Provost search group seeks campus input

Suggestions as to what makes a good provost were the order of the day at a recent open forum.

Pitt is seeking a successor to Provost James V. Maher, who is stepping down after 16 years from his administrative role to return to the physics faculty. A 21-member search committee, chaired by Randy Juhl, vice chancellor for Research Conduct and Compliance and Distinguished Service Professor of Pharmacy, heard comments from members of Pitt’s five campuses during the March 3 Pittsburgh campus hearing, which was broadcast to the regional campuses via teleconference and also webcast.

Pitt had already received more than 150 applicants and nominees for the provost position, Juhl told the forum audience. “Out of those, about 35 have expressed an interest and said, ‘Yes, consider me an active candidate,’” Juhl said. “That will be paired down, stepwise, to active-and-qualified candidates, and then to a short list of 10-15 active-and-qualified candidates from which the committee will choose the eight to 10 candidates to have off-site interviews.

The committee expects to recommend four-six unranked candidates to Chancellor Mark Nordenberg by the end of May. Pitt hopes to have a new provost in place by the start of the fall term, Juhl said. “We want somebody who walks the straight and narrow. In general, the administrative team at this institution is relatively conservative in taking steps. We always continue to move forward, but we’re not big about jumping off cliffs. We want somebody who walks that road with us.”

Nordenberg also listed ambition as a desirable trait, ambition for the institution first and foremost, but also personal ambition. Juhl reported. “Needing to have an institution-first attitude was also one of the desirable characteristics. Very often the person in this kind of position has to forget many of their own personal activities.”

Juhl said, “(The chancellor) wants us to say that these values are contrasting or opposing and it’s the balance of them that will end up being important. He wants a provost that both is competitive, collaborative and knows how to be each. There are some times when we have competitions within the University, and a little of that is good, most times we have collaborations that we need to do in order to get things done, and very often we’re competing, at least in our minds, against other universities. You’ll find another hallmark of this administrative team is to be very competitive. We like to think that better than other universities and we like to select data that shows us how to get there. We like to be data-driven.”

One self-evident characteristic is that the provost must have academic breadth, Juhl said. “The provost has a wide range of activities to oversee and disciplines to deal with. He or she needs to be able to talk Japanese armor from a historical perspective at one time, and then talk about nano-nanobes and that science in the next conversation. Not only does a provost need to have some knowledge of the wide range of disciplines, but also the ability to appreciate, encourage and accommodate the wide range of faculty activities,” he said. “Needing communication skill, both written and speaking skill, is another thing that goes without saying.”

The forum was scheduled for two hours but ended 40 minutes early when the last person addressed the committee. Among the suggestions, comments and questions were:

- Pitt-Greensburg President Sharon Smith said, “There are two classes of qualified provost candidates: the lifers and those who are leap-frogging to another position. I believe I’m correct in assuming that Pitt’s preference is truly for a lifer. But, how do you discriminate among the candidates to identify that kind of a person?”

Juhl responded: “Because we’re in a very attractive place to be, it would be nice to have on a resume that one was the provost here when in search of a presidency or chancellorship.”

“We’re looking for someone who has the ability to leap, but what they [herself]s used to do. You see a faculty member or a new dean make a substantial contribution and to know that you plowed the field for them to grow whatever they’re doing — you need to take satisfaction from that,” he said. “And lastly Mark said the new provost needs to be strong when it’s required and gentle when it’s required, getting the most out of everybody and making the environment as convivial as it can be.”

The forum is expected to take weeks and I do not anticipate a response until mid-spring.

At SAC’s March 10 meeting, the issue of potential pay increases was discussed. SAC President Gwen Watkins referred to University Times coverage that quoted Pitt’s senior administration as saying that employee raises in the next fiscal year are a priority. (See March 4 University Times.) Pitt has had a salary freeze in place for the current fiscal year.

Rich Colwell, SAC vice president of steering, is one of two SAC voting representatives on the University planning and budgeting committee, which makes salary increase recommendations to the chancellor. Colwell assured SAC that “we will do our best to let the concerns of the staff be known that we feel that a raise is necessary for this fiscal year coming. We have been reassured from the upper administration that they will do everything possible to make that happen.”

SAC’s salary and job classifications committee next meets April 21.
**Johnstown launches largest faculty hiring effort**

In Johnstown, the search is on to fill vacant faculty positions at several of the University’s regional campuses. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown recently announced its largest-ever faculty hiring initiative, aiming to hire 21 full-time faculty members for the upcoming academic year and five for 2012-13.

Searches also are being conducted for five new faculty members at Pitt-Bradford. The hiring effort is comprehensive, as Pitt-Bloomfield. In total, the University Times reported that a staff member who does not have a faculty position at Pitt-Bradford. No increase in faculty numbers is planned at Pitt-Timevseille.

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In a letter to the campus community, UPJ President Jem Spectar stated, “This is a monumental effort towards strengthening our faculty, enhancing academic quality, investing in our core mission of teaching and our vision of being a leading institution at the forefront of baccalaureate college education. It is a strategic plan to strengthen teaching and learning for students in the real world.

"Through the hiring of these new faculty members, we will strengthen quality and enhance the distinctiveness of our current programs as well as provide flexible, innovative learning opportunities for our students. The competition that encourages first-year students to compete on residence hall and commuter teams. By attending select programs that entail learning and thinking outside the classroom, students can benefit from the real world.

On the surface, Duff Goldman’s speech seemed like it was about cake decorating and being a television personality. But what students really heard was an inspirational story about finding yourself, following your dreams, and making yourself happy and being true to yourself. Such lessons are an integral part of the diverse experience that students enjoy at Pitt. When students have a clear sense of purpose, it helps them choose the correct major and excel in the classroom.

In addition to these Student Life programs, Pitt’s Outside the Classroom Curriculum (OCC) provides a structured way for students to get connected and receive a well-rounded education. Faculty and staff from across the University can have their supplemental programs, such as guest lecturers or symposia, included in OCC. To further enhance the educational experience for all students, OCC curriculum intervention is designed to educate the whole student through the completion of a series of programs, activities, and experiences that complement each student’s academic study.

Pitt’s rising freshman retention rate — it went from 83 percent in 1996 to 92.7 percent this year — is proof that these Student Affairs programs are working. In order for students to be successful in the classroom and in their chosen fields of study, they need to feel connected to the University and the environment here. The programs developed in the Student Life Office help students achieve success in the classroom and feel more connected to the University.

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would be just as happy to stay where they are. You'd like as a minimum that somebody stay for five-seven years and do a great job and be attractive to somebody else at the end of that time. They have to decide if the grass is greener or not.”

• Pitt-Titusville President William Shields said, “I certainly affirm the list of qualifications that Chancellor Nordenberg has listed for the committee that he would like to see in a new provost. I would especially affirm the qualification of personal compatibility between the chancellor and the provost.”

“Second... the new provost should have a sensitivity to the role and the mission of the regional campuses. I think that’s a very important characteristic and qualification, certainly for those of us who labor for the University on the regional campuses,” Shields said.

Regarding personal compatibility of the chancellor and the new provost, Juhl responded, “It isn’t easy being in either position even when things are going well. So it’s important to have the kinds of values and interests and being willing to support each other and work together well.”

Juhl added, “I know that the search committee as well as the chancellor have a great affinity for and affection for the regional campuses. And we will make sure that the candidates are made aware of that.”

• Drew Armstrong, director of the architectural studies program on the Pittsburgh campus, said, “My interest is in a provost who really is committed to the development of undergraduate programs at this University. It’s not so much programs that are extinct that I’m concerned about. Programs such as mine involve a complex interaction with a whole range of specialities at the University that happen to fall within multiple schools so there are tiny bits of bridging that are happening and that’s what I’m looking for.”

“My point is there are certain kinds of education with a complexity that, to move forward, escapes me as a director, because I do not have the authority or power to branch out.”

The school and departmental breakdown at Pitt is static, Armstrong said. Due to the lack of any schools of architecture or graduate programs in the region, “we must send students away. We cannot either keep them for graduate-level education in my discipline nor can we attract them from outside the region simply because we do not have a school of architecture. How do you to add a new department or a new school?” he asked.

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• Several members of the audience expressed concern about the learning curve during the transition period when a new provost is becoming acquainted with the duties.

In response to those concerns, Juhl said, “The chancellor talked to us about that. He told us we can’t expect to hire a provost that has 16 years of experience here at Pitt.”

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First, the transition period when a new provost takes office, Juhl responded, “I think the provost office has people in place who know what they’re doing, and there is a core of senior officers in place who have been there and know what they’re doing. And Mack is an excellent mentor.”

Search committee member Dennis Looney, chair of the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, added, “The chancellor did say there is no way an incoming provost will be able to do all that Jim Mahler has been able to do. The chancellor is saying he will be the structure in place and will be able to take on certain of the things Jim Maher is currently doing as the new provost is learning the job.”

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Juhl responded, “The Provost’s office, over the last 15 years under Jim’s leadership, has taken over management of our technology programs, and I see no reason that that should not continue. The distance learning we do between campuses I think has been reasonably successful, and hopefully we would do more of that. One of the questions we’ll have to pose to candidates is where does distance learning go outside of our immediate ‘family’. Is that a business we want to get into and does it stand up to the same kinds of standards that we adhere to?”

Search committee member Gerald Holder, U.S. Steel Dean of the Swanson School of Engineering, added that the Council of Deans annually discusses distance learning with an eye to improving it and expanding it. “There has been an expansion of distance learning over the years,” he said.

Pitt has posted information on the search for a new provost, but is not ready to submit applications and nominations, at www.provostsearch.pitt.edu/index.php.

The committee will accept input until a new provost is named, Juhl said.

―Peter Hart
UPMC is developing personal health record (PHR) technology that soon may give patients the ability to add critical health information to the electronic health records maintained by hospitals and physicians. UPMC completed the proof-of-concept project in collaboration with Google Health, Carnegie Mellon University and technology partner dbMotion.

What distinguishes UPMC’s integration with Google Health — expected to be launched for patients this spring — is the fact that the data will be aggregated from throughout UPMC and health care providers can share information securely with patients through the PHR and vice versa. The data will be part of the electronic medical record accessible to clinicians.

Help for Haiti

Volunteers from the Graduate School of Public Health aided in the collection of crutches and other mobility devices in the University’s “Have a Heart for Haiti” campaign. Injuries caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti created a great need for crutches, canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

Nearly 200 assistive devices were collected here March 3 and 4 for shipment to Haiti by local medical relief organization Global Links.

At right, Mike Davies, a student in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, uses cable ties to pair up donated crutches near the Fifth Avenue entrance of Parran Hall.

Below, College of General Studies student Rachel Wilson, left, and GSPH marketing communications manager Karen Perkins organize donated items near the school’s DeSoto Street entrance.

CGS axes computer classes

Computer-based resources are helping pull the plug on computer training classes for Pitt employees.

Technology training classes offered to Pitt faculty and staff through the College of General Studies are being eliminated May 11.

The classes, typically one- or two-day sessions, provide training in various computer software programs including Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator, Dreamweaver and others. Courses are coordinated and taught by two contract employees.

However, according to CGS Associate Dean Kelly J. Otter, declining enrollments and the availability of online tutorials have decreased the need for formal training sessions.

“Enrollments within the technology center have decreased significantly over time and it is no longer an appropriate use of valuable space and salary resources,” Otter said.

Class sizes had declined to an average of fewer than four people per session.

The CGS technology training center is the descendant of Pitt’s Downtown Computer Learning Center, which was established in 1984 and closed in 2003.

No decision has been made about what will become of the training center’s classroom space on the fourth floor of the Cathedral of Learning, but Otter said several reconfiguration plans are being considered, with the work to be done over the summer.

A list of remaining training classes may be found at www.cgs.pitt.org/technology-training-courses.cfm.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

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SAC proposes sick-leave bank

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She suggested those who live in an outing area, where there are fewer doctors’ offices and labs in the UPMC network, be proactive in dealing with their medical offices and reviewing their bills. Although her own family pediatrician is in the UPMC network, Coldren said, the office sent lab work to a facility that was not in the UPMC Advantage network, and thus she was responsible for the bill.

She advised Pitt staff to check with the doctor’s office in advance to avoid a similar situation. “I now know to take a stand and say, ‘Look, if you can’t send this to someone in my particular network, give me the [prescription] and I’ll go find someone myself.”

In other SAC business:
• Marissa Arlet, chair of the program and planning committee, recommended that members of the Pitt community attend an information session on the changes in the Port Authority’s routes and schedule, set to begin in early April. The open meeting, part of SAC’s brownbag lunch series, will be held noon-1:30 p.m. March 25 in the Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall.

Presenters will include representatives from the Port Authority, Oakland Transportation Management Association, as well as staff from Panther Central, who will demonstrate the use of the Pitt I.D. card on Port Authority vehicles equipped with scanners. The I.D. scanners, which are active in a few buses, are expected to be used system-wide by the fall.

Arlet reported that the 20th annual Pitt Kennywood Day is set for July 31. SAC also will sponsor a services marketplace in May and a Pitt Pirates Day in June, on dates to be determined.

In July, SAC plans to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Details will be announced at a future SAC meeting, Arlet said.

• Meg Mayer-Costa, chair of the governance committee, said attendance at SAC standing committee meetings continues to be a problem. She reminded members that bylaws govern attendance will be enforced. The SAC secretary is compiling meeting attendance records that will prompt letters from Mayer-Costa warning of dismissal from SAC for unexcused members who miss three meetings a year or any members who miss four meetings, regardless of circumstances.

• Rick Fabean, chair of the safety and security committee, reported that the Feb. 27 CPR class drew 20 participants. The next SAC-sponsored CPR class will be held May 8. For details, contact the SAC office, 4-4236.

Fabean reported that his committee had forwarded a small number of alleged violations of Pitt’s smoking policy to the Environmental Health and Safety office, which is investigating. He said that office has a mechanism on its web site to report all campus health concerns at www.ehs.pitt.edu/contact/concern.html.

• Monika Losagio, chair of the salary and job classification committee, reported that her committee is awaiting a report from Human Resources on concerns and comments on the new PRISM TRKS time record system. (See March 4 University Times.) She urged staff with concerns to contact the PRISM TRKS hotline, 412-381-8463.

Her committee continues to prepare a letter to Human Resources, requesting an annual benchmark review of the job-family salary ranges, Losagio said.

She said that Barbara Adelman has resigned her position as vice chair of the committee. The committee elected Jonah McAlister Erickson as vice chair. The committee also welcomed new member Jennifer Sample.

• Libby Hilf, chair of the marketing and communications committee, reported that about 650 people have subscribed to SAC’s electronic newsletter. Hilf urged members of the Pitt community to subscribe at www.pitt.edu/~sac/members.html.

—Peter Hart
“Art can unlock the door to science,” a bio-artist told an audience here at last month’s lecture, “On the Confluence of Art and Genetic Science.”

The relationship between art and science today “is a little bit like romance,” said Lynn Fellman. What’s being learned about our species and about each other “is like getting to know someone new,” she said. “It’s a sense of discovery, one that artists, who speak through a visual language, respond to.” You know that there’s beauty in the idea of evolution, she said, adding that art can express that beauty.

The Minneapolis-based artist, a member of the bio-art movement that seeks to bridge the worlds of art and science, uses recent discoveries about the human genome as the basis for portraits and other works that offer a glimpse into our roots.

Fellman’s genetic portraits superimpose the anthropological story of ancient migration routes on maps to illustrate what science has uncovered about human ancestry. “Portraiture of the genome is a popular science,” she explained, adding that she hopes her work can help to “make an impact, maybe make it a little bit easier,” she said.  For those who reject the concepts of evolution, “I’m not evangelical and I’ll stay out of religion... I’m not clever enough to go confrontational — but I can talk to people in these ways that maybe make it a little bit easier,” she said, adding that she hopes her work can help to “make an impact and maybe influence a mindset, change a mind, get them on another direction to really appreciate science... Science and art both are important for the survival of the species.”

More of Fellman’s work can be viewed at lynnfellman.com.

—Kimberly K. Barlow
Wellness through the Eyes of Davis Vision

The University has placed an emphasis on wellness and preventive services available at no cost through the health insurance program. Likewise, members should consider wellness as it relates to vision care. Through the Davis Vision Program, eye examinations are covered annually at no additional out-of-pocket cost through a network provider. Davis Vision is a subsidiary of Highmark and it is part of one of the largest fully integrated vision care providers in the nation.

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More death risk in pneumonia with AKI

Patients hospitalized with even mild to moderate community-acquired pneumonia who develop acute kidney injury (AKI) are more likely to die after discharge than pneumonia patients whose kidneys remain healthy. A study published in the February issue of Kidney International, conducted by a Pitt-led team, examined whether this increased mortality risk was more apparent among patients with milder infections and found it to be the case.

Researchers involved in the multi-center Genetic and Inflammatory Markers of Sepsis (GenIMS) study analyzed AKI data from 1,800 patients with community-acquired pneumonia in order to better understand the mechanisms involved in AKI. The study found that pneumonia patients who developed AKI had higher levels of inflammatory markers of sepsis and that sepsis, a systemic response to infection, may be a bidirectional relationship in patients with AKI.

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The GenIMS Study was funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, GlassEyeHealthCare and Diagnostic Products Corp. Pitt co-authors of the study include Vijay Karajala-Subrahmanym of medicine, Minjae Lee and Lan Kong of bioinformatics and Melinda Carter, Derek C. Angus and Sachin Yende of critical care medicine.

Researchers have found that kidney injury was quite common among pneumonia patients whose illness course was otherwise uncomplicated," he said. "They also had a higher risk of dying that persisted even 50 to 100 days after admission, which is surprising because most appeared stable and ready for discharge after eight days.

The data were gathered from more than 1,800 participants with community-acquired pneumonia in the multi-center Genetic and Inflammatory Markers of Sepsis (GenIMS) study. A third of all patients were diagnosed with AKI, identified by abnormal creatinine levels or urine output, either on the first day of admission or during their hospital stay, as were a quarter of those with mild or moderate pneumonia. Also, a third of all the pneumonia patients progressed to severe sepsis, and of that group more than half developed AKI. Compared to those without kidney injury, AKI patients were more likely to stay longer in the hospital. Relative to AKI patients, those with AKI had a higher risk of dying at hospital discharge (11 percent compared to 3.1 percent), 90 days later (24 percent compared to 9.8 percent), and after one year (16.3 percent compared to 20.1 percent).

The risk of kidney injury was lower in patients with severe infection," said senior author John Kellum of critical care medicine. "But they still had longer hospital stays and a greater likelihood of dying during admission and even after discharge."

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"We should try to develop prevention and treatment strategies aimed at mitigating the impact of AKI in all pneumonia patients," he said. "Further research is needed to understand the mechanisms involved, particularly because it may be a bidirectional relationship in patients with AKI."

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Nominations are being solicited for this University-wide award to recognize a University program area or individual that has made a significant contribution in Affirmative Action. Among the factors to be considered in the selection process are:

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Nominations can be made by individuals, groups, students, or alumni. Self-nominations are allowed. Please submit nominations to the Office of the University Senate, 1254 Cathedral of Learning, on or before May 3, 2010. The nomination should include:

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- The name, address, and phone number of the nominator

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Johnstown Campus Reading
Mary Ann Sanyan, WVU; J. Irving Whalley Memorial Chapel, UPJ, 7:10 pm

Contemporary Writers Lecture
"The Future of Poetry II," Nathaniel Mackey, UC-Santa Cruz, FFA aud., 8:30 pm

Friday 26

Technology for Life & Living Conference
"Ageing & Technology at the Cutting Edge," Judith Talbot Matthews & Jim Oshorn, Omn William Penn Hotel, 7 am-6 pm (register: http://cecs.apmu.edu/formalCourses.jsp#280)

Dental Medicine Continuing Ed Lecture
"Periodontal Accessories," Ortman Shibly, 2148 Salk, 9 am-4 pm

Annual Computer Science Day
10th & 6th fl. Sennott, 10 am-4:30 pm (info: www.cs.pitt.edu/events/CSDay/2010/)

Undergrad Research Symposium
"Past & Present Issues in Latin American Culture & Society", 115 & 117 Victoria, 10 am-5 pm (www.hispanic.pitt.edu/undergraduate/symposium.php)

WPIC Meet the PI Lecture
"Predictors & Moderators of Time to Remission of Major Depression With Interpersonal Psychotherapy & SSRI Pharma-cotherapy," Ellen Frank, 2nd fl. aud. Detre, 11 am-12:30 pm

Faculty Development Lecture
"Dealing With the Student With Disabilities," Kathy Ryan; lecture rm. 3. Scaife, noon

Pulmonary Grand Rounds
"The Role of WNT Signaling in Pulmonary Angiogenesis," Vinicio de Jesus Perez, NW628

UCIS Europe Lecture
"Maccabees/Feminities," Etienne Balibar, Université de Paris & UC-Irvine; 602 CL, 12:10 pm

Learning Policy Center Colloquium
"Finding Solutions to the Latino Education Crisis: A National Imperative," Patricia Gándara, UCL, 3604 Powsar, 2-10 pm

Women’s Studies Lecture
"The Race of Dolls," Robin Bernstein, Harvard, 501 CL, 3 pm

Geology & Planetary Science Colloquium
"Nutrient Cycling in Forests: Lessons From the Fernow Experimental Forest, WV," Mary Adams, USDA Forest Service; II Thur., 4 pm (8780)

Johnson Inst. for Responsible Leadership Lecture
"Leadership Doesn’t Happen Alone," Kathleen Hower, Global Johnson Inst. for Responsible Leadership, 3716)

Friday 27

Additional instructional time for Monday classes missed during February snowstorm.

Dental Medicine Continuing Ed Lecture
"Surgical Crown Elongation," Pouran Famili & Ali Seyedain, 2148 Salk, 9 am-4:30 pm

Annual Latin American & Caribbean Festival
WPC ballrm. & Assembly Rm., noon-noon (8-7390)

Carpathian Music Ensemble FFA aud., 8 pm (4-4125)

Saturday 27

Grants Over Lunch Lecture
"National Institutes of Health," Dennis Twombly, NIH, 501 BSTZ, noon-1:30 pm (412/578-1761)

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
"HDAC Inhibition for Lung Therapy," Grant, Case Western; 7th fl. grant, Emory; 2nd fl. aud. UPMC, 2 pm

Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds
"The Paradigmatic Challenge From Conflict to Cohesion: The Paradigmatic Challenge in Analyzing Plural Societies in Southeast Asia," Shamal Aunar, Bahardarum, UOM, 682 CL, 4 pm

Sunday 28

CS Debate
"DNA Damage Checkpoints & DNA Repair," Pam Ake, Conf. Ctr. classrm. D, noon

Monday 29

Drugs Over Lunch Lecture
"National Institutes of Health," Dennis Twombly, NIH, 501 BSTZ, noon-1:30 pm (412/578-1761)

National Women’s History Month Seminar
"Gender, Violence, and Empowerment: A Special Panel to Honor the Women of the New Deal Era," Mary Ann Samyn, WVU; Johnstown Campus Reading Room, 7:30 pm

Dental Medicine Continuing Ed Lecture
"DNA Repair Over Lunch Lecture," Dennis Twombly, NIH, 501 BSTZ, noon-1:30 pm (412/578-1761)

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Thursday 18
• Fall term registration & add/drop begin.

Five-Campus College Fair for Faculty & Staff
Consolidated Alumni, Alumni 1 am-2 pm & 5-7 pm (4-4906)

Biophysical Chemistry/Structural Biology Seminar
Patrick van der Vel, medicine; 6014 BST, 11 am

EOH Seminar
“Connecting PMZ 2 Chemicals to Exposures in NYC: The Complicated Story of Composition,” Richard Peltier; 540 Bridgeway Pt, noon

Environmental Seminar
“Snipping Away at Osteoporosis Susceptibility,” Joseph Zimula; A115 Crabtree, noon

Renal Electrolyte Seminar

Survival Skills & Ethics Lecture
“Careers Over Lunch”; S100 Presby, noon

Friday 19
Dental Medicine Continuing Ed. Lecture
“Impant Considerations in Endodontic Therapy,” George Just; 2148 Salk, 9 am-4 pm

East Asian Colloquium
“Effects of Teaching Order on the Acquisition of the Japanese Imperfective,” Clifford McRae; 4110 Posvar, noon

UCIS Asia Lecture
“Effect of Higher Education on the Economic Growth in East Asian Countries,” Eun-Kyung Lee; education; 4130 Posvar, noon (8-7370)

UCIS Asia Lecture
“Crime & Madness: A Dalous Abnormality,” Etienne Balibar, Université de Paris & UC-Irvine; 602 CL, 12:30 pm

Geology & Planetary Science Colloquium
“DITR: LIFE’S SOIL: Linking Microbial Biodiversity to Soil Structure & Function,” Shere Edelson, Chatham; 11th Thaw, 4 pm (4-8780)

Korean Women’s Studies Lecture
“Our Lives, Our Space: Views of Women in a Red-Light District,” Seol Cheng, Wellesley, FFA Gallery, 4 pm

Bradford Campus Fight Against Hunger
“Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner,” Melissa U Rm, Frame-Westerberg, UBP, 5-7 pm

UCIS Africa Film
“Rape in the Congo”, 4130 Posvar, 5-7 pm (8-2018)

Greenburg Campus Film
“Gladiator”, Campus Caul, UBP, 5-30 pm

Law Lecture
“Out & Equal in the Workplace: Sexual Orientation Discrimination,” M.V. Lee Badgett, U. of Maryland; Alcoa Rm., 6 pm (8-1490)

Saturday 20
Dental Medicine Continuing Ed. Seminar
“Local Anesthesiology for the Dental Hygienist, Part 2,” Sean Boytes & Paul Moore; 2148 Salk, 7:30 am-5 pm (also March 23)

UPMC Sports Medicine Expo/Conference
“Celebrating Student Athletes,” Heinz Field, 9 am-5 pm (also March 29)

Greenburg Campus Discover Day
Chambers, UBP, 9:30 am-2 pm (to register: 724/361-9890)

SHRS Open House
9025 Forbes Tower, 10-11 am (to register: www.shrs.pitt.edu)

Survival Skills & Ethics Workshop
“Grant Writing”, 4th fl. lecture rm. 2 Scife, 10 am-11 pm (4-1278-3716)

Bradford Campus Performance
Red Stick Ramblers; Bromley Family Theater, Blaisdell, UBP, 7:30 pm (814/562-5113)

Renal Electrolyte Lecture
“Pseudomomas Arriguensia Regul- lation of CFTR Trafficking in Epithelial Cells; Hijacking the Host,” Bruce Stanton; F1145 Presby, 12:15 pm

Music Lecture
“The Overtone Series & Micro- tones,” Dean Drummond, com- poser/conductor; 132 Music, 4 pm (4-4125)

Tissirule Campus Perform- ance
“Jumpin’ Jack Flash”, Han- und, UPT, 7:30 pm (tickets: 854/827-4503)

Pitt/CMU Grad Student Phi- losophy Conf.
“Theory & Explanation in Philosophy & Science”, Posvar, 3-7:15 pm (also March 20, 9 am-5:30 pm; schedule: www.pitt.edu/phil/grad)

Tuesday 23
Business Lecture
“Secrets of the Stars: What Makes a Star in the Workplace,” David Bender, Avi Learner; 5th fl. Alumni; 7:30 am-8:30 am (8-1608)

Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Journal Club
“Population-Based Study: Assessing Trends,” John Nair & Dhiraj Yadav; M2 conf. rbrace, Presby; 7:30 pm

Pitt Day in Harrisburg
Capitol Rotunda, 8 am (info: philgrad/)

Office of Research/NCRSA Broadcast Workshop
“Critical Issues for the Depart- ment Administrator”, S120 Starval BST, 11:30-1:30 pm (4-7405)

Basic & Translational Research Seminar
“Targeting P13 Kinase in Cancer: Could Isoform Speci- ficity Matter?” Thomas Roberts; Cooper Conf.Ctr. class, noon

Health Services Research Society
“Racial Disparities in Satisfac- tion With VA Care”,”, Sheree Zickman & Michael Fine; 305 Parkvale, noon

MHIR Seminar
“Negative Regulation of Innate Immune Signaling in the New- born Intestinal Epithelium,” David Hackam; 3rd fl. conf. ctr. Rangos, noon

Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar
“Developing Kinase Inhibitors: CDK7 & MEK5”, Patrick Flo- herty; 456 Salk, noon

UCIS Lecture
“Race, Culture & the Gene- nological Order,” Etienne Balibar, Université de Paris & UC-Irvine; 602 CL, 12:30 pm

Pharmacology & Chemical Biology Seminar
“The Nexus of DNA Repair & Bioenergetics in Chemotherapy Response,” Robert Sobol; 1195 Starval BST, 1-10 pm

History Lecture
“Violence & Gender in Central Europe After WWI,” Eliza Albowinski, Kenya, 3701 Posvar, 4-5:45 pm

Maggi-Mcewen Women’s Work-in- Progress Conference

LibraryCtr. Lecture
“Global Phenomenon,” Thomas Anderson; 1703 Posvar, noon

Pittsburgh Social Movements Forum
“The Enduring Consequences of Right-Wing Activism: Klein Mobilization in the 1960s & Homicides in Southern Coun- tries,” Tony Roche, Notre Dame; 2412 Posvar, noon

Pulmonary, Allergy & Criti- cal Care Medicine Research Presentations
NW628 Montefiore, noon (also March 29)

Greenburg Campus Jazz Lecture/Demonstration
“The Many Faces of Brazilian Jazz,” Lilly Abreu; Campana Chapel, UBP, 7:30 pm

Wednesday 24
Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds
“Surgery,” Damien Komesara; 7th fl. Mohr-Lentz HABS And, 7 am

Clinical Oncology & Hematol- ogy Grand Rounds
“Iatinib & the Role of PDGFR Blockade in Prostate Cancer,” Timothy Collison; “Does Inhibition of the SHH Pathway Reduce the Risk of Progression Future Barrett Esophagus to Adenocarcinoma in the Levrat Model?” Bruce Buchanan; Cooper Ctr. class. C, 8 am

Service-Learning Symposium/ Showcase
“Transforming Institutions… Transforming Communities,” Alex Johnson, CCAE; PAA Classroom, 8:30-10:30 am (412/711-2114)

Health Sciences Lecture
“Novel Protein Biomarker Patterns for Disease Diagnosis & Translational Medicine,” Diane Hoffman; S120 BST South, noon

HSLS Workshop
“End-of-Life Decision Making,” Ahmed Salem, Falk Library classroom. 2, 1-3 pm

“Being Honest in the Workplace: How You Can Help CKD Patients Live Longer,” Marcia Silver; F116 Presby, noon

Limbac Lecture
“IP Licensing: What Pharma Wants,” Richard Fang; CCAC, 7th fl. Conference, Rangos, 7:30 am-5:30 pm

Bradford Campus Oil & Gas Seminar
“Minimizing Natural Gas Impacts on Forests & Wild- life,” Robert Hansen, Penn State Cooperative Ext.:Mukayama U Rm., Frame-Westerberg, UBP, 6-8 pm (reach@pitt.edu)

Bradford Campus Concert
“College-Community Choir Concert”, Bromley Family Theater, Blaisdell, UBP, 7:30 pm (814/562-0248)

Thursday 25
Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds
“I Can’t Breathe: Difficult Ven- tilation in the ED,” E. Louise Eisinger; FFA aud., 7:30 am-5:15 pm

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