

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
 October 15, 2008
 2700 Posvar Hall

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President John J. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.	The meeting began.
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the September 10, Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Baker asked for approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2008, Senate Council meeting.	The minutes were approved as written.
<u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> President Baker asked if there were any new items of business to be brought forward.	No new items were brought forward.
<p><u>Report of the Chancellor of the University, Mark A. Nordenberg.</u> Chancellor Nordenberg gave the following report. The University is moving through a good period of accomplishments. On October 1, Pitt hosted its largest job and internship fair, with some 250 employers in the Peterson Events Center ready to meet with students. Feedback from students, employers and organizers showed that the event was a success, which reflects a heightened priority Pitt is applying to the placement process. The Chancellor thanked Dean Humphrey and her staff for their hard work to elevate our efforts in this area. A week later the Chancellor and his wife, Dr. Nikki Nordenberg held a dinner for the student leaders, which affirmed that the best students are those enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh.</p> <p><i>Accomplishments of faculty members.</i> Barry London, the Harry S. Tack Professor of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology in the School of Medicine is a recipient of the NIH Director's Pioneer Award. Dr. London is the first Pitt faculty member to receive this award, which targets early career faculty engaged in novel investigative research, even if the research has a higher than usual risk of failure. He was one of only 16 scientists nationwide to receive a Pioneer Award this year. Five University faculty have been selected for the inaugural American Educational Research Association (AERA) Fellows Program. These faculty are Professors William W. Cooley, James Greeno, Margaret Jacks, Alan Lesgold, Lauren Resnick and Janet Schofield. This week, David Perlmutter, Vira I. Heinz Professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Physician-in-Chief at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, was elected to the Institute of Medicine, a very high and well-deserved honor.</p> <p>The University hosted Science 2008, an annual celebration. This year the focus was on contemporary research and technology. Pitt also hosted the 4th annual Celebration of Innovation recognizing over 400 faculty, staff and students' success in the commercialization process and celebrating the growing community of innovators at Pitt. Tonight,</p>	The Chancellor's report was accepted.

the Chancellor will present the 2008 Drue Heinz Literature Prize to Anthony Varallo for his collection of short stories entitled *Out Loud*, published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Scott Turow, senior judge for this year's selection process, and Professor Varallo will participate in the evening's readings. The Drue Heinz Literature Prize is the country's most prestigious award for books of short fiction. The ability to present the Award here and tie it to a publication by our University Press is another sign of distinction within the University.

University Events. October 28 through November 1 is the 38th Annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert. It is the longest running event of its type in the country and is a tribute to the stature of Nathan Davis, Department of Music, the founder of this event. Tomorrow, the University is opening its new World History Center, which is committed to research, teaching and international collaboration. Patrick Manning, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of World History, will serve as the director of the World History Center. Events are underway to make next week's Homecoming special. These include the 50th anniversary of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Also, a new exhibit is underway in partnership with the Heinz History Center, entitled "Free at Last? Slavery in Pittsburgh in the 18th and 19th Century" and will open October 25. The exhibit is centered on 55 slavery-related documents that were discovered by Valerie McDonald Roberts, a double Pitt graduate and then County Recorder of Deeds. This collection provides an exposure to a part of the history of this region and the north in general that has largely been forgotten.

The University sponsored its Annual Day of Caring and launched its 2008 United Way campaign. The School of Dental Medicine opened a new center for patients with special needs. Pitt received a \$200,000 grant from the State's Department of Community and Economic Development to help launch new businesses and generate more jobs in Oakland. This week brings Pitt Make a Difference Day and next week will be the plenary session devoted to quality of life in Oakland.

The progress of the past few weeks provide telling evidence of the University advancing its goals of being a leader in education, a pioneer in research and a partner in community development. In terms of budget, the Governor's imposition of his appropriation reserve system will have the affect of reducing Pitt's appropriation this year by \$7.25 million. Pitt's appropriation increase for this year was just 1.4% and for last year was just 2%. If we are hit with a 4.25% reduction, this year's and last year's increase will be wiped out and it will cut into the increase from the year before that. If the reserved amount is ultimately withheld as we expect it to be, due to the state's revenue condition having become worse, for fiscal year 2001-2008, the cumulative increase to our appropriation will have been 2.6%. Inflation will have

<p>risen about 30% over the same period. Pitt is not immune to effects of the general economy and the resulting impacts on such areas as federal funding, philanthropic patterns and family incomes. Pitt will be moving through a challenging time, but we are stronger than we have been economically and in other ways, and we should continue to move forward together.</p> <p>The Chancellor concluded his report. President Baker asked for questions or comments. President Baker commented that he had the opportunity to speak with Robert Hill about the upcoming Heinz History Center exhibit on slavery in early Pittsburgh. It is a little known part of history and will be an interesting exhibit which he is looking forward to seeing. The Chancellor responded that the discovery of the papers turned over to the Heinz History Center triggered an inquiry that may not have occurred without Pitt's help. The exhibit will be very educational and includes inspiring examples of individual behavior and Pennsylvania's role in pushing for the abolition of slavery. By and large, the exhibit will be a very sobering experience, because it is an exposure to a part of history that is not consistent with the values we would like to reflect.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Senate, John J. Baker.</u> President John J. Baker gave the following report.</p> <p><i>Fall Plenary.</i> The major news from the Senate this month is the Fall Plenary Session. It will be held Thursday, October 23 from 1pm-4pm in the Assembly Room, William Pitt Student Union. The topic is Quality of Life in Oakland: Investing in University-Community Partnerships. A flyer on the back table lists the Plenary events, speakers and schedule.</p> <p>The Fall Plenary was planned by the Senate Community Relations Committee, which is co-chaired by Wesley Rohrer and Edward Galloway. It will be preceded by a community marketplace from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Union, at which time community organizations and representatives will be available to answer questions and network with plenary attendees.</p> <p>The Plenary program will include comments by Chancellor Nordenberg, Provost Maher, City Council members Bill Peduto and Bruce Kraus, and a panel discussion with representatives from several Oakland community organizations. Following the presentations, attendees can join roundtable discussion groups of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners to develop ideas for improving the Oakland community. Tracy Soska will moderate and summarize the roundtable discussions.</p> <p>I am happy to announce that students will receive Outside the</p>	<p>The President's report was accepted.</p>

<p>Classroom Curriculum credit for attending this event, and want to thank Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey and her staff in Student Affairs who made it possible for this event to receive OCC credit. So I hope we will see students there.</p> <p>This is a wonderful opportunity for faculty, staff and students to learn more about Oakland and express ideas for improving it. If you have opinions about Semplefest, are concerned about traffic and parking problems, crime, noise, trash and litter, poor housing and other quality of life issues in Oakland, come share them with other concerned people who want to improve the Oakland community.</p> <p>All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend the Fall Plenary and community marketplace. It is acceptable to attend only part of the sessions if your time is limited. Light refreshments will be served, so please come and participate.</p> <p>President Baker concluded his report and asked for questions or comments. None were raised.</p>	
<p><u>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</u></p> <p><u>Student Government Board.</u></p> <p>Sumter Link, SGB President, gave the following report. He thanked the Chancellor for the leadership dinner, and conveyed that the students who attended enjoyed the dinner and thought it was a great event. SGB President Link also thanked the Provost's Office for the fall break; he received positive feedback from the students for the break. Pitt Make a Difference Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, with registration at 8am in the William Pitt Student Union. Upon registering, students will be sent to service sites throughout the city; so far, over 2,500 students have registered online.</p> <p>Last week, the SGB met with Wes Rohrer to discuss student involvement in the fall plenary. Communications will be ongoing with the Community Relations Committee to get students involved in this event. The SGB is working with CSSD to improve the Pitt portal. They have conducted focus groups of 15-20 students and CSSD members on how to improve and make the portal more efficient. The SGB met with the Allegheny County Transportation Council to get involved with their lobby efforts to prevent the Port Authority of Allegheny County from shutting down.</p> <p>President Baker asked for questions or comments. He thanked the SGB and students for their involvement in the fall plenary.</p> <p><u>College of General Studies.</u></p> <p>Rosemary Natale, CGS President, gave the CGS report. The 50th</p>	<p>The SGB report was accepted.</p> <p>The CGS report was accepted.</p>

anniversary year of the College of General Studies continues. Nontraditional Student Week will be celebrated November 3-8, 2008. As a previous recipient of the “Best Adult Program Award” from the American College Professional Association, the CGS looks forward to again offering its students exceptional opportunities. During Nontraditional Student Week, students are urged to attend a variety of workshops, lectures, films and networking socials to empower them to successfully manage their course of higher education. One program includes a workshop on Study Abroad opportunities for non-traditional students. The CGSSG offers students a scholarship to participate in the Study Abroad Program. The film, Please Understand Me, focuses on human temperament and theories in career development education and management. Along with town hall meetings with the Assistant Dean, Cristine Ruggerio, and student/alumni networking socials, the CGSSG will address interests and concerns of CGS students.

In conjunction with the “Mastering the University” class offered to CGS students, we will be hosting a Meet and Greet in Chaucer’s Cup at Hillman Library. The intent of this event is to provide CGS students with a tour and tutorial of the library, as well as introduce them to one of the many dining services provided on campus.

The CGS is updating their web site and has a new logo. The new site and logo will be launched soon. Senate Council members are invited to the CGS’s 50th anniversary homecoming celebration on Friday, October 24 at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association Schenley lounge from 7pm-9pm.

President Baker asked for questions or comments; none were raised.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

Byron Kohut, President, gave the following report. GPSA Byron Kohut thanked the Chancellor and his wife for giving graduate and professional students the opportunity to attend the student leader dinner at the Chancellor’s residence. Following the event, several of the graduate and professional student leaders in attendance from various organizations commented on the wonderful dinner and enjoyable atmosphere.

This month’s GPSA report will highlight the activities of the History of Art and Architecture Graduate Student Organization (HAA GSO) within the School of Arts and Sciences. This past weekend, the HAA GSO sponsored a graduate symposium titled, *History of Art and Architecture Symposium - Storytelling: Playful Interactions and Spaces of Imagination in Contemporary Visual Culture*. This event was presented in conjunction with *Life on Mars*, the 55th Carnegie International, at the Carnegie Museum of Art. The graduate student

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symposium was designed to engage artists and students of contemporary art and film studies in the use of half-fictional, half-real narratives to raise awareness of political, social, and cultural realities. Keynote speakers included, Luis Camnitzer, Professor Emeritus of Art at State University of New York, College of Old Westbury, and Douglas Fogle, Curator of Contemporary Art at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh. Additionally, the Carnegie Museum of Art organized, *University Night*, a special event including vibrant gallery and social activities to which Mark Bradford, a Los Angeles based artist whose works are featured in the 55th Carnegie International, was invited to talk. Reports from the HAA GSO indicate that the event and panel discussions were very well attended.

Socially, GPSA has been active socially this month. The GPSA sponsored a wine tasting in the Strip District, and a dinner-and-concert event performed by the Manchester Craftman's Guild Jazz Allstars at Atria's in PNC Park. Upcoming events this semester include tickets to a Quantum Theatre performance, tickets to the Nutcracker (an annual tradition), and an informal happy hour. This year, GPSA has switched from a lottery style ticket system to offering tickets for sale where students make a nominal contribution of \$5 or \$10, which is reapplied to the budget for social and cultural programming. All of the events for which we have sold a limited number of tickets have sold out, suggesting that GPSA is meeting the needs and interests of graduate students.

The GPSA has accepted a new graduate student assembly board group into the Assembly with full voting rights. The new assembly board group is the Persian Panthers. The duties of the new assembly board group involve abiding to the GPSA by-laws and attending monthly GPSA board meetings. In addition, GPSA has awarded the Persian Panthers a \$4500 operating budget for planning social events and maintaining an active role in the University community. With the addition of the Persian Panthers, GPSA now represents six assembly board groups and fourteen graduate school organizations.

President Baker asked for questions, and commented he was going to ask how many groups were in GPSA, but President Kohut just answered his question. President Kohut replied GPSA didn't represent the entire university; he also suggested graduate student groups could apply for supplemental grants that are given in \$500 increments or to ask their own GSO for support..

Biomedical Graduate Student Administration (BGSA).

Chad Kimmel gave the BGSA report. The BGSA has had a very busy and a very successful Fall. They welcomed about 70 new students to their programs, and held several charitable and social events. The

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<p>BGSA participated in the ALS walk held at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG aquarium, which was sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania ALS Association. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of ALS, and the BGSA raised almost \$500 in the fight against ALS. They also participated in the Relay For Life Event held at CMU this past week, raising over \$850 for cancer research.</p> <p>The annual BGSA symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 8:30 am in the Biomedical Science Tower lobby. The symposium highlights the high degree of research going on in our departments. The guest speaker will be Dr. Leo Lafrancois from the University of Connecticut, who will be presenting his research in immunology.</p> <p>The BGSA has issued a new newsletter for October which details the events happening in our departments. It can be obtained from BGSA President Kohut or Lori Molinaro in the Senate Office.</p> <p>President Baker asked for questions or comments; none were raised.</p>	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council.</u></p> <p>SAC President Richard Colwell gave the following report: The Marketing and Communications Committee is in the process of completing the fall newsletter. The targeted publication date is late October, with the target distribution set for late October/early November.</p> <p>The Research and Information Committee is finalizing the SAC Annual Report. The Report will be going through its final approval process this week, and will be going to print next week. An electronic version will be available on the website. Hard copies will be distributed to senior administration, and the report will be emailed to the Senate for electronic distribution via a web-link.</p> <p>The Program and Planning Committee organized Kennywood Day, which was held on September 13, 2008; over 1,700 tickets were sold. The SAC Blanket Project is continuing this year. Funds raised from Kennywood Day raffles are being used to purchase 200 yards of fleece to make blankets for the SAC Blanket Project. SAC is planning to provide blankets to the Bridge Program in Wilkinsburg for 40 adults and 70 children. If more funds can be secured to make additional blankets, the Program and Planning Committee will meet to select another organization. The Fall Assembly was held yesterday (October 14). Randy Schwabengauer of the University of Pittsburgh-Titusville Police Department spoke on internet predators.</p> <p>The Safety and Security Committee, along with the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, co-sponsored the safety fair at the William Pitt Student Union on September 30, 2008. On October 4, 2008, the Safety and Security Committee sponsored a CPR class in</p>	<p>The SAC report was accepted.</p>

Benedum Hall. The date for the next class will be set in the future.	
President Baker asked for questions or comments; none were raised.	
<u>Reports by and Announcements of Standing and Special Committees of the Senate.</u> There were no reports or announcements.	No action needed; information only.
<u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business.</u> <u>Clean Air Initiative.</u> Professor Stephanie Land, Director of the ReSET Center, and co-chair of the Clean Air Initiative introduced herself and Initiative co-chair Linda Duchak of the UPMC Health Plan Office of Health Education and Promotion. A third Initiative co-chair, Jaime Sidani, is from Pitt's Health Education Center. Professor Land gave a report on the Clean Air Initiative, which is attached to these minutes. President Baker asked for questions or comments. He noted that the purpose of having Professor Land here today was to introduce Senate Council to the Clean Air Initiative. He invited anyone interested in participating with the group to email Professor Land. Immediate Past President Frieze asked what type of assistance was needed by the group. Professor Land replied that the group was wide open for opportunities and to email her directly for further information.	No action needed.
<u>Announcements.</u> President Baker announced that the next Senate Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008. He hoped to see everyone at the Senate Plenary Session on October 23.	No action needed.
<u>Adjournment.</u> With there being no further business, President Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm.	The meeting was adjourned.

Members attending:

Baker, Belle, Bernardo, Cham, Cochran, Coldren, Colwell, Daley, Frieze, Gallagher, Harbert, Hartman, Hodgkiss, Juffs, Juhl, Kimmel, Kohut, Link, Maher, Molinaro, Natale, Nicoletti, Nordenberg, Otto, Ramicone, Seitz, Siskin, Twiss, Wendell

Members not attending:

Anzoise, Bauer, Coat, Coontz, Deasy, Devanath, Ecker, Hampton, Kory, Rechter, Slaughter, Slimick, Soska, Stagger, Wion

*Excused attendance:

Alexander, Balaban, Brush, Butt, Carlin, Chasens, Dunbar-Jacob, Flynn, Hansen, Husted, Levine, Lotze, Novosel, Petracchi, Rohrer, Rubin, Sanderson, Saunders, Singh, Skledar

Others attending:

Brendel, Blair, Clark, Duchak, Galloway, Hart, Hoogendoorn, Humphrey, Kelly, Land, Mohamed, Pratt, Wilds

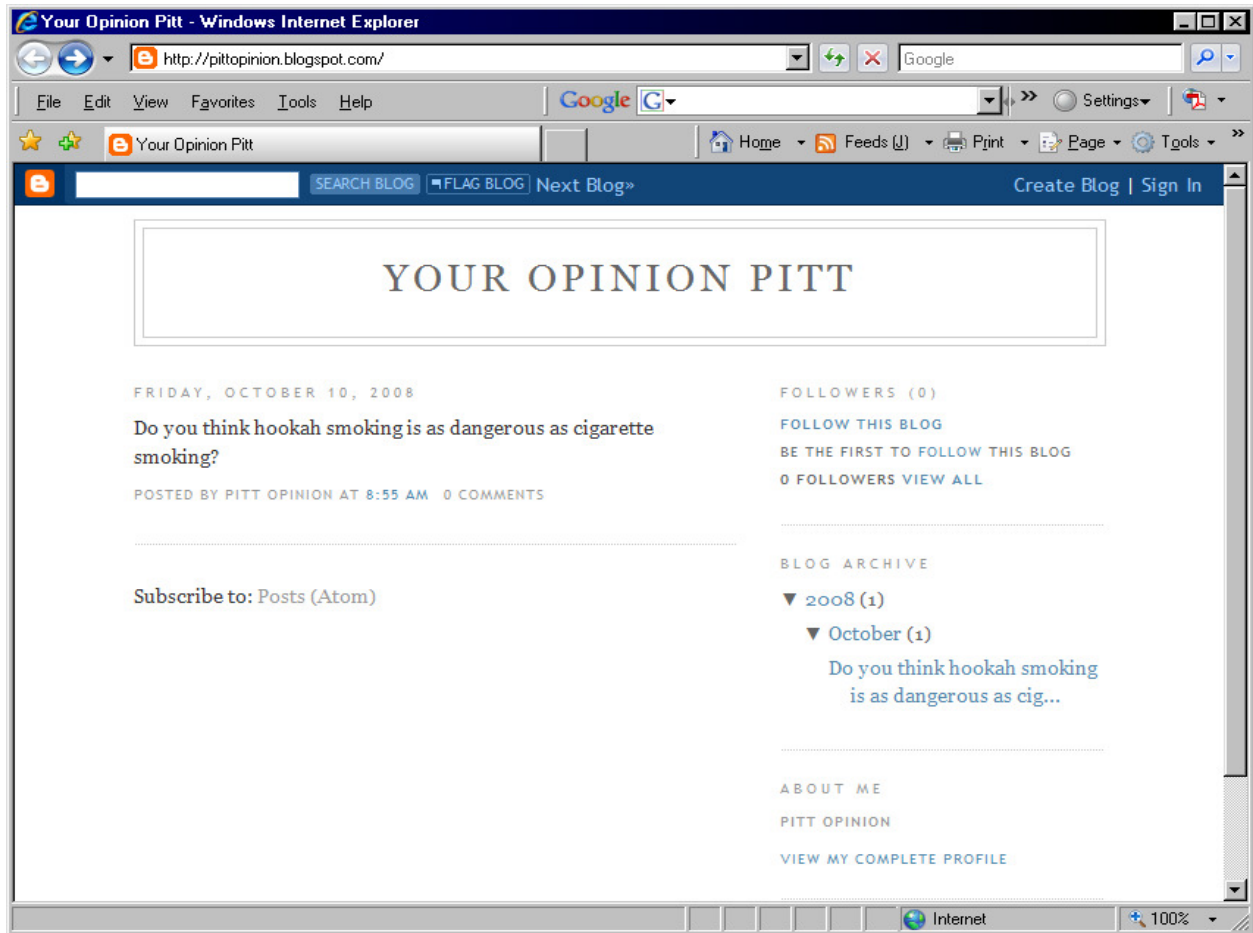
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CLEAN AIR INITIATIVE

A joint effort of the ReSET Center,
UPMC Health Plan,
Office of Health Education and Promotion
Stephanie Land, Linda Duchak, Jaime Sidani

- **Charge**
- To reduce the rate of tobacco use among faculty and staff of the University, by changing social norms and increasing use of evidence-based cessation services and products.
- To reduce the rate of tobacco use among students of the University, by changing social norms, reducing initiation, and increasing use of evidence-based cessation services and products.
- To change social norms among all members of the campus community regarding tobacco use, by raising awareness of the impact on others (e.g., secondhand smoke, cigarette butts).
- **Task Force Members**
17 Task Force members including undergraduate & graduate students, faculty and staff;
From schools of Public Health, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Medicine, as well as Health Sciences Library System, Student Affairs, Human Resources, and the UPMC Health Plan

- Gathering information





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