

September Committees Report

Committee	Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Advocacy
GPSG Student Representative	Emilie Transue
Representative Email	emt59@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 20, 2018
Meeting Summary	Introductions, overview of some of the things addressed last year, status of any activities that might roll over into the last year.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 18,2018

Committee	Athletics & Recreation
GPSG Student Representative	Matthew Borrelli
Representative Email	mab595@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 25, 2018
Meeting Summary	<p>Meeting began with introductions and then largely centered on a presentation by Chris Hoppe, Executive Associate Athletic Director, that detailed the newly developed (Past year and a half) Pitt "Script". The Pitt "Script" is the 6 core bridges (pillars) that student athletes will characterize their experience at Pitt. The "Student-Athlete Experience 365" was elaborated on and Chris explained that a significant amount of work has been done to improve communication between disciplines that deal in student athlete affairs as well as improve student athlete communication and feedback. Chris presented a few quick wins in the past year such as improving the nutrition options available at all the "nutrition centers".</p> <p>After Chris' presentation the group quickly digressed toward internal matters such as looking for persons on the committee to take on additional responsibilities - secretary, sit on sub committee seats as a chair, etc. No resolution was reached and it was left that there will be an email sent to all committee members with the needs for help listed and that the members can either volunteer or be "volun-told".</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 23, 2018

Committee	University Council on Graduate Study
GPSG Student Representatives	Suraj Subramanian
Representative Email	sus118@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 18, 2018
Meeting Summary	The council formally met with the Provost. There was a long discussion regarding certificate requirements.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 15, 2018

Committee	Senate Research
GPSG Student Representative	Beverly Conrique
Representative Email	bconrique@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 28, 2018
Meeting Summary	<p>Intellectual property (IP): IP form is getting revised to abide with the Bayh-Dole Act to bring us into compliance. This version of the form does that by sculpting things down. Although it's being edited, it was operational before. The form covers works of scholarship covered under copyright and does not change ownership of intellectual property. This is all with the caveat that our intellectual property policy can't be fixed with one form. The next step is to review our intellectual property policy as a whole. This form will be rolled out in a week and faculty will have to sign this new form, so the Senate Research Committee will send the form to deans and assistant deans who will then inform faculty.</p> <p>NSF rolled out a new policy a week ago where the research office at Pitt (and research offices at respective universities) will have to report any sexual misconduct/harassment/assault instances that have been reported to Title IX offices when PIs and co-PIs apply for NSF funding. This is the first federal agency to institute such a policy, so universities across the country are trying to operationalize this new policy with their respective Title IX offices. We'll have more information as to how this will be operationalized at Pitt and other universities.</p> <p>Representative would like feedback on the following: Do grad students want to be involved in discussions with the Senate Research Committee and the Title IX office with how the new NSF policy is operationalized?</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 26, 2018

Committee	Senate Computer Usage
GPSG Student Representatives	Maura McCall
Representative Email	mccallm@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 28, 2018
Meeting Summary	<p>Marty Levine (reporter) will attend meetings. Committee discussed update of name and mission statement of the committee, since scope of committee is more than computer usage and part of the statement was outdated. Pitt Chief Information Officer, Jinx Walton, reported on CSSD updates. Safelinks in place to prevent malicious links from being sent through email. If malicious, it will block otherwise it is a long URL to show source. There were complaints you don't see the original link. Microsoft will adjust so if you hover, you'll see the original link. This has changed for web-based clients, but for Outlook clients, it should be in place in October. Several months ago, CSSD began IT assessment of how University utilized technology. They are wrapping up information from consultants, collected surveys, interviewed faculty, staff, students, researchers, etc. Topics: governance, IT staffing, technology services and financing, for example, 19 schools provide help desk support other than CSSD. No date yet for release of this report. CSSD reviewed password managers to help students, staff, and faculty use and store more secure passwords. If you can have ppl use the password manager, you could have them generate safer and specific passwords or there may be different credentials that you need to use for work or school.</p> <p>Student computing lab renovation: use hasn't decreased, but students asked for work areas for their own devices. There are renovation plans, and Ground floor labs in CL are done.</p> <p>Enterprise Relationship Management System: Institutional Advancement began to use this. IT service desk uses Salesforce to manage help desks to have a central software and helps to develop knowledge bases. ReadGreen: looking for replacement. Campaign Monitor is being trialed.</p> <p>Cyber security month in Oct—Cyberscare house on Halloween.</p> <p>Security awareness training courses on technology site are free and recommended.</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 19, 2018

Committee	Benefits and Welfare
GPSG Student Representative	Michelle Ozaeta
Representative Email	mgo11@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 26, 2018
Meeting Summary	<p>For the most part, the main topic of the meeting was faculty and staff concerns about leave time. The differences between the two policies were discussed (staff leave policy is similar to that of faculty, however, faculty has slightly more paid leave time). Additionally, the methods for requesting leave time as well as the different types of leave one can request were discussed as well - all this information is available on the school's HR website.</p> <p>Other topics that were briefly discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative to make Pitt a smoke-free campus (will be discussed further next month) - UPMC and Highmark split (apparently this mostly affects people planning to retire and retirees more so than employees) - The mental health task force's lunch series (it's going to start in November, more details later). - UPMC's pharmacy is offering all Pitt employees free medication counseling. This will also be extended to students. <p>There were two topics that were touched upon/mentioned that I feel should be brought up as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first and most important thing was that one of the planned topics for next month's meeting is the prospect of graduate student unionization and what are some changes that can occur if it is successful. - Secondly, that spring registration holds will be placed on international students who do not have domestic health insurance.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 24, 2018

Committee	Conflict of Interest
GPSG Student Representatives	Karthika Ramanathan
Representative Email	kar231@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	September 21, 2018
Meeting Summary	The meeting was a regular monthly meeting to discuss issues of conflicts, primarily related with professors who are trying to commercialize the research work.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 9, 2018

Committees that did not meet in September:

Committee	Student Representative	Student Email
Mental Health Task Force	Chi Bui	cyb8@pitt.edu
Governmental Relations	Michael Granovetter	mcg77@pitt.edu
Faculty Affairs	Sami Mian	sam415@pitt.edu

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This only includes a summary from a committee that has already met and is seeking feedback from the AB. Other committee summaries can be expected in the next monthly Committee Report.

Committee	Mental Health Task Force
GPSG Student Representatives	Chi Bui
Representative Email	cyb8@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	October 4, 2018
Meeting Summary	<p>1. Usage report - Online Mental Health Screening Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant increase of 10% of students coming to CC and using services. - 16% increase in groups participants numbers. - Screening total in September for Depression is 204, Anxiety is 174, Mood 32, and PTSD 22 hits. <p>2. Mental Health Awareness month: Supporting events host by Student Government Board (undergrads).</p> <p>3. Projects under considerations:</p> <p><u>Kognito On-Line Training:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30m long - Integrative evidence based model for general education of mental health awareness with gaming technology. - Real life examples to acquainted users with what this might look like. - Accessibility issues needs to be further assess. <p><u>"Thriving Campus" Demo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist in making referrals to therapists in the community. - Helping the overloading problem in the counseling center, and help with reducing the complexity and time of vetting therapists in the community. <p>4. Peer educators (Panther Wells) cooperation with Counseling Center</p> <p>5. Goals for MHTF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education and information sharing. - Getting more feedback from students - Increasing awareness for international students. <p>Representative would like feedback on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is usage of Kognito sounds like a good idea and would be inviting for student? - Where should this training be offered (orientation, at the counseling center, ipads at libraries...)?
Next Scheduled Meeting	November 1, 2018