

Senate Community Relations Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2011

Attendees: Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services; G. Reynolds Clarke, Vice Chancellor of Community Initiatives; Denise Chisholm; Laurie Cohen; Maggie Folan; Peter Hart, University Times; Cameron Lee, Community Human Services; Margaret Rosenzweig; Tara Sherry-Torres, Oakland Planning & Development Corporation; Tracey Soska; Martha Terry; Patricia Weiss; John Wilds, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Community Relations; Steve Zupcic, Community Relations.

Old Business:

Minutes from CRC Meeting of April 19, 2011: Denise Chisholm asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2011, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business:

Co-chair Remarks: Co-Chair Denise Chisholm shared the CRC election results (candidates were Mary M. (Maggie) Folan – School of Pharmacy, Marian C. Hampton – University Library System, Patrick Loughlin – Bioengineering Department, and Margaret Rosenzweig – School of Nursing. The newly elected members are Maggie Folan, Marian Hampton, and Patrick Loughlin. Denise welcomed Maggie Folan to her first CRC meeting. Members ending their term (2011) include Denise Chisholm, Marian Hampton, and Margaret Rosenzweig. Denise Chisholm and Margaret Rosenzweig will continue their involvement with the CRC as pro-tem members. Denise shared recent email communications and flyers received from Mr. Giampolo. CRC members briefly discussed the information and agreed that information received should continue to be forwarded to John Wilds, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Community Relations for response if needed.

Fall Plenary Update: Co-Chair Martha Terry said the date was being finalized with the Chancellor's and Provost's offices however it will likely be a day during the timeframe of November 7th to 18th. The title of the plenary will be Community/Campus Partnerships for Health & Wellness. The plenary will be from Noon to 3 pm and will include a buffet lunch, keynote presentation, panel discussion of current community/campus collaborations, and a showcase and marketplace. Laurie Cohen volunteered to provide a list of resources related to collaborative research through community/campus partnerships. The resource list will be distributed to plenary attendees. Additional information should be available for the June CRC meeting.

Upcoming Community Service Events: Steve Zupcic announced the following:

- The Food Drive was extended to May 17th.
- There will be a Pitt's People for Pets Food Drive – June/July is the target timeframe.
- Pitt Kennywood Event is July 30th.

University Senate: Renny Clark shared information regarding the State Budget and issues related to the state-related schools appropriations. He also noted that a revised budget had been submitted and anticipated that the House would pass it and it would then move to the Senate. John Wilds provided reported on University projects – Chevron Hall was progressing; renovations at Salk were temporarily halted due to soil/stabilization issues; Bouquet Gardens – anticipated completion date of August 1; new student residence (University Place/Fifth Avenue) was in the review process and demolition should begin June or July; UCSUR (University Center for Social and Urban Research) is moving to 3347 Forbes Avenue (the “blue” building); new restaurant in Schenley Plaza to open early September – construction was delayed/slowed due to the falcons nesting on the Cathedral of Learning – currently the name of the restaurant has not been confirmed.

Student Government Update: GPSA and SGB received the League of Women Voters Citizenship Award.

Community Partner Announcements:

- Oakland 2025 – Action Forum
Tara Sherry-Torres, Oakland Planning & Development Corporation reported that approximately 190 people attended the event. Through a voting process, the following three action ideas emerged as the lead issues: 1) Transportation and Pedestrian Safety – coordinate with Oakland organizations to approach institutions and public agencies to merge their resources to create an Oakland bus loop for students, residents, employees, and visitors. 2) Neighborhood Quality and Investment – Re-activate the Oakland Code Enforcement Task Force and engage more community members to participate in order to enforce codes on negligent landlords, housing violations, parking violations, litter/trash, etc. Engage local political officials in this effort through a community walking tour. Encourage residents to actively use the city 311 line. 3) Community Beautification, Greening, and Public Spaces – Connect the West Oakland, South Oakland and the business district with the Eliza Furnace Trail and 2nd Ave. Improve steps and trail connections throughout the neighborhood; promote their active use by leading tours/events/clean-ups/etc. Action Group Members are still being accepted – contact Tara if you or you know someone interested in joining an Action Group related to one of the three action ideas.
- Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services announced the following events: CHS Community Ally Award Dinner (May 19th, The LeMont, Honoring Tracy Michael Soska, recipient of the first “Community Ally Award”; \$50 / single admission; \$450 / table for 10; For more information contact Diane McMahon 412-246-1608); CHS Rock the Streets (features music performers to raise funding for people living in poverty; June 11th, Mr. Small’s, Millvale, PA; Admission: general \$15; \$10 for those donating non-perishable food; \$30 VIP; For more information contact Diane McMahon 412-246-1608 or visit www.rockthstreets.org); and Sleep-In for the Homeless (October 7th at Schenley Plaza).

- Cameron Lee, Community Human Services announced the following event: Oakland Arts 2011, August 20th, 10 am to 10 pm; currently seeking art submissions (mediums accepted include paintings, photography, sculpture, installations, musical acts, poetry, performance arts) – submission deadline is August 15th; sponsors are being accepted at the corporate and individual levels.

Future Meetings:

Next CRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2011, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in 272 Hillman Library.

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Denise Chisholm