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Community Relations Committee *University Senate*

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Mission Statement

The Senate Community Relations Committee (CRC) is a facilitator and observer of the interactions between the University of Pittsburgh and its many external communities. Its purpose is to understand and communicate the mutual needs and benefits of the University and its communities at their points of intersection. In the three-fold mission of the University (Research, Teaching, Public Service) community interfaces are frequent, and deserve careful consideration and treatment. This committee monitors activities and reports annually to the Senate on its findings.

Goal

To support increased collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh's Community Partners.

Activities

The Community Relations Committee meets monthly (3rd Tuesday) at Hillman Library (Rm 272). The meeting agenda includes presentations, Senate meeting reports, University and Student Government updates, community service events, news/media events, and field trips.

2010 Highlights

Community Service Events promoted/supported by the CRC

Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank – Monthly Distribution Day; Oakland Food Pantry; United Way Day of Caring; Project Bundle-Up Telethon; Haiti Bucket Brigade; Crutches/Canes/Walkers for Haiti; and No-nonsense Food Drive

Joint meeting with Senate Commonwealth Relations Committee (January 2010)

Presentations:

Sprout Fund Grant for Public Art by Peoples Oakland (March 2010)

ONE: Pittsburgh (June 2010)

Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information System (PNCIS) (September 2010)

Field trips/meetings:

United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS) (April 2010)

Community Human Services (June 2010)

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (October 2010).

Future Topics/Meetings

Presentations and Panel Discussion by Community Partners (November 2010)

Community Human Services (CHS) <http://www.chscorp.org/>

Oak Hill Residents Council (ORC)

Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID) <http://www.onlyinoakland.org/>

Oakland Community Council (OCC) <http://www.oaklandcommunitycouncil.org/>

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC) <http://www.opdc.org/new/>

Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA) <http://www.otma-pgh.org/main/index.asp>

Peoples Oakland <http://www.peoplesoakland.org/>

Participation in service events:

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank: Food Distribution

Joint meeting with Commonwealth Relations Committee (January 2011)

Tracking services projects of Community Relations Committee members

Planning for proposed 2011 Fall Plenary on Community Engaged Research

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