

Senate Council Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
September 14, 2011

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Michael R. Pinsky called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM	
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2011 Senate Council Meeting.</u> President Pinsky asked for approval of the minutes of the June 15, 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> <p>State Appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of the June 15th meeting of the Senate Council the state budget process had moved into what might be called the home stretch with the Governor’s March 8th proposal targeting the University for a 50% reduction to the general state appropriation and a 100% reduction or the complete loss of the funding for the academic medical center which support the School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Graduate School of Public Health. • I expressed the general opinion that before the month was over we would win back some significant measure of the proposed cuts but still would suffer substantial reductions, which occurred. • The cut to our general appropriation was reduced from 50% to 19%, and the cut to our Health Sciences lines was reduced from 100% to 50% which left the University with an overall reduction in State support of 22% or about \$40M. • It is important to note that while our cut when those reductions are combined overall was 22%, overall state funding was reduced by just 4%. So it is more than accurate to say that our reductions were both deep and disproportionate which takes the University back to the 1995 levels of state funding. • Eight days after the state budget approval and 4 months after the Governor made his first public proposals, the University board acted to approve an operating budget for the current fiscal year. • We made certain that the full weight of those reductions did not fall onto the shoulders of our students. Still tuition increases were larger than we would have liked; 8.5% for in state students enrolled in the programs of the Oakland Campus, 4% for out of state students on this campus, and for both in state and out of state students on the campuses at Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville. • For the School of Medicine tuition was increased by 12% for in state students and 6% for out of state medical students. • The budget passed by the board also included a modest, but to most I believe a surprising and welcome 2% salary increase pool with raises from that pool effective as of July 1st for those employees with base salaries of \$40,000 or less and with raises from that pool effective as of January 1st for all other employees. • Significant cuts were required centrally and at the unit level to keep tuition rates at those levels and to provide for any kind of salary increase pool. • The budget battles that we fought from March to almost midnight on June 30th were intense and a tribute to almost every group within the Pitt community. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends all mobilized to press the University of 	

Pittsburgh cause and did so quite effectively in the face of what really was a difficult year for the Commonwealth.

- To be clear the last four months of the last year were about as challenging as any months that Pitt has ever seen. We responded to those pressures through joint advocacy efforts and now we will face the operational challenges of living within a budget that provides reduced means consistent with the reduced levels of state support.
- Our advocacy efforts are not over and the advocacy cycle is increasingly compressed. We hosted the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday. This committee and the Senate as a whole always have been strongly supportive of public higher education and of Pitt more particularly
- It was an opportunity for the University make the case that state investments produce significant returns. We provided a very effective set of presentations including an overview by me (Chancellor's written testimony provided to Senate Council

First Testimony Panel:

- Molly Stieber, the president of the Student Government Board and one of our most committed and effective advocates. The Senate committee chair requested her to present.
- Graham Hatfull, the Eberly Family Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences who is a well known and distinguished faculty member in the engagement of undergraduates in research.
- Steve Tritch, the chair of our Board, with two degrees from Pitt who enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh right after it became a state related university. He speak in personal terms about what the state's commitment to reduced tuition for in-state students meant in his life; is a parent of a more recent Pitt graduate; and a graduate who rose through the ranks to the position of Chairman, CEO, and President of Westinghouse and was instrumental at keeping Westinghouse in the Pittsburgh area and who could tie that decision in part to the graduates produced by the University of Pittsburgh and the research partnerships between the corporation and the University of Pittsburgh.

Second Panel:

- Focused on economic development and more particularly on job creation which is of course the biggest national, state, and local concern these days.
- Dennis Yablonsky, who in the Rendell administration served as Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development, now is the CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development which is this region's largest and most respected economic development organization. Dennis basically spoke on behalf of the business community urging that support for public research universities and for the University of Pittsburgh in particular was a priority for his group and was important to the future of the region.
- Jerry Cohon, the president of Carnegie Mellon University, who was able to testify as a private university president that state support for public research universities was both in the national interest and was of particular importance here in Southwestern Pennsylvania given the strength, the impact, and the contributions of Pitt.
- Lance Taylor, who actually left the Carnegie Mellon faculty to become a serial entrepreneur, starting a series of three companies grounded in university technologies and who, having completed that stage of his life, decided to return to academia but to come to the University of Pittsburgh where he holds the Allegheny Foundation Chair and is the director of our Drug Discovery Institute and

<p>had his own perspectives to offer in terms of research universities and Pitt in particular as principle generators of economic activity in the 21st century. I have received rave reviews everywhere I have gone for the last two days. This hearing gave us a unique opportunity to present outside witnesses who have the added credibility of being “disinterested” to speak on behalf of the university which we don’t typically have in the Harrisburg setting. So certainly when former Secretary Yablonsky says, “If you’re interested in growing jobs, if that’s an important part of the agenda for the Commonwealth moving forward, then you need to think about what you’re doing when you’re decreasing your investments in this regional job generator, the University of Pittsburgh.”</p> <p>And when Jerry Cohon says, “It may surprise you to hear me say this as a private research university president, but as a matter of general policy we need to have strong public support for public research universities and beyond that I have seen what the University of Pittsburgh has done in Southwestern Pennsylvania in terms of the transformation of its economy.”</p> <p>And even the chair of our board to be able to say, “You know I live my professional life in a corporation and I need to tell you that when I came to Pitt and I joined the board I was surprised at how efficiently managed, what a cost effective organization it is.” And then to say, “And before I came onto the Pitt board and while Westinghouse was being lured by others I can say that the presence of the University of Pittsburgh was a significant plus for Pennsylvania in our decision making. And not only can I say that about Westinghouse I can say it about the other businesses that you want to recruit and that you want to retain.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So I am very grateful to each and every one of the presenters. I’m very grateful to everyone who helped us prepare for what really was a unique opportunity with respect to which we wanted to succeed but where a lot had to be done within a compressed period of time. • Committee members had a tour of certain educational and research facilities within the Swanson School of Engineering, and so I’m grateful to the facility members and the students and the staff of that school who made that possible. • I also want to thank everyone who attended the session. Certainly President Pinsky was there in the front row visibly meeting the members of the committee. But what also was important to us was to generate a sizable crowd. We were the second stop on what might be viewed as the Appropriation Committee’s State Related Tour. The first stop was at Penn State last week with an attendance estimated by committee members at no more than 20. In contrast, the University of Pittsburgh we decided to provide a venue and participation that would show unmistakably that their work and the monies that they control are important to this institution and its people. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have moved into this year with real momentum. We attracted our best qualified incoming class here in the undergraduate programs in Oakland. • Reached \$800M mark in research expenditures during the year ending June 30th. Within an historic context, our total research expenditures were less than \$23M before we became a state related university. For the next 30 years to 1995, those expenditures increased to more than \$230M. From 1995 to 2010 those expenditures increased to \$800M. These funds are a sign of the quality of the faculty and the importance of the work which is widely respected and an indisputable measure of institutional quality and impact. • The Clinical and Translational Science Institute, one of the first to be funded by the National Institutes of Health, has received a five year, 67.3 million dollar renewal 	
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<p>grant and this funding enhances the academic mission with the aim to translate research breakthroughs to clinical applications for the benefit of patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New student activities facility opened, the O’Hara Student Center (formerly the Concordia Club). <p>As we move forward, I know that we’ll all come together and whatever comes our way in the next nine months or so we’ll resolve to deal with it as effectively as we can. And while I’m hoping that we have some easier days together, whether we do or not I’m looking forward to moving through another year with you.</p>	
<p>Report of President of the Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the Chancellor, phenomenal response to the funding challenges. The Senate Appropriation hearings included testimony from the Student Council and members of the Board of Trustees about the tremendous support for the work of the University of Pittsburgh. • Welcomed Senate Council back from summer recess. • Last week Professor Baker gave our new Faculty Assembly member orientation (presentation available on the University Senate webpage). • This year the Faculty Senate provided a presentation to new Pitt faculty with the goal of providing information on the role of the Senate and how they can be involved. • In a joint University Administration/Faculty initiative, Dr. Rush Miller, University Librarian and I in collaboration with his <i>ad hoc</i> committee to present our Open Access proposal. We plan on following the lead of several major University systems in creating an open access repository of all published scholarly materials which benefits individual faculty, departments and the entire university in terms of academic visibility and influence are potentially immense. The specific process and details of this plan are still being developed but we hope to have several open and free discussions about this issue over the next few months. • The Chancellor is hosting a reception for all Faculty Assembly & Senate Council members in his office at 107 Cathedral of Learning immediately following this meeting. I hope all of you will be able to attend. 	
<p>Report of Student Members of Senate Council.</p> <p><u>Student Government Board, Molly Steiber</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressed appreciation of support and opportunity to provide testimony. Pitt deserves to be top priority. • Discussed the use of GPS trackers on Pitt shuttles which were an initiative that which has been completed. • Residence hall electronic “swipe- in” project has been completed in the towers and Sutherland Hall. <p><u>College of General Studies, Patricia Szczepanski</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success picnic to open up the year and used as a means to distribute information to new students and recruit for student government • Series of talks for students, stress, healthy eating • Plan a family day at the National Aviary with presentations and tickets • Veterans services to help students and their families integrate into the campus • Co-sponsoring skills development for students 	

- Cosponsoring a talk by a member in the documentary “Band of Brothers.”
- Continuing cosponsoring skills development with the McCarl Center, and providing opportunities for current students to meet with CGS alumni.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, Nyasha Hungwe

- Appreciation of Molly Stieber’s testimony
- Revisioning how we can help graduate students with Pitt and Pittsburgh
- Creating programming to introducing students to Pittsburgh
- Planning events going forward on how we can showcase collaboration between Pitt and city
- Understanding of how the university school works....breakfast meetings
- Civic engagement: voter registration
- Meeting with key administrators to discuss establish a graduate student space
- League of women’s voters award October 27, 2011..need institutional support
- Completion of GPSA annual report and was summarized: education, outreach, leadership, advocacy
- Vice Chancellor Beeson congratulated group

Schools of the Professions: Lacey Ecker, Graduate Student Representative

Law School

- Welcomed new Director of Career Services, Lori McMaster
- Newly appointed Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Anthony Infanti
- Federalist Society bringing Professor John Radsan of William Mitchell College of Law, a former CIA Agent to host a lecture entitled “To Catch a Terrorist: The Legal Insignificance of Al Qaeda.” Professor Radsan will discuss the need for an expansion of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force passed shortly after September 11th, 2001.
- The Black Law Student Association, in conjunction with the Black student organizations from the Medical School and Katz Business school, will be hosting a welcome back BBQ at Schenley Park this upcoming Saturday, September 17th
- Center for International Legal Education is hosting a guest lecture by Dr. William F. Shultz III on September 20th, currently a fellow in human rights policy at the Center for American Progress. From 1995-2006 he served as the Executive Director of Amnesty International, USA
- The International Law Society presented a “Speed Friending” event to give students an opportunity to meet the international students at Pitt Law

Social Work

- On August 11, 2011, Masters of Social Work student Nasra Bube was featured in the Tribune Review for her work tutoring Somalia Refugees and raising awareness about the violence in Somalia in the Pittsburgh area.

GSPIA

- Guillermo Vazquez and Liliana Devia have been selected as Ridgeway Fellows for the fall 2011 semester and Michael C. Smith and J. Andrew Moss have been selected for the spring 2012 semester. These fellowships are awarded by the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies
- Ashley Fitzgerald, a 2nd year GSPIA student, received the David L. Boren scholarship and used the scholarship to learn Swahili and spend time living in Tanzania. As part of the scholarship terms, Fitzgerald will work for the federal government doing conflict resolution for at least 1 year after graduation.

Katz Graduate School of Business

- Berg Center is hosting an Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility case competition between Law and MBA students at Pitt, CMU, and Duquesne

<p>Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1st, hosting 2nd annual “Katz Gives Back” volunteer event where students, faculty, alumni, and staff will all come together to help clean-up Oakland • September 21, 2011 the student Consulting Club will be holding a lecture by Mr. David Iwinsky, CEO of Jin Fu Consulting • September 16th, Joseph Guyeaux, President of PNC Financial Services Group and Pitt MBA Class of ’84 alum, will host a lecture as part of Pitt Business Thought Leaders series. • October 12th, the National Association of Women MBAs will host a lecture from Audrey Russo, the President and CEO of Pittsburgh Technology Council. She formerly worked for the Fortune 500 companies Alcoa and Reynolds Metals and taught as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. <p>Arts and Science Graduate Student Association: Katie Moriarty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIDDE is going to be creating a new set of teaching awards called the BEST Awards (Best Educational Strategies and Techniques). These awards will call for TA’s & TF’s to self-nominate which differs from the Elizabeth Barranger awards. • An ad hoc committee was formed to work w/Joel Brady who is the new TA/TF coordinator at CIDDE. • The Linguistics Dept. at the University of Pittsburgh was selected to host a major international conference - SLRF (Second Language Research Forum). The conference will take place in October 2012 and is entirely run by graduate students. It is being co-hosted by the Pitt Psychology Department and CMU’s Modern Language Department. • The new faculty rep to the GSO is Dr. Tony Walters, who is the new interim Associate Dean of A&S. We will miss Dr. Steve Carr. • Working on trying to expand our workshop series, we are looking to add two or three more workshops, but that will be based on our budget • Social events: We added a monthly trivia night and in conjunction with GPSA we are hosting PhD Comics Live Action Film, which will be on October 7. 	
<p><u>Report of the President of the Staff Association Council (SAC), Deborah Walter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New officers installed with over 100 attending ceremony. Ron Frisch officiated and Renny Clark provided remarks. • Revised goals of SAC: 1) Broaden our message: our Vice President of Steering will train our committee chairs so that are members can gain a better understanding of our role in shared governance: 2) Understanding university staff issues: SAC will schedule town hall meetings and brown bag workshops to address issues and concerns that pertain to University staff; 3) Build pathways to solutions: The executive team will establish meetings to include members, the University Senate, the Student Government Board and the Graduate Student Association to begin working towards solutions to the many issues that may affect our University community. • For the first time, the SAC executive team and the University Senate officers met August 30 to discuss our perspectives roles and opinions regarding shared governance. • Mentoring initiative has been initiated for University Staff • Establish two new committees, Community Service and a Book Fund committee. The Community Service committee will provide SAC an opportunity to be more involved with both the University and the community at large. The Book Fund 	

<p>committee will be formed to assist with securing funding to increase endowment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 8, the SAC office has moved to the fifth Floor of Craig Hall under Human Resources and we have hired a new Administrative Assistant, Diane Bartus. SAC plans to have an open house sometime in October. • Planning fall assembly on the use of technology tentatively planned for November 2011, "Effectively Using Technology in your Job". Encourage staff to attend as professional development day. The assembly will consist of workshops that include WebEx, Outlook, cloud computing, and social media. • October 4, SAC and the University Environmental Health and Safety department will host a Health and safety day, from 10:30-2:00 on the William Pitt Union Lawn that include: Salvation Army, Student Health, University police, the City of Pittsburgh fire department and the poison control center. • University annual Kennywood Day theme focused on fitness and included a dance instruction. This year's event included student volunteers from the Blue and Gold Society, Delta Sigma Theta, student athletes from the Pitt football team and the women's basketball team, the Pitt band and cheerleaders. 	
<p><u>Announcements.</u> None</p> <p><u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, FAAN
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Health
Senate Secretary
10/6/11

Members attending:

Arnold-Blais, Baker, Balaban, Bartholomae, Beeson, Buchanich, Burkoff, Cochran, Costantino, Ecker, Elliott, Frank, Gaddy, Gallagher, Galloway, Harbert, Humphrey, Hungwe, Juhl, Kear, Kovacs, Levine, Molinaro, Moriarty, Neufeld, Nordenberg, Pinsky, Ramicone, Rickman, Savoia, V. Singh, Smith, Spring, Stieber, Sukits, Szczepanski, Walker, Weiss, Wendell, Wilson

Members not attending:

Caldwell, Chaiklin, Culley, Daley, Greenberg, Hasley, Hravnak, Jentleson, Kearns, Kory, Lin, Pan, Riehle, Rosborough, Savinov, Slimick, Smitherman, Smolinski, Towers

*Excused attendance:

Bauer, Bonneau, Miller, C. Singh

Others attending:

Blair, Blake, Clark, Devanath, Frisch, Golden, Hart, Hoogendoorn, Mohamed, Smith, Supowitz, Wilds

* Notified Senate Office