

November

Committee	University Council on Graduate Study
GPSG Student Representative	Ann Wang
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Meeting Date	November 15, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed the guidelines for postdoctoral associates and postdoctoral scholars including: what should be included in predoctoral policy, GSR, TA, fellowship and certificate training, definition of fellowship, PhD, Masters degree. Predoctoral.• Discussed limitations of being an internal student applying for fellowship.• Discussed the difference between GSR and GSA on salary.• Began draft of graduate students and fellow student policy. Next steps will include discussion of payroll.
Next Scheduled Meeting	TBD

Committee	Community Relations
GPSG Student Representative	Dominic DiSanto
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Meeting Date	November 20, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations were given from the Oakland Business Improvement District and Oakland For All. • OFA 's mission to ensure Oakland is accessible to all people in their community. The project started in 2013 when community members raised the issue of building accessibility to businesses and includes an annual accessibility-oriented "Ramp Crawl" bar crawl in Oakland. Oaklandforall.org will have information related to a celebration and events related to the 30th anniversary of the passing of the ADA. • OBID spoke about their initiative to lead an anti-sexual assault campaign "Oakland Says No More" which has involved a number of Oakland organizations (i.e., Pitt Police) and business bars promoting safe environments and training their staff, with the end goal of reducing sexual assault incidents in Oakland. • Community and Governmental Relations gave a presentation by Lina Dostillo on Pitt's community engagement map, which is being newly rolled out at engagementmap.pitt.edu where students and faculty can examine ongoing or single-event community engagement and/or outreach events in the surrounding areas (and nationally/internationally). • The app is open to public use, but events and organizations are continuing to add to its early yet growing inventory.
Next Scheduled Meeting	January 21, 2020

December

Committee	Mental Health Task Force
GPSG Student Representative	Dominic DiSanto
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Meeting Date	December 11, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began by reviewing the drafted mission statement of the task force, which is continuing to be revised and refined, but focuses on creating a safe atmosphere and serving to not only improve the overall mental health of Pitt's campus and its constituents but to supply students, faculty and staff with the tools themselves to empower their mental health and that of those around them in their networks, classrooms, etc. • Reviewed Wellness Center utilization statistics in more depth (which were briefly discussed at the end of the prior meeting). • The plan is to begin bi-weekly (rather than monthly) meetings during the Spring semester. • Discussion was held related to mental health and the environment surrounding mental health among graduate students. Specifically, questions related to the awareness, discussion and general environment (or lack thereof) in graduate programs related to mental health, seeking treatment, utilizing Pitt's counseling center. This is an ongoing discussion and feedback is welcome from students at varying levels (master's PhD, post-doc and other graduate professional students) across all schools.
Next Scheduled Meeting	TBD

Committee	Research
GPSG Student Representative	Maura McCall
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Meeting Date	December 13, 2019
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two new online reporting systems for indirect waivers and conflicts of interest forms are in development and almost ready for pilot testing. These systems work with the Peris grants system. Since they are in still in development, changes may still be made.
Next Scheduled Meeting	TBD