

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
November 9, 2011

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Michael R. Pinsky called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM	The meeting commenced at.
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the October 12, 2011 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Pinsky asked for approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Senate Council meeting.	The minutes were approved as written.
<u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> No new business.	
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor of the University, Mark A. Nordenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on last Friday’s Visit of Vice President Biden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting, turnout, and message excellent ○ Unconditional belief in the current generation of students and their potential to contribute in a changing and challenging world. ○ Underscored his belief in the importance of higher education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ citing statistics relating to unemployment rates and lifetime earning differentials ▪ offered as a more personal and perhaps more painful testimonial the sacrifices that he had made to send his three children to very expensive institutions ▪ Observations about the quality of a life that is built on a strong educational foundation. ▪ Expressed belief that we owe something to each other and talked about “being our brother’s keeper” and that we need to be committed to the collective good and not focused only on our own well-being. ○ Sit at the heart of our efforts through education, research, and public service at Pitt • Inducted into the Institute of Medicine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy Davidson, the director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ leader in medical research and dedicated women’s health ○ Jeannette South-Paul, the chair of the Department of Family Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First female and African American to chair dept. in SOM (South-Paul) • Ellen Frank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Psychiatry received the Institute’s 2011 Sarnat International Prize in Mental Health recognizing her work over the course of several decades to enhance understandings of and treatments of mood disorders. • Ron Brand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director, Center for International Legal Education, current holder of the Nordenberg Chair, received the Leonard J. 	

<p>Theberge Award the highest honor from the American Bar Association Section on International Law for his distinguished, long-standing contributions to the development of private international law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chip Reynolds, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center for Late Life Depression, Department of Psychiatry, received a \$9M grant from NIMH to further its work in depression prevention and treatment in later life. • Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group of regional partners received a grant a \$1.95M grant to accelerate the creation of jobs and economic growth in underserved communities. • Programs of Note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sixth Bi-annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora ○ a one-day Summit of the Image of African-American Males in American Media ○ 41st Annual Jazz Seminar and Concert ○ a record-setting Pitt Make a Difference Day • The University opened an office in Beijing to support the work of a number of schools in China. UPMC has opened an office in Shanghai, so Pitt has a presence in both major cities. 	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Senate, Michael Pinsky.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open access repository for all scholarly materials: <i>Whereas, the Faculty Assembly reviewed the presentation on the proposed Open Access Policy at the meeting on 4 October 2011. Resolved, the Faculty Assembly is in support of the proposed Open Access Policy and encourages all the University schools and responsibility centers to follow this policy.</i> • Senate Commonwealth Relations and Community Relations and leadership met to discuss the role of University faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New outreach ideas and plans were discussed • Visit to University of Pittsburgh Greensburg, Sharon Smith, President, Wess Jamison, Vice President, Dr. Linda Frank, Dr. Pinsky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conceptualization of defined academic goals to be discussed and will be reported later • Community and Campus Partnership, noon- 3 PM Student Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed CERTS: establish cross campus collaboration with a focus on multidisciplinary community initiatives 	
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board, Molly Steiber</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students able to participate in event with Vice President Biden • Ms. Steiber introduced the Vice President and commented on the issues of funding for higher education 	

- Dignity and Respect Campaign: voted a resolution to promote with the undergraduate student body
- Pitt Make a Difference Day: successful, largest, and organized; student contributing to the city; 2,800-3,000 students participated
- Rep. Jason Altmire met with Alex Zimmerman, Student Board
- Next week, President Elect for Student Government (2 candidates for President)

College of General Studies, Patricia Szczepanski

- Congratulations to Jonas Caballero, an alumnus from the University of Pittsburgh's College of General Studies, who accepted a scholarship in the Fulbright Student Program for research in the United Kingdom for the 2011-2012 academic school year, the first College of General Studies student to win this prestigious award.
- Family activities: "Day at the aviary", a private educational presentation and underwrote most of the cost to make the activity affordable for our students with children with 25 people attending
- Co-sponsoring "A Brother's Tale" with the Veteran's Services center and will feature Colonel Edward Shames, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, more popularly known as the Band of Brothers from the HBO mini-series. He will speak on this evening at the O'Hara Student Center.
- Celebrating Non-traditional Student Week with the McCarl Center, with the theme of "all about Pittsburgh" Workshops include money management, writing for scholarships, preparing for jobs in the Pittsburgh economy, and practicing law. Films featuring Pittsburgh and other events are planned with the final presentation from Rob Ruck on how sports saved Pittsburgh followed a social.

Schools of the Professions, Lacey Ecker

- **Point of Clarification:** I report on activities of various professional schools from a student perspective. Unlike the other student members on the Senate Council, I am not the President of a student governance organization. Rather, I solicit reports from the Presidents of all the student governance groups at the professional schools and I summarize these activities for Senate Council. If there is certain information that any member of Senate Council is seeking I would be pleased to acquire that information.
- **Law School:** Energy Society, featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times last month. Founded by Carl Frankovitch, a 3rd year law student, and Christopher Jack, a 1st year MBA student at Katz to focus on the Marcellus Shale developments in Western PA region
- **Social Work**
 - Pitt School of Social Work students took 1st through 4th places at the Allegheny County Department of Human Services 2011 Case Competition.
 - SSW and Child Welfare Training student Justin Lee testified

before state senators in Philadelphia in support of a bill that would allow children to stay in the child welfare system until the age of 21 rather than 18

- **Katz Graduate School of Business**

- On Nov. 1st and 8th the Student Executive Board organized volunteers throughout to the Business school to volunteer for Project Bundle Up. Katz students are paired up with children at a local mall to help them shop for winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves, which are funded through donations.
- Students who are currently running their own business with ideas for expansion are submitting their ideas to the Randall Family Big Idea Competition. The winner will receive \$30,000 to grow their business in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Arts and Sciences, Katie Moriarty

- Working on issue for inadequate printing quota, granted 900 copies
 - Looking into accommodating of graduate students required to read for their programs
- Applying for a new domain name with the renaming of the Arts and Sciences; approved by Dean Cooper
- Change in logo

BGSA, Brian Rosborough

- Held several seminars from their Careers in Science series aimed at graduate students considering job options following graduation. The first of the series was entitled “Teaching and Conducting Research in a Small University Setting” by Dr. Kelly Weixel from Chatham University who is an Assistant Professor of Biology.
- On July 14, Drs. Shelley Cockrell and Christi Kolarcik gave a seminar called “Post-doc: The First Year” to guide graduate students in the transition from graduate student to post-doctoral fellow.
- Hosted an outing for a Pittsburgh Passion game on June 18 and booked 45 tickets to the Pirates vs. Reds game on August 20.
- August 24, hosted the annual welcome back and orientation picnic for the incoming first year graduate students at the Vietnam Veteran’s Pavilion in Schenley Park.
- BGSA elections were held in September to elect new representatives. Michelle Messmer from the immunology graduate program was elected to be the new president. Other positions that were filled include vice president, secretary and treasurer.

- BGSA symposium was held on October 12 where students in the interdisciplinary biomedical science programs present posters of their work to one another and the faculty.
- Rohan Manohar received the Stephen L. Phillips Scientific Achievement Award for the best student-written manuscript, entitled Isolation and characterization of a unique mouse gall bladder stem cell population

<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Deborah Walker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, November 15, 2011, fall assembly. Chancellor Nordenberg will give the welcome and Jinx Walton will give the Keynote address. Currently 191 persons registered to attend our workshops • In keeping with our 2011/2012 goals to broaden our message, new initiative “SAC on the Road.” During monthly meeting, we held our November meeting in the Division of Student Affairs Cross Cultural Leadership and Development Center. Other dates scheduled for meetings on the road are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On November 29, SAC officers will meet with University staff at the 2nd avenue Thermo Fisher building ○ On December 14, the SAC monthly meeting will be held at the Peterson Event Center. Mr. Steve Peterson will provide welcome remarks to the SAC council. • Friday, November 11, SAC will participate in the Office of Veteran Services Remembrance Day National Roll Call ceremony that will celebrate the lives of our soldiers who gave their life in Iraq and Afghanistan. • SAC will work along with Governmental Relations and other University units to celebrate the University 225 year celebration. 	
<p><u>Announcements.</u></p> <p>Senate Plenary will be held on November 10, 2011 at Noon in the William Pitt Union.</p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Secretary
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Members attending:

Arnold-Blais, Baker, Balaban, Beeson, Buchanich, Burkoff, Costantino, Daley, Ecker, Elliott, Frank, Gallagher, Harbert, Hasley, Hravnak, Humphrey, Juhl, Kear, Lin, Molinaro, Moriarty, Neufeld, Nordenberg, Pinsky, Ramicone, Rickman, Riehle, Rosborough, Savoia, Smith, Smitherman, Spring, Stieber, Sukits, Szczepanski, Walker, Weiss, Wilson

Members not attending:

Bauer, Bonneau, Chaiklin, Culley, Gaddy, Greenberg, Hungwe, Jentleson, Kearns, Kory, Muenzer, Pan, Savinov, Slimick, Smolinski, Towers

*Excused attendance:

Bartholomae, Caldwell, Cochran, Galloway, Hartman, Kovacs, Levine, Miller, C. Singh, V. Singh, Wendell

Others attending:

Blair, Blake, Borghesi, Clark, Frisch, Hart, Harvith, Hill, Hoogendoorn, McLaughlin, Supowitz, Smith, Tananis, Wilds

*Notified Senate Office