

**General Council Meeting**

Tuesday March 14, 2017

# Dining Room, O’Hara Student Center

# 5:00 – 6:00pm

# AGENDA

**General Meeting**

1. **Call to Order 5:00 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2017 General Council Meeting**
3. **Additions to Agenda**
4. **Executive Board Reports**
   1. President's Report: Amber Griffith (asg56@pitt.edu)
   2. Vice President's Report: Kenrick Fernandes (kenrick@cs.pitt.edu)
   3. Faculty Advisor’s Statement: Asst. Dean Tara Meyer (tara.meyer@pitt.edu)
   4. Administrative Assistant's Report: Allison Gremba (asgso@pitt.edu)
   5. Social/Programs Coordinator: Allison Gremba (asgso@pitt.edu)
   6. Website/Communication: Kenrick Fernandes (kenrick@cs.pitt.edu)- no report
5. **Internal Committees**
   1. GPSG: Sean Nonnemacher, Sebastian Garaycoa, Kenrick Fernandes
   2. Grad Expo: Allison Gremba, Hety Wong
   3. Teaching Awards: Andrea Maxwell—**NEED VOLUNTEERS**
   4. Summer Research Grant: Hety Wong
   5. GSO Policy and Sexual Assault: Kenrick Fernandes- no report
   6. Diversity and Inclusion: Amber Griffith
   7. Ad hoc Grad Student Union: George Borg, Caitlin Schoering, Chie Togami- Statement of Support
6. **A&S Committees**
   1. A&S Council: Michael Rerick, Charles Lwanga
   2. A&S PBC: Shane Redman, Hety Wong, Lana Sims
   3. A&S Grad Council: Amoja Bajaj, Marlissa Amole, Diego Villada, Hector Rodriguez, Jennifer Boum Make
7. **Old or Unfinished Business**
8. **New Business**
   1. GPSG vote: Statement of support for international students
   2. GPSG vote: Student IDs for graduate student spouses
9. **Announcements**
10. **Adjourn**

**A&S Council**

Changes being made to the college of general studies - Early stages of redesigning the program and appointment of an associate dean with academic oversight who would report to John Twyning Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies

The Dietrich School Diversity Committee - Positions within councils and the roles of these positions are to be made much more transparent and accessible through the university website.  All positions will have an open nomination distributed by faculty and those in charge of selection will undergo bias training for fair selection.

Reports from the Graduate and Undergraduate Council involving changes being made to the OMET's.  Questions now ask students to rate on individual attributes rather than broad questions on overall effectiveness to reduce bias.

Requirements for Faculty Tenure - Early talks were made to change requirements for faculty tenure.  Discussed changes would broaden requirements to potentially include work done outside of academics depending on the field of study.  This will be discussed in greater detail next meeting.

**Teaching Awards**

Need volunteers to help with judging!

**PBC**

PBC met on Friday, February 17th.  At this meeting we went over the 5th goal (Embrace the World) of the Plan for Pitt and discussed the progress of the Dietrich School over the past year in working toward the Plan for Pitt's goal.  We also reviewed the executive summary of all the goals (which had been discussed at prior meetings).  The executive summary will be sent, along with the more detailed breakdown of each goal and each metric used, to the university committee responsible for overseeing the Plan for Pitt.