

# January

Committee	University Research Council
GPSG Student Representative	Crystal Taylor
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Meeting Date	January 13, 2020
Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internal Funding Showcase will take place Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Alumni Hall. Three past recipients will talk about their work and a panel will be held on innovation curriculum. Chancellor will announce award recipients.</li><li>• My Disclosure Conflict of Interest form was jointly developed by the University and UPMC. Ideally, employees will be able to use the same system which will be very helpful if they have joint appointments. Bill Yates demoed the online system at a meeting, and it was well received. Many deans stated that individuals are welcome to participate in the pilot this season. The pilot has to be opted in on a school by school basis. A verification email will be sent to deans that are opting in for this pilot about what is involved.</li><li>• Engagement with plan for Pitt: website is <a href="https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/">https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/</a>. The site has a list of events taking place as well as a survey. There will be a 90-minute workshop for different groups (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, faculty) as well as open workshops (all groups). Workshops will cover different topics such as wellness.</li></ul>
Next Scheduled Meeting	TBD

<b>Committee</b>	<b>University Council on Graduate Study</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Elizabeth Hernandez
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	January 14, 2020
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council participated in a strategic planning workshop. Laura Winters who is the chief deputy of staff in the provost's office on strategic planning with a focus on graduate education led this.</li> <li>• The input that the council gave will be used for the Plan for Pitt 2025 steering committee (<a href="https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/">https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/</a>).</li> <li>• The council had an opportunity to discuss their thoughts on possible future initiatives for graduate education at Pitt. Some ideas that were raised included: more diverse courses and freedom in terms of what faculty are allowed to teach, supporting high profile faculty/retainment of good faculty that often times receive better offers from higher institutions, hold international conferences at Pitt, bringing in professors from other institutions and building a larger research fund for graduate students.</li> <li>• Carrie Benson who is the Title IX specialist in the office of diversity and inclusion presented on current available training opportunities around Pitt. Last semester, we discussed the possibility of making Title IX training mandatory for all graduate students. She also discussed the areas and schools who receive the most training. She explained how mandatory training would work and how easy it would be to conduct, given that many schools already mandate it. The council discussed how each school can increase visibility of resources and get more students involved in training. The council will continue this conversation in future meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	February 18, 2020

## February

<b>Committee</b>	<b>CGS Graduate Student Affairs</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Yan Wang
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 3, 2020
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifying the current guidelines for postdoctoral associates and post-doctoral scholars which includes effective date, travel grants for graduate students/post-doc students, adding post-doc training under school responsibility on page 4 and matching retirement is Pitt's most important concern about post-doc benefits. Other concerned benefits included maternity leave, unpaid maternity leave, paid paternity leave and unpaid paternity leave.</li><li>• Other topics included: should there be a recommended or required structure at the school level for issued related to post-docs? What group/committee should have the primary role for oversight of the university-wide policies on post-doc fellows?</li></ul>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	TBD

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Senate Research</b>
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Maura McCall
<b>Representative Email</b>	<a href="mailto:mccallm@pitt.edu">mccallm@pitt.edu</a>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 7, 2020
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the Conflict of Interest (COI) software, which will tentatively launch in the health sciences schools sometime in March.</li> <li>• A table of COI examples will be provided somewhere on the COI site (exact location not determined yet), there will be a FAQ page and the help desk will be prepared to assist with questions as well.</li> <li>• There is no particular point of interest for graduate students, although some will likely need to complete the form. Their supervisors should inform them if they need to complete it (many students in the health sciences have complete the old COI form annually).</li> </ul>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	February 28, 2020

Committee	Senate Research
<b>GPSG Student Representative</b>	Maura McCall
<b>Representative Email</b>	<a href="mailto:mccallm@pitt.edu">mccallm@pitt.edu</a>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	February 28, 2020
<b>Meeting Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Parker, PhD, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law on Science, Ethics and Society Initiative RESI<sup>3</sup> presented to the committee on the history and proposed purpose of this initiative. It is not yet finalized, rather Dr. Parker wanted to gather thoughts and comments from this group as she has done with other university groups.</li> <li>• Pitt Momentum Funds 2020 have been awarded and can be found at d-scholarship: <a href="http://d-scholarship.pitt.edu/38278/">http://d-scholarship.pitt.edu/38278/</a>.</li> <li>• Regarding Conflict of Interest: “should I disclose?” table is now on the COI website as well as a video training. Information about international engagement is now on <a href="https://www.svcresearch.pitt.edu/">https://www.svcresearch.pitt.edu/</a> international at the engagement tab <a href="https://www.svcresearch.pitt.edu/managing-international-research-and-engagement">https://www.svcresearch.pitt.edu/managing-international-research-and-engagement</a>.</li> <li>• The intellectual property (IP) policy will be finalized sometime after review at Faculty Assembly.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	March 27, 2020