

## February Committees Report

Committee	Governmental Relations
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Michael Granovetter
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 8, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p>This was a meeting with newly elected State Representative Sara Innamorato. The content of the meeting focused on how Rep. Innamorato could help the University, and how the University could work with Rep. Innamorato's work in Harrisburg. Topics discussed included how the Univ. could promote its relationship with the surrounding community, changes in the housing landscape for students and residents, and how graduate students--in particular, health professional students since Rep. Innamorato serves on the Health Committee--can work with officials in Harrisburg on advocacy work.</p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 1, 2019

Committee	Plant Utilization and Planning
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Sami Mian
<b>Representative Email</b>	SAM415@pitt.edu
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 18, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p>Learned about the outreach efforts at the Pitt Community Engagement Centers.</p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	Sometime in March

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Faculty Affairs</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Sami Mian
<b>Representative Email</b>	SAM415@pitt.edu
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 21, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p>Planning to setup several meetup sessions for NTS faculty, to meet and identify peers and build a support network.</p> <p>Discussed sabbatical qualifications for NTS faculties.</p> <p>Discussed contract renewal terms for NTS faculty.</p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	Sometime in March

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Senate Research Committee</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Beverly Conrique
<b>Representative Email</b>	<a href="mailto:BG12@pitt.edu">BG12@pitt.edu</a>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 22, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p><b>Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures:</b> The office of research is sending out a new way to report conflicts of interest especially given foreign intelligence issues and concerns. This will help researchers and professors report any potential conflicts of interest that might influence and contribute to foreign intelligence concerns. The new way to report is merely clarification on this process to make explicit what was implicit before (that foreign concerns should also be reported). It seems that many universities have added this additional language to their conflict of interest disclosure information as well. Annual conflict of interest disclosures are federally required, especially when asking for federal funding. Conflicts of interest include reporting if a researcher is compensated by a foreign agency, nonprofit, or university over \$5000. This does not include NSF or DOE (Department of Education). Currently, this is not required (reporting conflicts of interest) at universities and nonprofits in the U.S., but is required if foreign and the amount is over \$5000. There will be an online portal on which to report conflict of interest disclosures.</p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 29, 2019

<b>Committee</b>	<b>University Council on Graduate Study</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Kaitlin Powers
<b>Representative Email</b>	kep60@pitt.edu
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 19, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p><b>New TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Major Proposal:</b> 1 year, 30 credit MA program; currently losing students to schools who offer a one year master's degree; anticipate 15 students/year.</p> <p><b>Online Learning Course Infrastructure and Development</b> (Pitt Online): enrollment for online classes has increased for the 14th year; Pitt is committed to ensuring online classes are of the same quality as face-to-face classes.</p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 19, 2019

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Task Force</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Jacob Alfredo Garcia
<b>Representative Email</b>	<a href="mailto:AML185@pitt.edu">AML185@pitt.edu</a>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	jag292@pitt.edu
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Statistics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tier 1 - 164 - Year to Date</li> <li>b. Marijuana Violations - 43 -Year to Date</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Collegiate Recovery Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pizza &amp; Panthers</li> <li>b. 7 Students + 1</li> <li>c. Weekly meetings 6 to 7</li> <li>d. Recovery and Allies</li> <li>e. Space</li> <li>f. Athletics Support - "Panther Socials"</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Outreach <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Safer Spring Break</li> <li>b. Tabling - Travel and safety</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. PatherTrac Update</li> <li>5. EverFi Prevention Training Modules <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Campus Clarity was bought by EverFi</li> <li>b. \$50,000 a year for a site license</li> <li>c. Alc/Sub Abuse</li> <li>d. Sexual Harassment/Assault modules</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>6. Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Increase use e-cigarettes - "heat not burn"</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Greeks Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Two additional Greek orgs pending suspension</li> <li>b. Two sororities</li> <li>c. Greek life on the decline (?)</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Community Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Boost attendance for the block parties</li> <li>b. Opposition to Pitt buying property</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>9. Campus Climate Survey</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AAU Sponsored Survey; Next week</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. GSA Recruitment</li> </ol>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 8, 2018

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Student Admissions, Aid and Affairs (SAAA)</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Jacob Alfredo Garcia
<b>Representative Email</b>	jag292@pitt.edu
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	February 22, 2019
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<p>Fostering community engagement between international and domestic students at Pitt to ameliorate international student insularity and isolation and to globalize domestic students ---</p> <p>UCIS (Dr. Ariel C. Armony, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Director, University Center for International Studies; Dr. Belkys Torres, Associate Director for International Programs at UCIS and Executive Director for Global Engagement; and Dr. John Stoner, Executive Director for Academic Affairs):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Global Plan for Pitt - UCIS is looking to engage more with undergraduates and improve the role of advisors.</li> <li>2. OIS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Service and compliance</li> <li>b. Immigration regulation</li> <li>c. Stewards of international communities</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Academic Credentials <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Certs</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. ISB <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. International Student Barometer</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Welcome Week <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Global Ties</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Global Hub <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Opening soon in Posvar</li> <li>b. Interactive Student lounge, academic resource center</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 26, 2019