

**Senate Benefits and Welfare Committee  
University of Pittsburgh  
Minutes of February 19, 2015**

**9:00-10:30am, 430 Salk Hall**

**Attendees:** Roger Flynn, Angie Riccelli, Jeanann Croft, Haas, Sachin Velankar

**Appointed:** Elizabeth Bilodeau, Lori Carnvale, Onyinyechi Chukwunyere, John Kozar, Janeen LaForce, Michael Wahl, Harvey Wolfe

**Absent:** Colleenn Culley, Sandra Found, Rachel Fusco, R. Donald Hoffman, Irene Kane, Alan Meisel, Ann Mitchell, Ivanka Nikolova, Anna Roman, Linda Tashbook

**Guest:** Marty Levine, University Times

**Guest Speaker:** Lynne Taiclet, DMD, Director  
Center for Patients with Special Needs, School of Dental Medicine

Topic	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. The committee approved the January 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes with one minor correction.	
Committee Business	<p>Introduction of guest speaker: Dr. Lynne Taiclet, Director, Center for Patients with Special Needs, School of Dental Medicine.</p> <p>The April meeting is open for topic suggestions. If anyone has ideas, please send emails to Angie and John.</p> <p>The next two meetings will be held in Benedum Hall. Directions will be added to the March meeting agenda.</p> <p>Angie attended the Faculty Assembly meeting and was to provide a report about the committee's activities. Due to a full agenda Angie's presentation was moved to March's meeting. Angie reported that the Assembly approved the NTS recommendations. Among the recommendations was that the Benefits and Welfare</p>	Informational

	<p>Committee should routinely review benefit policies for NTS faculty.</p> <p>Stress Management workshops with Dr. Rabin considered a huge success. There have been requests to video the presentation and place them online. The HR website has been shared across the University to several departments. Angie will write a letter on behalf of the committee to thank Dr. Rabin for his time in giving the presentations.</p>	
<p>Benefits Office Report (J. Kozar)</p>	<p>John reported on the following items: HR is on target with Coursestream – Lori Carnvale is working with General Council to wrap up the contract. There will be a soft launch on March 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>The sole-record keeping project update – there was a blackout period for 8 business days where funds were frozen. (Fund values fluctuated with the market but they could not be moved) During that period – the stock market went up 305 points or 1.7%, therefore it was unlikely anyone was adversely affected .I.</p> <p>Meeting with the Medical Advisory Committee to share information on survey data and will develop a proposal for FY16. John reported that no significant changes in health care coverage is expected.</p> <p>Next month, health care reform will be discussed at the next meeting and how it impacts Pitt.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
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<p>Dr. Lynne Taiclet Services provided at the</p>	<p>Dr. Lynne Taiclet, Director of the Center for Patients with Special Needs (CPSN) stated that dental care is the most common unmet health care issue for persons with special needs. Patient care for individuals who have developmental disabilities is provided by both faculty and students. The School of Dental Medicine is fortunate to have a strong anesthesiology department that assists with providing care for this patient population. Patients can be treated with local sedation, IV sedation and under</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>general anesthesia. The goal of exposing students to this group of patient is to try to encourage students to learn how to work with special needs patients in their own private practices. The Center treats all ages with developmental disabilities and acquired disabilities from the tristate area or further distances. Included among the Center's goals are to treat patients with special dental and health care needs; enable patients to have a dental home; and to train the dental and dental hygiene students to provide care for this patient population. The Center has specialized equipment such as hand-held x-ray machines, a lift for patients who cannot transfer themselves, etc. A tour of the facility was included and the end of the meeting.</p>	
Unfinished Business	<p>After a committee vote Sachin Velankar will replace Angie Riccelli as chair effective with the AY' 15-16.</p>	<p>Sachin Velankar, Swanson School of engineering, will chair the B &amp; W Committee during the AY '15-16</p>
Adjournment	<p>March meeting will be held at Benedum Hall. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am and members were taken on tour of the CPSN.</p>	