microbiology and molecular genetics; Carlton Bates, department of pediatrics; Hulya Bayir, department of critical care medicine; Peter Lucas, department of pathology; Linda McAllister-Lucas, department of pediatrics; Mary Phillips, department of psychiatry; Aleksandar Rajkovic, department of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences; Yutong 	

Zhoa, department of medicine. "Young Turks" is one of the best forms in biomedical research to determine if people on the outside think your pipeline of talent continues to be full. Having 8 of 75 really is an accomplishment. Within the course of a single week, Pitt legends received internal and external recognition.

Other received accomplishments:

- 4 faculty received provost awards for mentoring excellence: Marcia Landy, Distinguished Professor of English and Film Studies; Stephen Manuck, Distinguished University Professor of Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine; Allan Sampson, Department of Statistics, Dietrich School; and Trevor Orchard, Department of Epidemiology, Graduate School of Public Health.
- Sean McComb, who earned both his undergraduate degree in English Literature and his Masters in Education from Pitt, was named 2014 National Teacher of the Year: honored with a ceremony at the White House. Remarkable for this young, dual Pitt degree teacher to receive that form of recognition. This comes in same year that David Bartholomae, English Department, recognized as Pennsylvania's Professor of the year
- Simon Brown awarded 2014 Beinecke Scholarship, 1 of only 20 awarded nationally. Will receive scholarship support for last year at Pitt and when he moves onto graduate work, either here or elsewhere. He is a junior with triple majors in history, history of philosophy of science, and philosophy, intends to pursue PhD in history
- For 3rd consecutive year Pitt named one of the country's most environmentally responsible colleges or universities by the Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges.
- Last month: 7th annual student sustainability symposium as well as announcement that Pitt is investing \$37.5 M in sustainability research and education
- School of Information Science received \$726,000 grant from Andrew Mellon Foundation to support 10 I-fellows pursuing PhDs & work on digital projects to enhance scholarly productivity and enrich teaching. It's a credit to the School of Information Sciences and the last in a series of grants signaling a dramatically strengthened relationship between Pitt and the Andrew Mellon Foundation. At the time of its founding, the Andrew Mellon Foundation was Pittsburgh based, providing the huge grant that endowed & permitted the creation of Graduate School of Public Health. There was a period of few constructive relations between us but in the last 12-15 years that has changed based not on historic loyalty but on the quality of people doing work here and proposals being advanced to the foundation.
- Researchers from School of Medicine & McGowan Institute Regenerative Medicine demonstrated that leg muscles grew stronger and showed signs of regeneration when old injuries were surgically implanted with extra cellular matrix from pig's bladders. Attracted worldwide attention, that you may be able to regenerate wounded muscle using technique like this.
- University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute received close to 12M in new grants to support pioneering forms of research in the broad area of cancer.
- Board of Trustees approved 7.4M in renovations to David Lawrence Hall
- Summer is a busy time for capital projects work on all 5 campuses to deal with instructional facilities, residence halls, infrastructure projects at a time when the campus populations are at a lower point and not so dependent on all of the facilities being up and running .

Facilities people have a lot work to do during the summer. Commencement signaled the formal end to the academic year. Finished in a strong way in terms of the work being done and recognitions received for that work. Since we will likely get a few more bodies today if we have our "It's been a great year" reception at the end of this meeting so

<p>there is a reception in the Chancellor’s office suite. But that doesn’t mean you are done. It just means we get to spend a little time with each other before we push forward thru the next couple of months doing all the things that need to be done before we can say the 2013-2014 year has been wrapped up in the right way.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Senate President, Spring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elections: The elections for officers and Assembly members concluded on April 19th. Voting was light again this year. I am not sure who should be congratulated and who given condolences, but I will be serving another year as president as will Professor Frieze as Vice President. I thank Alex Vieira and James Becker for their time and effort. I also want to thank Linda Frank for her time and commitment over the past three years as Secretary and congratulate Susan Skledar of Pharmacy who is the newly elected Secretary. I look forward to having Dr. Smitherman continue as past president and to working with the Executive Committee, the Chairs of the Standing Committees and our new Chancellor over the next year. A list of the results for Faculty Assembly is on the back table. The elections for the Standing Committees concluded yesterday and the Senate Office is in the process of notifying those elected. We will then publish the results on the Senate website and announce here at our next meeting. ➤ Changes to Middle States Criteria: Vice Provost Manfredi is continuing to work on the matter and has agreed to address Faculty Assembly at our next meeting. ➤ Policy on Online Speech, TAFC has taken the matter up and Barry Gold has agreed to chair a sub-committee of TAFC to look into this matter. ➤ Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty, the Faculty Assembly received an interim report and engaged in a lively discussion of the implications of the findings. We will look forward to a final report and some recommendations which, if passed by Faculty Assembly, will come to the Senate Council in the fall. ➤ Annual Review of Tenure Stream Faculty and subsequent salary decisions, the Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee brought a motion to Assembly to form an Ad Hoc Committee to study the situation. The Assembly engaged in a long and lively discussion of the matter and voted 20 to 10 with 2 abstentions to endorse the motion. I think most of my colleagues would agree that the support for the general notion that a review of the annual review process and salary decision and appeal process made sense given that the policy has been in place for almost 15 years. Most of the votes opposed were concerned about the specific wording of the motion which was rather lengthy and in some case subject to different interpretations. I think it is important that Council understand that the motion is for a broad University study of the evolution and development of the annual review process which is tied to salary decisions. ➤ Commencement, the event was as delightful as the bright sunny day. As you know Chancellor Nordenberg presided and gave the commencement address which was a wonderful synthesis. ➤ Chancellor’s Reception, I want to remind you that the Chancellor will be hosting a reception immediately following our meeting today in his office 107 CL. ➤ Reception for the Chancellor, I want to remind you that the University Senate and the Staff Association Council will be hosting a reception for the Chancellor on May 12th. I want to thank Provost Beeson for convening the participants and for Jean Ferketish and Special Events for getting the event organized. Given the RSVP’s to date, I think we will have 600 or more people attending. 	

Michael Spring presented the Award for Service to the Senate to Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg sharing remarks of several of the past presidents including Keith McDuffie, James Cassing, Irene Frieze, John Baker, Michael Pinsky, and Thomas Smitherman. He concluded with the following:

In 2001, addressing a Senate Plenary in which we both spoke, I said "shared governance is the cornerstone of an open university, and while Pitt has proper structures in place to facilitate shared governance, established processes are not always followed. We, faculty and administrators, have a responsibility to maintain shared governance. We need to be vigilant, we need to nurture it or we face the possibility that we will end up as two opposing forces."

I can tell you today that over the last year, in public and private meetings about the importance of faculty involvement and the need to share information, I never had a doubt that there was always one person in the room who was more convinced of the need for shared governance than I was – and that was Chancellor Nordenberg. When some questioned what and how much could be shared, Chancellor Nordenberg would quietly suggest that the topic under discussion was important and we needed to think about how to work together on it.

Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg lives and breathes the words he espouses about building this University together. His service to the Senate has been as its greatest long term advocate – 19 continuous years. Further, his leadership of the University has been marked by extraordinary humanity. He reaches out to Nobel laureates, secretaries, junior faculty, groundskeepers, and deans as colleagues and is honestly proud of, and caring about, the work done by each and every one of his friends at Pitt.

It is my distinct pleasure, along with all the members, the current officers and past presidents of the University Senate, to present you with the 2014 Award for Service to the Senate. It is richly deserved.

Report of SGB (Michael Nites)
none

College of General Studies: Travis Ritter

- Congratulations, Chancellor Nordenberg
- Excellence dinner April 7th: Student Choice awards, (students nominate professors who had an impact on their lives or encouraged them to excel in their field), 12 professors chosen, acknowledged scholarship recipients, inaugurated new Student Government Board.
- Full slate of 10 peer mentors for next semester; quick start program for commuters and non-traditional students to help them transition to campus
- May 23rd planning meeting for next semester

Report of GPSG: David Gau

- At the beginning of last year, my board and I had a mission, to bring unity to the graduate and professional student population. I've mentioned many times throughout the year that I believe our graduate and professional students at Pitt are seeking for much more than an academic experience here, they are looking for a community to sync with. With that in mind, we set off last year with our theme of community, laying

<p>the foundation to build a graduate student community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We piloted the first University-wide graduate & professional student orientation this year and will be hosting it again in collaboration with the Office of International Services and the Center for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Career Development on August 18th, from 2-5 pm, at the O’Hara Student Center. This orientation gives incoming students a first glance at what Pitt has to offer academically, socially, and professionally. ➤ Trailblazers are still going strong with a new class of guides coming in and no shortage in demand for our graduate and professional student tours. We’ve stayed strong with our representation this year on the University front with service to committees and to city, state, and federal legislatures. ➤ We also fostered interactions between various student organizations from different graduate schools to create programming that encompasses a multi-disciplinary theme. ➤ We built events and communication streams that reached 1000 unique students attending our events throughout the year. And finally, we opened the door to recognizing students who go beyond the call of duty to serve our community. ➤ GPSG held its inaugural Leadership and Service Award ceremony on April 18th where we recognized the achievements of Kia Goh (from Swanson), Ben Moreno (from Katz), Sheila Grab (from Pharmacy), and David Givens (From Dietrich). Kia and Ben both worked on a similar idea in different schools. ➤ They sought to bring a multi-disciplinary experience to students on campus by working with the University and industry, to bring together a case competition that pits together teams of students from various programs to solve real life problems. David served as chair of the Pittsburgh Student Government Council which worked to bring together the student bodies of all Pittsburgh universities and helped develop the Nightlife and Harm Reduction workgroup. ➤ GPSG’s theme for this coming year, visibility. We have built the foundation for a community and it is now time for us to build up and really bring what we’re all about to the attention of our community. <p><u>Report of Arts and Sciences: Michael Lipschultz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual Grad Expo event: Grad students throughout Dietrich School presented their research to other grad students within the school and other attendees; 20+ students recognized for outstanding research, and for presenting discipline specific material in a way that students outside of their departments could understand. ➤ Baranger Teaching Award: In April we awarded 7 Dietrich School students for excellence in teaching ➤ New officers elected for 2014-2015 A&S GSO; President, Aisha Upton, Sociology PhD candidate; Vice-President, Dominique Johnson, Grad student in Communication 	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Lindsay Rodzwick</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Congratulations, Chancellor Nordenberg on his award for service to the Senate ➤ Congratulations to Michael Spring and Irene Frieze on their reelection as President & Vice President of the Senate ➤ We would like to thank President Spring for his continued vocal support of staff and our roll at the university. We appreciate his advocacy in favor of staff salaries and his encouragement of further research on staff salaries. ➤ May 12th reception honoring Chancellor Nordenberg ➤ Tuesday, May 20th: SAC brown bag luncheon; focus stress management and mindfulness; Tom Koloc from LifeSolutions, William Pitt Union Assembly Room 	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees</u></p> <p>None</p>	

<u>Unfinished Business</u>	
<u>Announcements:</u> Chancellor's Reception following meeting <u>Adjournment.</u> President Spring adjourned the meeting at 4:01 PM	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Members attending:

Beeson, Burkoff, Butterworth, Colwell, Costantino, Flynn, Frank, Frieze, Gaddy, Gau, Humphrey, Juhl, Lipschultz, Lyon, Lunsford, Molinaro, Nisnevich, Nordenberg, Ramicone, Ritter, Rodzwick, Shafiq, Sallie Smith, Sharon Smith, Smitherman, Spring, Supowitz, Tananis, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Abboud, Cauley, Chiarulli, Clark, Clermont, de Montmollin, Erickson, Gibson, Gleason, Karp, Klein, Kory, Lewicka, Majumdar, McKinney, Meyer, Mulcahy, Munro, Nites, Savun, Skledar, Slimick, Smolinski, Sukits, Tisherman, Vieira

*Excused attendance:

Beck, Caldwell, Cochran, Hughes, Levine, Neft, Rosen, Song

Others attending:

Balaban, Bonner, Cassing, Clark, Frisch, Harding, McDuffie, Moore, Oltmanns, Service, Upton, Wilds

*Notified Senate Office