

Meeting Minutes – University Senate

Student Admissions, Aid and Affairs Committee

Date: October 15, 2015
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Location: 272 Hillman Library
Facilitator: Robin Kear
Note Taker: Chyongchiou (Cho Cho) Jeng Lin

Attendees:

Elected member: Lance Davison, Robin Kear, Julius Kitutu, Steve Levine, Cho Cho Lin, Ann Mary Williford (online)

Student representative: David Gau, Julia Helgert, Nasreen Harun

Staff Association Council: Hillary Koller

Chancellor's liaisons: Kenyon Bonner, Penny Semaia

Senate appointment: Mike Spring

Guests: Katie Pope, Pam Connelly, Sarah Suhaim, Sybil Streeter

Agenda Items

1. Members' feedback of Mission Statement for the combined committee
2. Katie Pope, our new Title IX Coordinator, and Pam Connelly, director of the new Office of Diversity and Inclusion, address the committee.
 - i. See Kim Barlow's University Times article 'Title IX office works to raise awareness' from 10/29/15 <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=37268>

Action Items

1. Senate Matters Column due next Friday (10/23/2015), welcome any input from the committee members
2. Our Committee will invite Alberta Sbragia, Vice-Provost for Graduate Studies to the next meeting
3. Robin and Cho Cho will bring the Mission Statement of the combined committee and concerns of GPSG to the Senate Expanded Committee Meeting on 10/19/2015

Other Notes

1. Mark Harding and Robin Kear did brief interviews for a University Times article
 - a. A new group of 80 colleges, including Pitt, have banded together to create the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success.
 - i. See Marty Levine's article 'Admission procedure changes planned' from 10/15/15 <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=37113>

2. President of Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) raised the concerns that graduate students feel disconnected with Pitt
3. Sybil Streeter, guest participant, sought for policies of undergraduate lab volunteers

Next Meeting: Thursday, 11/19, 4-5 pm, 272 Hillman Library