

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
November 7 2018

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>Call to Order</u> The meeting was called to order by President Chris Bonneau.</p>	<p>The meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.</p>
<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of the October 10 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></p> <p>The Chancellor discussed the recent trauma within our University and community as a result of the mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue. The Pitt community's response has been powerful and consistent with an outpouring of caring and support for each other and our wider community.</p> <p>The Chancellor made mention of various specific events, communication, and levels of participation that evidence the depth and breadth of caring across the region that have included Pitt community members.</p> <p>The Chancellor offers his gratitude to all members who have stepped up to be so responsive and caring.</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, Chris Bonneau</u></p> <p>Horror. Grief. Healing. Community. Those four words describe the past few weeks on campus and in Pittsburgh. Together we are indeed stronger than hate.</p> <p>Faculty Assembly last Tuesday was somber, yet productive. The Research Committee worked closely with the administration to craft a procedure change to get us into compliance with a new National Science Foundation policy on harassment and misconduct. Since every one of my reports thus far has mentioned Rob Rutenbar and I am a stickler for tradition....here is his shout out. Thanks to Rob, Geovette Washington, Pam Connelly, Jennifer Woodward, and everyone else from the administration as well as the hard-working Research Committee for their efforts on this.</p> <p>The officers took a road trip to Bradford on October 25 and I met with representatives from the Greensburg campus on November 2. Issues</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

<p>we discussed include: shared governance, student evaluations of teaching, student quality and enrollments, lack of staffing to cover courses, perceptions of being ignored, and strengthening ties between regional campuses and the Oakland campus.</p> <p>Provost Cudd addressed our members and fielded questions. We appreciate her taking the time to do so and we look forward to continuing engagement with her on issues important to the faculty.</p> <p>Our plenary on Free Speech in the Modern University is scheduled from 12-3pm on March 27. Our keynote speaker will be Professor Sigal Ben-Porath from the University of Pennsylvania. Her most recent book is <i>Free Speech on Campus</i>, and we are thrilled she will be joining us.</p> <p>Finally, I want to thank Kathy Humphrey, Kenyon Bonner, Graham Park, the Student Government Board, Alex Toner, and everyone else who worked so hard to produce the memorial tribute on Monday. I have heard nothing but compliments from everyone who attended. It was meaningful and powerful. And put together in just 3 ½ days! Outstanding work by all.</p> <p>Comments and Questions: Plenary open to all University community members.</p>	
<p><u>Reports of Student Members of Senate Council</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board (SGB)</u> <i>Maggie Kennedy, President</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce guest Board Member Albert Tanjaya 2. Reflection on the tragedy of 10/27 + Pitt Together: Stronger Than Hate event <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Close to 10,000 shirts passed out b. Perhaps about 5,000 people crowded in and around the Cathedral Lawn c. Student, Faculty, staff, and community speakers from the Jewish community, the Muslim community, the Christian community, etc. d. Powerful words and music performances e. Many various Jewish affiliated orgs on campus doing lots of great activism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Challah for Hunger ii. Jewish Greek Life’s fundraiser iii. Hillel Make A Difference Day iv. Campus-wide Shabbat dinner last Friday night (~500 people) 3. Reflection on SGB’s Mental Health Awareness Month 4. Next SGB Town Hall-- University Policy focused <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tuesday Nov. 13th 9 pm in WPU Nordy’s Place b. This will be an open space and time for any student to come share their questions/concerns about all things university policy related with their Student Government Board representatives and a few featured faculty members and administrators. c. We will be joined by: 	<p>No discussion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Policy Development and Management Thomas Hitter ii. Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kenyon Bonner iii. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Joe McCarthy iv. Associate Dean and Director of Residence Life Steve Anderson v. WPU Building Manager Allie Chornick vi. Tyler Tenney from the Office of Policy and Development d. Snacks and refreshments will be provided 5. Pitt Women’s Leadership Experience retreat/conference coming up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nov. 17-18 b. Initiative out of Senior Vice Chancellor Dr. Humphrey’s office c. Close to 90 undergrad women attending as mentors and mentees d. Keynote: Dr. Anupama Jain + Q&A e. Women’s Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Kristin Kanthak ii. Meredith Guthrie iii. Nandini Mandal iv. Yoko Suzuki v. Jennifer Rae Seng vi. Christel Temple vii. Paige Lumley f. Men’s Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Gabby Yearwood ii. Kenyon Bonner iii. Chauncey Alexander iv. Dr. David Sanchez g. Of course, closing inspirational words of wisdom from Dr. Humphrey! 6. Otherwise, all of our Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members are hard at work with their various initiatives and we’re really excited about what’s to come! 	
	<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> Not attending/No report</p>	<p>No discussion</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>Anthony Verardi, President</i></p> <p>The A&S GSO convened for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 23, during which time reports were delivered from the A&S GSO President and Chair for the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion Anthony Verardi; Faculty Advisor Asst. Dean Tara Meyer; Executive Administrator Allison Gremba; and A&S Council Representative Krysta Beam. Of particular note was a discussion of the availability of affinity groups for graduate students in A&S (and across the University as a whole) in the same vein as those housed within ODI (Pitt Queer Professionals, Equipoise, Hispanic and Latino Professional Assoc., etc.). Graduate students in A&S are eager and willing to see these types of groups formed as both a place for support among their peers and an avenue through which to communicate group-specific needs to the University. Students are currently in the exploratory stages of reforming an LGBTQIA+ affinity group for graduate students within A&S, and any insight that members of Faculty Senate could contribute to us as to the process for (re)codifying such a body would be sincerely appreciated.</p> <p>Additionally, the preliminary results for the 2017 A&S Climate Survey were discussed. The preliminary results seem to indicate a more lukewarm attitude towards overall campus climate, which we felt was at least partially attributable to the overarching political climate of this moment; however, we also believe this may be attributable to a growing awareness of the issues faced by underrepresented populations at the University. It bears mentioning at this time that a majority of respondents were international students. Full results to follow.</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>Chancellor Gallagher, President Bonneau, members of Senate Council,</p> <p>I want to acknowledge, on behalf of Staff Council, the effort put forth by staff, faculty students, administration, and our neighborhood community in assembling Monday's vigil. We are proud that our Pitt community came to together and demonstrated its resilience, resolution, and support for our campus colleagues and Pittsburgh communities who need it most.</p>	<p>No discussion</p>

In particular, I would like to acknowledge and thank Elizabeth Rangel for speaking to the memory of retired staff member Joyce Feinberg, one of the 11 lives lost. Thanks to Liz and everyone who planned and participated.

Staff Council thanks AVC of Facilities Scott Bernotas for hosting a special Q&A presentation session of draft Campus Plan specifically for Staff Council members and their colleagues. The continued transparency and inclusive planning process benefits the entire campus community.

Thank you to Dr. Audrey Murrell and Dr. Aurora Sharrard who led our Staff Mentoring Town Hall and Sustainable Pitt Brown Bag, respectively, in October. Both events were well attend

The deadline for our 2018 Staff Mentor Award has been extended to Monday, November 12. The purpose of the award is to recognize and promote healthy mentoring relationships and networks throughout the University

Applications are now being accepted for Staff Council's annual endowed Book Fund award, providing financial support to children of Pitt staff members who are enrolled at one of Pitt's five campuses. Both the Mentor award recipient and book fund recipient will be recognized at the Chancellor's staff awards ceremony in December

We're hosting two professional development Brown Bags in November:

- **Identifying & Responding to Students in Distress: Resources for Staff**
Tuesday, November 13 in the O'Hara Student Center
Speakers representing the CARS Team (Care and Resources Support), the University Counseling Center, and the Office of University Counsel will inform and update attendees on recognizing students near or in distress, resources and best practices for providing help and support to students, and employee reporting responsibilities.
- **Cyber Security and YOU: Managing Security Risks at the University**
Thursday, November 29 in the WPU Kurtzman Room
CSSD representatives will provide an overview of the security risks facing the University, the controls that are in place, and what staff can do to make a difference.

The 2018 Fall Food Drive currently underway, running from Monday November 5 until Monday November 19. Staff Council has collaborated with the Pitt Police, Student Government Board, and Community and Governmental Relations to collect non-perishable food and personal items benefiting the Pitt Pantry and the

<p>CHS Oakland Community Food Pantry. Drop-off locations can be found at the Cathedral of Learning, WPU, Posvar Hall, Scaife Hall, and Craig Hall. You may always reach out to Staff Council directly for a pick-up outside of these buildings.</p> <p>In addition to food donations, we are encouraging colleagues to please making a monetary donation to a Tree of Life victims fund through the United Way, or the charity of their choice.</p> <p>Thank you – this concludes our report.</p>	
<p><u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate</u></p> <p>Computer Usage Committee <i>Frank Wilson, Committee Liaison</i></p> <p>Motion for name change to <i>Computing and Information Technology</i>:</p> <p>The Senate Computer Usage Committee voted unanimously for the changes in name and mission shown below. The vote confirmed an online poll that asked member to express their opinion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with this statement (14) • I would like further discussion in person (0) • I believe the name and mission should not be changed(0) <p>The current name a mission as well as partial rationale for changes are shown first.</p> <p>Current Name/Mission Name: Computer Usage</p> <p>Mission: The Senate Computer Usage Committee monitors computing and computer-related activities at the University of Pittsburgh for the University's Senate Council and the Faculty Assembly. The Committee is concerned with both academic computing and administrative information systems issues. Members of the committee also serve on other committees that assist CSSD in forming policies and procedures that affect students, faculty and staff. The SCUC is one of the standing committees reporting to the Senate Council and the Faculty Assembly. Its chair or co-chairs are voting members of the Provost's Council for Academic Computing (CAC), the Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC), and the Faculty Assembly. (Revised Fall/2011)</p> <p>Questions/Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would “Information Technology” or “Computing and Networking” or “Information Systems and Technology” be a more appropriate, comprehensive, name? • Paragraph 1 reasonably comprehensive, but we might add networking and other technology more explicitly. 	<p>Name Change, no discussion passed unanimously</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 2 would seem a little problematic in its references. The CAC has not met since 2010. It is difficult to find any data on the ITSC. It appears to have last acted in 2000. <p>New Name and Mission: Name: Computing and Information Technology. Mission: The Senate Computing and Information Technology Committee monitors computing and computer-related activities at the University of Pittsburgh for the University's Senate Council and the Faculty Assembly. The Committee is concerned with both academic and research computing and administrative information systems issues. The committee monitors issues, provides input on new initiatives, and reviews policies and procedures that affect students, faculty and staff. (Revised Fall/2018)</p>	
<p><u>Unfinished Business or New Business</u></p>	<p>No business</p>
<p><u>Announcements</u> Editorial comment by Chancellor Gallagher: we were all thanking each other for our commitment and activity in the midst of the trauma. Universities are designed to host a plurality of views and positions. When tragedies happen, we are often asked, “what does Pitt think about x”. There is no such limited perspective. We speak through our communities of affinity — what each group does and thinks. As a university, we need to recognize our assets of plurality as well as coming together.</p>	<p>No Announcements</p>
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>Adjournment at 3:32p</p>

Respectfully Submitted,



HAIL TO PITT!

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Members attending:

Bachman, Becker, Bonneau, Bonner, Brodt, Conley, Cudd, Dahm, Gallagher, Haley, Harries, Humphrey, Kear, Kennedy, Labrinidis, A. Levine, Molinaro, Smith, Stephany, Stoner, Tananis, Toner, Verardi, Washington, Wilson

Members not attending:

Betru, Bilodeau, Bromberg, Buchanich, Coombs, Deitrick, Denman, De Vallejo, Goldberg, Harper, Horn, Infanti, Jones, Kaufman, Kaynar, Kiselyov, Kory, D. Levine, Long, Martin, McGreevy, Mercer, Morel, Mulcahy, Rutenbar, Salcido, Sant, Van Nostrand, Weikle-Mills, Weinberg

*Excused attendance:

Arkush, Czerwinski, Fort, Gaddy, Henker, Kovacs, Scott

Others attending:

Ayars, Connelly, Dostilio, Harrell, Jones, Moran, Tanjaya, Wilds, Zwick

*Notified Senate Office