

September

Committee	Student Admissions, Aid and Affairs
GPSG Student Representative	Dominic Di Santo
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Meeting Date	September 17, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed updated policies for classification of students as in-state vs. out-of-state. • Policies have been updated formally, including a formal review and appeal process for students denied in-states rates (two levels of appeals). • Most students are unsurprised and unaffected by change in residency. • Specific note related to Graduate Students: Why does Pitt not offer a waiver of out-of-state tuition for graduate students as other schools (University of Michigan Public Health) does, which makes us less competitive for admissions? –Future SAAA Agenda item. • Student affairs, new student programs: incoming first-year students used a new online orientation program with positive feedback. • Increased programming for students in the first week of the semester through Panther Connect . • Future directions of Panther Connect include lowering student:advisor ratio and student:Panther Connect-mentor ratio.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 15, 2019

Committee	
GPSG Student Representative	Ann Wang
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Meeting Date	September 17, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed goals for this year, policy for post-doc subcommittee signups. • First subcommittee: graduate procedures – this group will focus on the Graduate Student Appointment Policy Review. • Second subcommittee: graduate student affairs – this group will review our processes for creating and revising policies related to our Postdocs. • Title IX – 1/5 students experience some type of sexual misconduct. Plan to create new Pitt Sexual Misconduct policy. Discussed functions of Title IX office. There will a Title IX open house (date and time TBD). Discussed annual report from the Association of American Universities. • Plan to establish a joint master’s program in supply management and industrial engineering. Discussed introduction of this program which included curriculum, duration and credits. Currently an ongoing process through the department of engineering
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 22, 2019

Committee	Community Relations
GPSG Student Representative	Dominic DiSanto
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Meeting Date	September 19, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was mostly introductory and outlined members of the committee, including the Oakland Business Improvement District, Pitt Community and Government Relations and Oakland Planning and Development Corporations • Community and Government Relations discussed recent changes and the process of drafting the University's latest Institutional Master plan, which will be released publicly (although the time frame of this release is not determined). • Renovations to Bigelow Boulevard and William Pitt Union will take place beginning mid-November and will last until August 2020. These renovations include limiting Bigelow to two lanes (currently four), adding in medians and small green space on the road, hopefully improving pedestrian flow. William Pitt Union will have the driveway removed (although still available to emergency vehicles or University Police if necessary) and places with more room for student groups, activities, free space, etc. • Homewood Community Engagement Center will launch "Phase II" to increase both Pitt student and Homewood community member outreach and participation. Phase I has had multiple-thousand independent visitors between Pitt students and the Homewood community • Pitt's Community Engagement Scholarship Forum will take place on March 4, 2020
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 16, 2019

Committee	Library
GPSG Student Representative	Shubhrika Seghal
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Meeting Date	Septemebr 19, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted on the proposal to try out a new committee leadership concept that includes a faculty librarian. • Discussed the Leads Program and renovation process at the ULS library.
Next Scheduled Meeting	October 17, 2019

Committee	Senate Research
GPSG Student Representative	Maura McCall
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Meeting Dates	September 27, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions for committee members. • Dr. Evan Facher presented information on the new Pitt Momentum Fund, which combines previous internal research funding for faculty and has specific requirements of an interdisciplinary application from 3 separate schools. There is no requirement of including Pitt students (undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral) in these applications • Report from the research office on the new module implementations for the Peris system. A discussion was held about delays in the funding and agreement portions and the possibility of obtaining information from users to see how the system is working. • Intellectual policy committee update on the draft of the charter for the committee. This includes purview, responsibilities and a list of committee members. Of notes, students (at any level) or staff are not represented on the committee (which may be standard procedure, needs further clarification) and not noted in some locations on the document. • Additionally, these groups (Staff Council and GPSG for example) are left out of the policy review process. A note was made of this on the document prior to the meeting and was sent to co-chairs.
Next Scheduled Meeting	November 22, 2019

October

Committee	Mental Health Task Force
GPSG Student Representative	Dominic DiSanto
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Meeting Dates	October 16, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory meeting of the Mental Health Task Force. • This meeting focused primarily on setting goals and a focus (specifically, a mission statement) of the task force. The meeting was appropriately broad to overview the committee's role and potential goals • Members are drafting a mission statement and goals which will be reviewed and updated at the next meeting. • Dr. Darr (Director of the Counseling Center and head of task force) also provided updated utilization data related to student interactions at the counseling center. Estimates included an increase from ~500 (2018) to 700 (2019) students seen (over similar time frames) and a waitlist of ~250 students now reduced to 0. • Broadly, future directions of the task force will include identifying actionable steps to improve student utilization of the counseling center as well as increasing awareness and training of faculty, staff and students in identifying vulnerable individuals and/or those who may benefit from the counseling center.
Next Scheduled Meeting	TBD

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GPSG Student Representative	Dominic DiSanto
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Meeting Date	October 16, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derek Dauphin from the City of Pittsburgh gave a presentation related to the general process of generating long-term plans, specifically related to the beginning of a new 10-year development plan for Oakland. • Over the last two years, the city has been meeting with University officials and representatives to gather information relevant to beginning the Oakland plan. The City is now forming action sub-committees (“Action Teams”) for relevant topics. (e.g. transportation/mobility). The city will be holding a public meeting related to the plan, tentatively in February and will be forming the Action Teams by April. • The city is looking for student, faculty, staff and residents to serve on the committee. • The draft for the Institutional Master Plan for Pitt is now available for Public comment through November 5th. • Bigelow will be closing to traffic (and possibly pedestrian traffic) starting November 1st through August 2020.
Next Scheduled Meeting	November 20, 2019