IP issue stirs debate at Faculty Assembly

About the only thing that Faculty Assembly members agreed on this week’s lengthy meeting was that the members present—save one—aren’t lawyers. What’s most, the lone attorney in attendance joined the rest of the group in failing to discern any expertise in the finer points of the main topic of debate: intellectual property (IP). Here:

The Assembly’s Sept. 9 session — its first meeting of the new academic year — spanned more than two hours, with lengthy, at times heated, discussions yielded two sharply divided votes on a pair of important personnel matters. One had to do with the University Student Assembly’s tenure and academic freedom committee (TAPC).

Intellectual property rights

While administrators say there has been no change to the University’s longstanding copyright and patent rights and technology transfer policies, some faculty are not so sure.

TAPC reached a resolution late last week in response to concerns that some faculty are feeling pressure to sign a new IP rights assignment agreement, revised July 1 — or risk losing grants, access to University resources or, some fear, their jobs. (For a story on the IP rights assignment agreement, see PAGE 5.)

The resolution “strongly urges” the provost to delay requiring the agreement for up to six months to give TAPC time to gather additional information. It passed in an 18-1 vote with one abstention.

The resolution itself, which contains a list of concerns, was issued without input from the Senate, apparently bypassing the principle of shared governance.

The provost, under scrutiny with University Senate President Michael Spring questioning TAPC’s quick draft of the resolution and labeling the committee’s contention “exaggerated,”

TAPC co-chair Barry Gold of pharmacy said TAPC fielded faculty inquiries after Casey D. Balaban, vice provost for faculty affairs, reminded deans in an Aug. 4 memo that “in order to comply with the University’s obligations to receive federal grants and contracts” all new hires must sign the IP assignment upon employment and that the new IP document must be signed by current faculty and one clerical and staff and sent to the Office of Technology Management by Sept. 16 “for continuity of access to accounts related to federal research awards.”

“We didn’t know this intellectual property agreement was coming either,” said Gold in defense of the committee’s action.

“Whatever we do we want to get this to the Faculty Assembly as quickly as possible before the Sept. 18 deadline. That was the goal of getting this resolution in front of you today”.

Gold told Faculty Assembly: “The main thing we’re trying to do here is slow this steamroller down, to give the Faculty Assembly a chance to look at it and make a major change in policy.” He said, noting that both the deadline and the wording of the policy are raising concerns.

Underlying the new IP assignment agreements is a 2011 Supreme Court decision in the case of Stanford v. Roche, which

Pitt backs Bangladesh safety pact

It has joined a growing number of universities to require all its licensees whose logos products are made in Bangladesh to sign a key worker-safety accord.

Under pressure from No Sweat, a consortium of Pitt student groups in opposition to sweatshops, the University put its licensed apparel suppliers on notice that it would no longer do business with licensees who are not signatories to the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh.

Using the University’s “concerns about the ideal of safe, healthy working conditions and human rights for those who toil to produce its diverse products and other items that display University of Pittsburgh names and marks,” in an Aug. 11 letter to licensees, Pitt licensing coordinator Luis Bueno wrote: “Following the University’s review of the relevant issues, the University has decided to ask its licensees that source, produce or purchase apparel in Bangladesh under a University of Pittsburgh license to sign the Accord. Therefore, if you are warehousing, producing or purchasing apparel in Bangladesh under a University of Pittsburgh license as of July 1, 2014, or at any time thereafter — and if you have not already done so — you should sign the Accord no later than October 1, 2014. If you fail to do so, that failure will result in the termination or non-renewal of your University license.”

The accord establishes a five-year fire and building safety program to protect garment workers in Bangladesh.

The legally binding agreement among international non-profit IndustriALL and UNI Global, Bangladesh trade unions and international brands and retailers was established in May 2013 following the April 2013 Rana Plaza factory collapse in Dhaka, Bangladesh, that killed more than 1,000 garment workers and injured thousands more. The incident drew attention to factory safety conditions in Bangladesh, where fires and building collapses are among the workplace dangers for garment industry workers.

The accord calls for the establishment of health and safety committees and safety inspection of sites covering both the signatories and their suppliers.

The accord’s website (www.bangladeshaccord.org) states that more than 150 apparel companies from 20 nations have signed the accord, which, as of Sept. 1, covers 1,272 factories employing more than two million workers.

Pitt students previously pressed the University to join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), one of the groups that drafted the accord. WRC compiles a list of factories where licensed university logo products are manufactured and monitors working conditions in those factories. Pitt joined the WRC 12 years ago and is now among 180 universities affiliated with the group.

Bueno noted in the Aug. 11 letter to suppliers that Pitt has been working with the College Licensing Co. (CLC) to use workplace code standards for University licensees, adding that licenses are expected to comply with WRC and Fair Labor Association workplace standards in alignment with Pitt’s affiliation with those groups.

The University contracts with CLC, a division of IMG College, for its logo product licensing services. CLC on a quarterly basis submits licenses’ “facture disclosure data to WRC on Pitt’s behalf”.

That information appears in a searchable database at http://
Cool Schools: How Pitt fares in “green” ranking

The University ranked No. 97 among 173 schools in Sierra Magazine’s annual Cool Schools list of the nation’s greenest colleges. Of a possible 1,000 points, Pitt scored 399.37. The University of California-Irvine was No. 1 in the recently released 2014 survey. Three schools were ranked in 11 categories: co-curricular, energy, investments, food, innovation, academic advisors, research, sustainable transportation, purchasing, transit and waste, and water. Pitt ranked No. 38 among the 173 schools in the energy category, 61th in transportation and 97th in both academic/research and food.

The Cool Schools report stated: “While many universities are making admirable progress, no school has yet attained complete sustainability. The top-rated multiline (scored 500-1,000 points), indicating much work completed but also room for improvement.”

Participation was open to all U.S. colleges and universities with a master’s or a bachelor’s degree in the United States. Schools that submitted complete data by Sierra’s deadline were eligible for the rankings.

The report stated: “The United States has more than 2,000 four-year colleges and universities, so far, so good, of course, schools that care about the environment that don’t appear on Sierra’s list. That said, our ranking aims to act as a guide for prospective students who seek a way to compare colleges based on the schools’ commitment to sustainability as well as, of course, an easy way to identify schools that don’t serve to spurn competition, create aspirational standards and publicly address the intense pressure that work hard to protect the planet.”

Pitt’s participation in the survey comes after a two-year absence. In its first submission to the Cool Schools list, the University ranked No. 52 out of 118 schools.

In 2011, the survey expanded the survey and changed its scoring, making it difficult to compare each university. However, schools listed on the “Greenest Schools” list as well as the “Cool Schools” category will not be included for publication.

Correction

Binkart Holzner was succeeded as director of the University Center for International Studies by William Brustein, who directed CCIS 2001-06. The information was inadvertently included in the Aug. 26 Times University obituary for Holzner.

In 2012, Holzner’s survivors are two sons and two daughters. Incomplete information appeared in the Aug. 28 article.

My Pitt Email

This summer, the University community experienced an email shift. Computing Services and Systems Development (CSSD), which manages 90,000 accounts used in professional environments, has increased, spam and virus attacks have increased, and the number of platforms on which people access their email has increased.

We wanted to provide the University community with a service that works for all members of our community: faculty, staff and students. We added additional services that would provide the same experience whether someone was working in their office, web browser or a desktop email client.

And we wanted a University service that’s flexible in its professional functionality, its security and its maintenance.

Microsoft offers that kind of email service.

Implementing My Pitt Email

Over the course of a weekend at the end of July, 90,000 My Pitt Email accounts were converted and receive email for Pitt faculty, staff and students. Stored email messages then began to be transferred from the forms system to the new accounts.

While the transition wasn’t free of surprises, the process went very smoothly, given its scope. We were able to quickly address the issues that crept and minimize inconvenience for users.

New opportunities

My Pitt Email is just one aspect of the changes that computing services has brought on. With the introduction of improved communication and increased productivity:

• Mobile integration. Addressee lists, calendars, contacts and email messages are now accessible on mobile devices.

The Central Blood Bank will hold a blood drive today, Sept. 11, in the William Pitt Union lower lounge, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Those interested in donating are asked to visit www.centralbloodbank.org or contact Tami Hirt at 412/624-7708 or by e-mail at hirtl@pitt.edu.

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Dan Meneneuici
Enterprise Architects

Moving forward with My Pitt Email

From a technical perspective, the University’s email migration to My Pitt Email will have been a success. The system works and security was maintained. We are continuing to adjust and optimize the system in response to users’ feedback.

The end result of technology, especially at a university, is measured not in “how much” but in “how well.” We believe that My Pitt Email will be a success if faculty and staff find surprising ways to leverage the technology in the coming year.

How will you take advantage of these new capabilities?

Dan Meneneuici is an enterprise architect in CSSD, helping to make the most effective and efficient use of Pitt’s IT services.
Conserving a valuable resource: System will recover helium for physics lab use

The College of Business Administration (CBA) aims to give all of its students an international experience within the next five years, and the school’s new Global Business Institute “is the anchor of our programs,” says Bryan Schultz, the college’s first director of international programs. Explains Audrey J. Murrell, who became assistant dean of CBA a year ago: “I wanted to push the envelope on preparing undergraduate business students. And to me that means they have some sort of international experience.”

The Global Business Institute will host Pitt classes in five cities worldwide, each with its own special business emphasis: Buenos Aires (global management); Florence (human resources); London (finance and accounting); Shanghai (chain management); and Sydney (marketing and business information systems).

“CBA plans to create a wide portfolio of options for students,” Schultz says, with each location offering 10 to 15 business classes per term during fall, spring and/or summer, as well as internship opportunities for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students will be able to take classes taught by Pitt faculty members in English or in the host country’s language.

“We’re going to try to pair the academic offerings within the classes with internships and academic opportunities outside the class,” says Murrell, focusing on Florence as a global hospitality business hub, for instance, or London as a world financial center.

While attending the institute, CBA students will be able to earn 12 academic credits in three classes and an additional three credits for their internship. Each institute’s classes will lead to the CBA’s certificate programs in international business, which “allows them to complement the depth they get in the major,” says Murrell. And it dovetails with the school’s relatively new minor: “From the classroom to the city, to the world.”

CAPA International Education, with whom the University recently renewed its 25-year partnership, will recruit faculty for the institute’s five overseas locations. CAPA will provide student housing and set up internships for Pitt students. Although eventually there will be about 500 CBA students in institute classes each year, CAPA also will offer class spots to students in other business schools, since there are not enough Pitt students to fill every class offered across all semesters and run a cost-effective program, Schultz says.

“Because each student’s financial aid for Pitt tuition and rooming costs can be used overseas, the additional price for the program will be the plane ticket and the increased cost of living in certain cities.” Murrell says. “We are not able to offer the full experience of staying at one of the five institute locations, but we believe the experience will be worth what students pay.”

In addition to offering students new and innovative experience, CAPA International Education is hoping to create an international experience to make academic sense,” says Murrell, “and fit with the professional environment and opportunities.”

“Students will be able to use what they have learned while obtaining a degree in international business.”

—Marty Levine
Pitt maintains position in U.S. News overall ranking

Pitt held steady at No. 62 among national universities and rose one spot to No. 20 among public national universities in the U.S. News & World Report annual Best Colleges rankings. The 2015 rankings, which included 1,365 schools, were released Sept. 9.

The University shared the No. 62 spot in a six-way tie with Brigham Young-Provo, Clemson, Purdue-West Lafayette, University of Georgia and University of Maryland-College Park.

Clemson, Purdue-West Lafayette, Georgia and University of Maryland-College Park shared Pitt’s No. 20 spot on the U.S. News public national university ranking.

In last year’s (2014) rankings, Pitt fell four places to No. 62 among national universities (tied with Brigham Young-Provo, Clemson, Syracuse, University of Maryland-College Park and Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and dropped two places to No. 21 among public national universities.

National university rankings

U.S. News’ top 10 national universities were Princeton at No. 1, followed by Harvard then Yale, with Columbia, Stanford and University of Chicago tied at No. 5; Duke and Penn tied at No. 8, and California Institute of Technology at No. 10.

The publication placed the University of California-Berkeley at No. 1 among public, national universities, followed by UCLA and University of Virginia at No. 2; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor at No. 4, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill at No. 5, William & Mary at No. 6, Georgia Institute of Technology at No. 7, University of California-San Diego at No. 8, University of California-Davis at No. 9 and University of California-Santa Barbara at No. 10.

The publication defines national universities as offering a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master’s and PhD programs, and emphasizing faculty research.

The publication made no changes in its methodology in this year’s ranking. Rankings were based 22.5 percent on undergraduate academic reputation, as assessed by administrators at peer schools and high school counselors; 22.5 percent on retention, which tracks the six-year graduation rate and freshman retention; 20 percent on faculty resources including class size, faculty salary, the proportion of professors with the highest degree in their fields, student-faculty ratio and the proportion of full-time faculty; 12.5 percent on student selectivity; 10 percent on academics and student services-related spending per student; 7.5 percent on graduation rate performance; and 5 percent on alumni giving.

Pitt’s ranking

Pitt’s average freshman retention rate, based on freshmen who entered fall 2009 through fall 2012, was 92 percent. Its six-year graduation rate was 80 percent, based on graduates from class that started from fall 2004 to fall 2007.

The University’s 2013 total enrollment was 28,049, down slightly from 28,769 in the prior year.

Of Pitt classes, 41.1 percent had fewer than 20 students. Pitt’s fall 2013 acceptance rate was 54.2 percent. The 25th-75th percentile SAT/ACT scores were 1180-1360.

PA schools ranked among national universities

Eleven Pennsylvania schools were included in the 2015 national universities ranking. Above Pitt were at No. 8, Carnegie Mellon, tied for No. 25; Lehigh for No. 40, and Penn State University Park, tied for No. 48.

Pennsylvania schools that were below Pitt’s No. 62 ranking were Down at No. 95; DeVry University, tied for No. 116; Temple at No. 121; Immaculata at No. 181, and Widener University, tied for No. 189. Indiana University of Pennsylvania was listed, but its rank was not published.

In addition, Pitt tied for No. 20 among the U.S. News top public national universities, Penn State tied at No. 17, University of Florida and University of Washington, and Temple tied at No. 27.

Undergraduate business and engineering school rankings

The 2015 U.S. News Best Colleges also ranked undergraduate business and engineering programs based on peer assessments conducted in 2014. Business and engineering programs were last ranked in the publication’s 2013 Best Colleges report.

The University’s undergraduate business program tied for No. 29 with Boston University, William & Mary and University of California-Irvine, University of South Carolina and Virginia Tech.

Pitt did not appear in any of the 15 business speciality rankings.

In the 2013 Best Colleges report, Pitt tied for No. 47 in business, with Arkansas, Auburn, Bentley, Connecticut, DePauw, Oregon, Reneselaer Polytechnic Institute and Tennessee.

The U.S. News undergraduate engineering program rankings split schools depending on whether a doctorate is offered. Among programs in schools where a doctorate is offered, Pitt’s undergraduate engineering program ranked No. 34, tied with Auburn, Boston University, Northeastern, Rutgers and University of Arizona.

Among rankings for a dozen engineering specialties, Pitt appeared at No. 19 in biomedical engineering, tied with University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign and Washington University in St. Louis.

In the 2013 undergraduate engineering rankings, Pitt tied for No. 20 with Rutgers and University of Arizona.

High school counselor rankings

Among national universities, Pitt ranked No. 74 in a sampling of guidance counselors from public schools that appeared in the U.S. News Best High School rankings and from the largest private independent schools. Counselors rated which universities they thought offered the best undergraduate education.

Based on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being highest, Pitt scored 3.9, tied with Arizona, George Mason, Howard, Indiana, Purdue University-indianapolis and Temple.

The full list of rankings is at www.usnews.com.

—Kimberly B. Barkow

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It’s not just for students

Last month Pitt freshmen gathered outside the Petersen Events Center with upcycled LED lights. In their bid to break the world record for the longest torchlit image, they assembled in a representation of the world globe, launching what Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson has decreed the Year of Sustainability at Pitt.

The emphasis on sustainability isn’t for students alone. Event funding, awards, and the opportunity to suggest ways Pitt can become greener are all available to faculty and staff.

“The programs and opportunities associated with the Year of Sustainability are designed to promote awareness of the possibilities for sustainability as a force of research and education, and of the value of sustainable practices in our everyday lives,” said Beeson in a statement provided to the University Times.

“We hope that the Year of Sustainability will encourage faculty, staff, and students to think about how they can incorporate sustainability into their current practices. We also hope it will create a platform for the many individuals already engaged in sustainability to share their ideas and practices with a wider audience, and enhance them as a result.”

Gena M. Kowalski, codirector of the Maco Center for Sustainable Innovation, who is coordinating many of the Year of Sustainability efforts, said, “I think the campus is really primed for this,” adding that students are motivated and that many faculty are incorporating sustainability into their classes. “We want to acknowledge that this isn’t something new, it’s been going on for awhile now,” Kowalski said.

“It’s interesting to see how many areas are interested,” she said, noting that departments and individuals University-wide are participating. Although the MacCoe Center is housed in the Swanson School, Kowalski said she has been collaborating with such diverse areas as Student Affairs, Parking, Transportation, and Services, and Facilities Management, among others, on sustainability efforts. Political science and the School of Social Work are among the areas that have been awarded funding for sustainability-related presentations.

News and events are being compiled at sustainable.pitt.edu. The University’s 2013 Report on Sustainability, which compiles Pitt’s efforts, is posted on the site as well. Sustainability coordinator Dan Martinelli said an updated report will be on the University-wide sustainability working group’s agenda this year.

Kowalski said, “We’re trying to engage people. We’re also trying to recognize people who have been doing things behind the scenes.”

Opportunities include:

- Faculty, staff, and students are invited to apply for up to $10,000 in matching funds from the Provost’s office to support sustainability-related lectures and workshops.
- As of Sept. 4, the Office of the Provost had funded seven events with Year of Sustainability lecture funds. Money for additional events remains available, Kowalski said.
- Programs that connect individuals from multiple departments are encouraged. A request form is posted at www.engineering.pitt.edu/provost/sustainability/.
- The University is soliciting green ideas for possible implementations on campus. Kowalski said a “subway idea” feature will be added soon at sustainable.pitt.edu as members of the campus community can submit to the University sustainability coordinator their suggestions for making Pitt more sustainable.
- Nominations will open shortly for University sustainability awards to honor faculty, staff, and students for noteworthy involvement in environmental efforts. Winners will be recognized in April at a presentation that Kowalski said may become an annual event.
- Student Affairs spokesperson Sharm Ahearn said PittServes office plans to add a sustainability program coordinator this fall for the new Student Office of Sustainability. That office, said Kowalski, aims to connect the many student groups that are active in sustainability issues.
- Watch for additional emphasis on recycling and waste minimization as part of this year’s homecoming celebration, Kowalski said. And, a zero-waste Pitt basketball game is being planned. The events serve not only to “do the right thing,” she said, but to raise awareness as well.

—Kimberly K. Burlew

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Business program benefits students, community partners

Three years ago, Audrey J. Murrell, now assistant dean in the College of Business Administration (CBA), was talking to a CBA marketing staff about the effect of students’ community projects and internships.

“How do you know the broader impact of what you are doing?” the marketing staffer asked.

“I couldn’t tell her,” Murrell says today, “because all of our projects were one-shot, lasting a short time, and geared to students’ talents and majors alone. We weren’t there long enough to see our projects move the needle”—to measure the impact of any one effort, she adds.

So, Murrell thought, “let’s focus on some key areas and key organizations” in the Pittsburgh area, concentrating on their needs first, then matching them with students’ areas of expertise.

Beginning last spring, students in the CBA certificate program in leadership and ethics (CPLE) are being connected with local nonprofits for a minimum of three years, in a new effort dubbed Panther Projects. Murrell hopes to expand the idea to other CBA students.

For Panther Projects, CBA faculty and students meet with local organizations to assess their needs, then devise work that students in sping or fall classes and in summer internships can add to the organization in accomplishing.

The new, longer-term projects allow one set of students both to accomplish their own objectives and to set the stage for incoming student volunteers.

Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) was one of the first beneficiaries. This spring, the PPS human resources department hosted its first CBA cohort to help the district refine its teacher recruitment strategy.

The CBA students focused on how the district could better seek teachers who really want to be in an urban setting, “keeping in mind that we have the goal of having a diverse and talented workforce,” says Shaunie Caud, then with the district’s HR office, now project manager for the teaching and learning environment for PPS.

CBA students visited PPS’s Oakland headquarters to interview HR officials and get a better understanding of how their department functioned. Under PPS’s direction, students also visited Veedereith’s School of Education in Nashville, interviewing faculty, staff and students to benchmark how Vanderbilt helps its city school district undertake teacher recruitment, since Vanderbilt has a close working relationship within the district.

At the end of the spring, the CBA students in this Panther Project presented their analysis to PPS, outlining current and recommended recruitment strategies, suggesting ways the district could improve on partnerships with schools of education nationally and outlining potential tasks for the student intern who would continue the project.

Edy Anisko, PPS’s manager of human capital, worked closely with the CBA interns. She says the intern “did a fantastic job of taking the research the team did earlier in the year and making it more concrete,” putting together a list of where, and a calendar of when, the district ought to seek new talent. “Her work was instrumental in helping us make decisions,” Anisko says. PPS also gained a recruitment strategy manual, specific to many educational schools, for 2013-16 recruiting.

“I think it’s a successful partnership,” says Anisko. “The value add for us is we have someone who has done some research. The school district got to be a part of an extremely busy HR department. She saw what it takes to be a professional in the work environment...and we got to benefit of having a student who definitely knows how to do some research. It was definitely a win for PPS and definitely a win for the student as well.”

The CBA students also have been working with community partners. One new partnership is with the Food Bank of Western Pennsylvania, where students are embedded in the organization.

Panther Projects has received positive feedback and is expected to be expanded to other programs for the Fall 2013–14 semester, Murrell says.

“Day of Caring registration opens”

Registration is open for one of the many community service projects as part of the University’s annual United Way Day of Caring.

This year’s event is set for Thursday, Oct. 2, with project sites in neighborhoods including Oakland, the Hill District, East Liberty, Lawrenceville, Lawrence, Homestead and Squirrel Hill.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and family members age 14 and older may participate.

Click on the registration link at www.unitedwaypitt.org/day_caring to view the list of projects. Available slots of each site are represented as “tickets remaining” on the Eventbrite registration link. Registration is required by Sept. 22.

This year’s Day of Caring, conducted in partnership with the Pittsburgh Coalition for Community and Economic Development, involves between 700 and 1,000 volunteers.

Follow up: Please contact Christian Truitt at Christian.Truitt@pitt.edu or 412-624-6858 for more information.

“The University of Pittsburgh is an anchor institution, and we’re proud to be an active and engaged part of the community,” said President Karen A.超过了.
2014 Flu Shot Schedule

Even though it is mid-September and it may still be warm outside, flu season is around the corner. According to Web MD, the influenza vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu, and flu prevention should be a goal for everyone. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone age 6 months old and older receive a flu shot.

According to the CDC, up to 20% of Americans get the flu each year, with more than 200,000 people in the U.S. hospitalized. These statistics would decrease if more people took advantage of the opportunity to prevent flu with an influenza vaccine or flu shot.

Because the peak flu season may begin as early as October and run through May, it is best to obtain a flu shot as soon as possible starting in September. It takes about two weeks for the flu shot to be most effective. You can obtain an influenza vaccine in December or later—flu season lasts well into spring—but the earlier in flu season you get it, the better your odds of staying flu free. Please note that this year’s shot provides protection against the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 virus.

The School of Pharmacy, working with Falk Pharmacy, will be conducting flu shot clinics on the Pittsburgh campus. Through the dedication of Dr. Denise Hall and her team, the University has consistently achieved high levels of participation.

In addition, arrangements also are underway to conduct clinics at the regional campuses.

Listed below is the current flu shot clinic schedule:

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Falk Pharmacy flu clinics will be held every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. through November 20. After Thanksgiving, flu shots will be available during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Prior to the clinics commencing, you will receive information at your home address regarding flu shots from UPMC Health Plan, which includes an "Intake and Consent Form." In order to expedite the administration of your flu shot, you are asked to complete the form in advance and bring it with you to the flu shot clinic. If you do not bring the form with you, you will be asked to fill out a form before receiving your flu shot.

UPMC Health Plan members also may obtain a flu shot from a participating provider at no out-of-pocket cost. If plan members obtain a flu shot at a clinic or pharmacy that does not participate with UPMC Health Plan, then they will need to pay for the flu shot at the time of service and file a claim for reimbursement.

Reimbursement forms can be downloaded from UPMC Health Plan’s website at www.upmchealthplan.com, select the “Individuals & Families" tab, then “Member Forms/Resources", then scroll down to "Claim Forms." Individuals who participate in the Pitt Advocate plan can receive $25 in HRA credits for obtaining a flu shot.

Flu shots are covered by the University’s UPMC Health Plan at no out-of-pocket cost to you. Obtaining the shot is convenient! You will only need to sign the consent form and display your University ID and your UPMC Health Plan membership card.

Note that if you do not carry the University’s medical insurance, you still can obtain a flu shot on campus for a $25 out-of-pocket charge.

Reintroducing the Benefits Department

With the new academic year underway, it is a good opportunity to reintroduce the Benefits Department staff. Feel free to call us if you ever have any questions. We are here to serve you. The Benefits Department can be reached at:

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UPMC Health Plan

Pharmacy Benefits

How to Obtain the Best Value

From a treatment perspective, it is the best of times. Many categories of medications have generic equivalents. In fact today, over 80% of the University’s fulfillment of prescriptions involves generic medications. Use of generic medication helps keep pharmacy costs lower. On the other end of the scale, new and very effective drugs classified as specialty medications are being developed by pharmaceutical companies. They can be very helpful, may be more effective, and may have fewer side effects. Specialty medications are defined by Medicare as prescriptions that cost in excess of $500 per month. Many of the medications utilized today exceed $2,000 per month. Regardless of the medications you may take, the University has a special arrangement with three University-related pharmacies to help keep your costs and stretch the value of the copayments for these medications.

University Pharmacy

On the Pittsburgh campus, University Pharmacy (previously known as University Health Pharmacy) is conveniently located in the heart of the Pittsburgh campus at street level in Nordenberg Hall, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and University Place. It has the reputation for providing superior customer service. This tradition continues today. Maintenance prescriptions can be filled at the University Pharmacy for a 90-day supply at the cost of two copayments. It also offers over-the-counter medication at attractive pricing.

Falk Pharmacy

Falk Pharmacy, owned and operated by UPMC, also can provide savings by offering a 90-day supply at the cost of two copayments. It also offers over-the-counter medication at attractive pricing and provides office delivery to many University buildings. Falk Pharmacy is located at 3901 Fifth Avenue.

PANTHERS

The newest partnership with the University is PANTHERS. PANTHERS is a specialty pharmacy that offers many benefits:

- Industry-leading turnaround time for new refills
- Ensure patients receive their medications promptly and without complications.
- Proactive prior authorization support prevents gaps in care.
- High-touch, disease-specific clinical programs have extensive, fully customizable reporting capabilities.
- Patient-centric approach to disease state management, 24/7 clinical support, and patient-friendly packaging provide best-in-class medication adherence support and waste reduction.
- Single point of contact provides one-call issue resolution.

As you well know, if you are taking a specialty medication, even though the copayments are a fraction of the total cost of the medication, they are very expensive. PANTHERS will work proactively with you to identify financial support that is sometimes available through grants or special programs offered by the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

You may call any of the pharmacies at:

University Pharmacy 412/383-1850
Falk Pharmacy 412/623-6222
PANTHERS 412/246-9858

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Office of Human Resources • September 2014
The People of the Times column features recent news on faculty and staff, including additions and other honorees for their dedicated service and contributions to the advancement of public health.

Chancellor Patrick Gallagher said: “This appointment recognizes the quality and impact of Professor James’s work to date, which has earned deep and widespread respect in both the academic and policymaking communities. It also is an expression of our confidence that in the years ahead, under Everette’s leadership, our Health Policy Institute will continue to be a positive force in the improvement of human health through evidence-based public policy.”

As HPI director, James oversees a far-reaching program that produces health services and policy research and educational programs for public health, business and the foundation community. HPI is the only academic public health policy institute in the U.S. that combines expertise across all of the health sciences — medicine, public health, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry and the rehabilitation sciences — to answer the key questions facing the U.S. health system. James, who also is associate vice chancellor for health policy and planning in the Schools of the Health Sciences, served as the Pennsylvania secretary of health before joining the University.

HPI supports research in comparative effectiveness; pharmaceutical policy; media and technology; new models of inter-professional, interdisciplinary care delivery; Medicaid and emerging health policy issues, such as prescription drug abuse; and the public health impacts of natural gas drilling.

Three members of the Pitt community are being recognized in Pittsburgh’s annual 40 Under 40 list of people who make the region better for everyone.

For more information on the annual 40 Under 40 program, sponsored by Pittsburgh Magazine and the University, the Pitt Times, the Pitt Honors College, the Office of Student Affairs in the Schools of the Health Sciences, Health Policy Institute, Office of Student Recruitment and the University of Pittsburgh’s Alumni Relations, see:...
Study examines kids' early rehab of acute brain injury

With the support of a $1.9 million grant from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Erieka Fink, faculty member in pediatric critical care medicine at the School of Medicine, will examine early rehabilitation protocols (ERP) for children with acute brain injury (ABI).

The randomized, controlled trial will, for the first time, evaluate an early rehabilitation protocol versus usual care to improve outcomes for children admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit at Children’s Hospital with ABI.

The grant will fund a multi-center needs assessment to further characterize the current practices, barriers to care and resources for physical, occupational, speech and behavioral assessment and therapies needed for early rehabilitation protocol implementation in pediatric intensive care units.

It is one of 33 proposals PCORI approved for funding to advance patient-centered comparative effectiveness research and to help patients, health care providers and other clinical decision-makers make better-informed choices.

ERP addresses the functional, cognitive and emotional needs of the critically ill child. It is delivered by a multidisciplinary team with the aim of optimizing outcomes important to the patient and family.

Fink will lead the multidisciplinary research project with a critical care physician at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Other collaborators include experts in pediatric brain injury, rehabilitation, psychiatry and outcomes.

Said Fink: “We developed the early rehabilitation protocol program to include interventions that will optimize outcomes most important to patients and families including emotional, cognitive and functional ability and quality of life. Should ERP be shown to be effective, we will provide assistance to other parties interested in implementing it in their institutions.”

All PCORI-funded projects were selected through a competitive review process in which scientists, patients, caregivers and other stakeholders helped evaluate more than 325 applications for funding. Proposals were evaluated on scientific merit, how well they will engage patients and other stakeholders and their methodological rigor, among other criteria.

Learning pathways research could help stroke recovery

Learning a new skill is easier when it is related to an ability that we already possess. For example, a trained pianist might learn a new melody more easily than learning how to hit a tennis serve.

Neural engineers from the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition (CNBC)—a joint program of Pitt and Carnegie Mellon University—have discovered a fundamental constraint in the brain that may explain why this happens. Published as the cover story in Nature, the study found for the first time that there are constraints on how adaptable the brain is during learning and that these constraints are the key determinant for whether a new skill will be easy or difficult to learn. Understanding the ways in which the brain’s activity can be “flexed” during learning eventually could be used to develop better treatments for stroke and other brain injuries.

Lead author Patrick T. Saddler, a PhD candidate in the Department of Bioengineering, compared the study’s findings to cooking: “Suppose you have flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs, salt and milk. You can combine them to make different items—bread, pancakes, and cookies—but it would be difficult to make hamburgers. Pitting the existing ingredients, we found that the brain works in a similar way during learning. We found that subjects were able to more readily recombine familiar activity patterns in new ways relative to creating entirely novel patterns.”

For the study, the research team trained animals to use a brain-computer interface, similar to ones that have shown recent promise in clinical trials for assisting tetraplegics and amputees.

The researchers recorded neural activity in the motor cortex and directed the recordings into a computer, which translated the activity into movement of a cursor on the computer screen. This technique allowed the team to specify the activity patterns that would move the cursor. The subjects’ goal was to move the cursor to targets on the screen, which required them to generate the patterns of neural activity that the experimenters had requested. If the subjects could move the cursor well, that meant that they had learned to generate the neural activity pattern that the researchers had specified.

The researchers found that their subjects learned to generate some neural activity patterns more easily than others, since they only sometimes achieved accurate cursor movements. The harder-to-learn patterns were different from any of the pre-existing patterns whereas the easier-to-learn patterns were combinations of pre-existing brain patterns. Because the existing brain patterns likely reflect how the neurons are arranged, the researchers concluded that the learning patterns were a reflection of the existing neural circuitry. The results suggest that the brain learns in a way that is similar to how the brain normally functions, which means that the study’s findings may have implications for developing treatments for conditions that affect brain activity.
The specific questions to be addressed are:
• Can we design purely synthetic materials that autonomously process, transport, and deliver information and, hence, begin to mimic salient biologic behavior?
• Can the use of Yao Dose’s "network" to share information and perform cooperative, coordinated activities?

The research will focus on devising chemically powered motors and "the network" to move and transport biomolecular messengers. When these motors are anchored onto a surface, they transfer their chemically generated force to the surrounding fluid, and, hence, function as fluidic pumps. By creating systems of autonomous motors and pumps that have the capacity to transfer energy, move, and communicate, researchers may lay the foundations for fabricating self-powered, small-scale robotic systems that will perform "collaborative" work.

The proposed research involves a new collaboration that uses knowledge of synthetic chemistry and catalysis, as well as fluid dynamics and computational modeling.

Permanent magnets improve power generation

A more energy-efficient and less time-consuming method to produce permanent magnets for use in wind turbines, electric cars, and other applications was awarded a NSF grant to researchers at the Swanson School of Engineering and Aalto Techni cal Center in New Kensington.

The proposal, "Manufacturing of Nanostructure-Enhanced Mg-Al Based Materials via Modified Machining and Thermomechanical Consolidation for High Performance Magnets," was awarded $95,096 to the researchers. The grant runs through September 2017.

The study is led by the Swanson school’s Jörg M.K. Wittorff, a mechanical engineering faculty member, and colleagues.

Brain’s anti-relapse circuitry could help addictions

Yaxing Ma, research associate in the lab of Yao Dose, neuroscience faculty member in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, notes that biology, by nature, has a yin and a yang, a plus and a poll. Addictions, particularly relapse, the finds, is no exception.

She was the lead author of a paper published online in Nature Neurosciences that posits that it may be possible to ramp up an intrinsic anti-addiction response as a means to fight cocaine relapse and keep the world safe for neurons.

This paper is the first to establish the existence of brain circuitry that seeks to release the effects of cocaine use through a naturally occurring neural remolding with "seamless synaptic plasticity.

The work is a follow-up on a recent study conducted by Doug Dang and his colleagues, which was published in Nature Neuroscience in November. The team used a test molecule that prevents the release of cocaine from self-administration and withdrawal on nerve cells in the nucleus accumbens, a small region in the brain that is associated with reward, emotion, motivation and addiction. Specifically, they investigated the roles of synapses, the structure at the end of nerve cells that relay signals. The team reported in an earlier study that when a rat uses cocaine, certain brain synapses are generated, which are called "silent synapses" because they convey no signals and send few signals under normal physiological conditions. After rats stop using cocaine, these silent synapses mature and acquire their full function to send signals. They then will send stronger signals for cocaine if the rat is exposed to cues previously associated with drug.

The current Neuron paper shows that there is another side of the story. Synapses in the brain do not simply turn on during cocaine use. Silent synapses that are generated in a specific cortical projection to the nucleus accumbens and exposure become "unmasked" after cocaine withdrawal, resulting in a profound remodeling of this cortical projection. Additional experiments show that silent synapse-based remodeling of this cortical projection decreases cocaine craving.

Importantly, these anti-relapse circuitry remodeling in induced by cocaine exposure itself, suggesting that the body has its own way to fight addiction.

Doug, the paper’s senior author, said that the anti-relapse response is predominant after cocaine exposure. But since the anti-relapse response exists inside the brain, it possibly could be treated clinically to achieve therapeutic benefits.

Ma noted that this finding "may provide insight into ways to manipulate this yin-yang balance and hopefully provide new neurobiological targets for interventions designed to decrease relapse. Our ongoing study is exploring some unusual and simple ways to boost the endogenous anti-addiction mechanism."

Others contributing to the study from Pitt were Susuan Sesack, Yanhua Huang, Xiaoxing Wang, Changyong Gao, Yan Lan and Pablo Balcaz-Pediconi.

Also contributing were researchers from the Allen Institute for Brain Science in Seattle, Northeastern Normal University in China, Rovira i Virgili University of Medicine and Science in Spain, Rutgers University in New Jersey, and the European Neuroscience Institute in Germany.

—Compiled by Matty Levine
IP rights assign document

Singing and submitting this form is a condition of employment for receiving a copy of Pittsburgh
University's intellectual property policies, which you may note below for future reference. Please consult University Policy No. 11-02, Rights and Use of Intellectual Property, for a complete list of policies.

I understand and acknowledge that the University of Pittsburgh has policies regarding the ownership of intellectual property, as outlined in University Policy No. 11-02, Rights and Use of Intellectual Property. I understand that, pursuant to the policies, the University maintains ownership of all published works and inventions and may have the right to use or license any intellectual property or inventions, including intellectual property arising from the performance of services for the University.

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As promised by Mayor Bill Peduto in July 3 press conference, the City of Pittsburgh has installed protected bike lanes between Schenley Plaza and the Boulevard of the Allies. The two-way bike lanes, separated by bikeboxes and painted lines, extend from Schenley Plaza near the William Pitt Union along Schenley Drive to Furman Marble Drive and west at the Anderson Promenade (known informally as Dimona Park) in Schenley Park near the Boulevard of the Allies. Future phases are planned to extend the bike lanes to PNC Park and to Porteous Street.

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IP issue stirs debate at Faculty Assembly

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Baldwin said has changed the way the University implements its IP policy. “Instead of before, which has been the practice for this policy, you now have to have an explicit statement acknowledging the fact that the policy is the sample form we sent out.”

He said: “Your assignment is worthless if it is not copyrighted. Our current policy is not going to exist outside it in any other way. This agreement is acknowledging our current policy. The policy has not been changed.”

Noting that the University’s policies on patents and technology transfer (Policy 11-02, revised July 1, 2005) and on copyrights (Policy 11-02, revised Sept. 5, 2006) aren’t new, Spring said: “I do not believe there’s been a change. I believe the policy’s the same. I believe anybody at our institution could find this document and reads the policies, who believes that it’s anything the University is handing over.”

TAPC co-chair Maria Karowas of medicine expressed concern over a memo sent from the Office of Research this week that stated that applications for the next round of National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants, which will be due Oct. 3, won’t proceed unless investigators have signed the IP assignment agreement.

Bylaws and procedures committee co-chair Nicholas Birch, a Senate past president, noted that the IP agreement is prefaced with the words “Signing and submitting this form is a condition of employment, for receiving a University of Pittsburgh employment offer, and for being granted access to University of Pittsburgh resources.”

“The use of the term ‘condition of employment,’ in my view, is threatening when that is in bold letters at the top of the document,” he said.

Birch also questioned a provision in the agreement requiring, in the terms of the policies, I hereby irrevocably assign and transfer to the University my rights, title and interest to all intellectual property that I conceive, create and/or invent during my employment or association with the University and to which the University has assigned rights in the policies.”

The weaving, noted Karen Newman of immunology, is a change from longstanding policy, which assigns rights on a case-by-case basis when a disclosure form is submitted, to a blanket agreement first to future rights.

Although some faculty disputed the point, Baldwin said it has been confirmed that NIH and NSF are now focusing more on requiring signing the assignment agreement.

“No one is saying that faculty will be terminated if they don’t sign,” he added.

Vice Provost for Research Mark Redden said, "I don’t think there’s any intent to come down with a big hammer. What we’re trying to do is to get the good proposals in under the guidelines of the NSF and NIH in particular, and other federal agencies that required this.”

Bylaws and procedures committee co-chair Scott Nelson of chemistry added, “It’s this whole, jeopardizing all October cycle grants that is the concern.”

“That’s the concern,” Redden said. “The provost believes it to be the greatest concern, he feels that’s the reason we’re pushing this so hard.”

Given faculty concern about the wording, both Subcommittee on Medicine asked whether a simpler document “that basically just says the by-laws could be drawn up. If there are no changes whatsoever, just make it a two-line statement, everybody sign it and you’ll get it back without any concerns at all.”

Baldman said the new IP policy statement has been in the works for about a year and a half, adding that interpretation of the University has been confirmed by NIH to the University that we need to get these assignments in this way.”

However, Birch noted that the American Association of University Professors has researched IP policy “It was pointed out the AAPS article the spectrum of interpretation across institutions in the United States, some requiring extremely tight construction, some requiring somewhat less tight construction, so there’s a spectrum of different language that appears in these documents, all of which appear to have federal implications, they have such an agreement.”

Pitt backs accord

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Captive Cousins (Headset) appeared as acceded signatories. CLC, which represents nearly 200 Cleveland area colleges, universities, city colleges, independent institutions, high schools, community colleges, and teachers, is a member of the Ohio Association of Universities and Colleges. The signing ceremony at the state house in Columbus for 2013 was $4.5 billion.

The Ohio Universities Against Sweatshops, other organizations that have required their licenses to sign the Bangladesh Accord are Duke, Penn State, University of Chicago, Seattle, Purdue, New York University, Temple, Columbia, Penn, George Washington University, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, Grand Valley State and Arizona State.

—Kimberly K. Barlow
The University of Pittsburgh
Chancellor's Distinguished Research, Public Service and Teaching Awards

Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor

September 9, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

This year, the University of Pittsburgh will once again present the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research, Teaching, and Public Service Awards to accomplished members of the University’s faculty. These awards are designed to highlight exemplary teaching, research, and public service achievements.

I encourage you to nominate outstanding members of the University’s faculty for these awards. Please note the nomination deadline for each award.

- Nominations for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award should be sent electronically to Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Lari Kirsch (lkhirsch@pitt.edu). The closing date for letters of nomination is Friday, October 10, 2014. The guidelines for this award are available on the website for the Office of the Provost.

- Nominations for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Awards should be sent electronically to Vice Provost for Research, Mark Redfern (mredfern@pitt.edu). The closing date for letters of nomination is Friday, October 24, 2014. The guidelines for this award are available on the website for the Office of the Provost.

- Nominations for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Public Service Awards should be sent electronically to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Carey Balaban (cbalaban@pitt.edu). The closing date for letters of nomination is Friday, October 10, 2014. The guidelines for this award are available on the website for the Office of the Provost.

Should you have any questions on how to proceed, please contact Lari Kirsch, Mark Redfern, or Carey Balaban as appropriate. In preparing your nomination, you also may wish to enlist (but need not) the help of the Office of the Dean in your school. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Beeson

Thurday 25

Structural Biology Societ

"Structural Dynamics of Getting in Cryo-Loop Receptors,“ Sudha Chakrabarti, Case Western, 6014 BRT, 11 am

SAC Seminar

"Inorganic Chemistry,“ Rick Scheller, safety and training, WPU Assembly Run., noon

CSC Lectures

"Detecting, Addressing, and Preventing Scientific Misconduct,“ Karen Schmidt, 309 Forbes, noon

CIDDIE TA Workshops

"Developing Teaching Philosophy Statements,“ 7 pm, Chacala and Pagacan, 3 pm, 815 Alumni (www.ciddie.pitt.edu/workshops)

Chemistry Seminars

"2-Dimensional Layered Materials,“ Xiaoguang Diao, UCLA, 150 Cherson, 2:30 pm

Geology and Planetary Science Colloquium

"National Risk Assessment Partnership,“ Gour Nanbhushan, Nat/Energy Technology Lab, 11 Thaw, 3:50 pm

Philosophy of Science Talk

"How Diagnostic Predictive Discovery,“ Nicholas Jons, U of AI, 8178 Cl, 12:00 pm (+10/25)

Thursday 24

Orthopedic Surgery Grand Rounds

"Branched Pyr这么for Episodes of Care Improving Clinical Outcomes & Financial Performance,“ Mark Fowkes, Mount Sinai LEAD, am

Clinical Oncology & Hematology Grand Rounds

"Great Osteosarcoma as Head & Neck Cancers,“ Thomas Kunzel & John Fanan, UPMC Cancer Progress Herberman, am, 8 am (matt5@upmc.com)

Chemistry Seminar

"Breakthroughs in Imaging: Optical Patchy 3-D Additive Fabrication to Advance Next Geo Drug Delivery Technologies,“ Joseph Dessauer, UNC-Chapel Hill, 150 Cherson, 9 am

CIDDIE Workshop

"Creating & Assessing Writing Assignments,“ 815 Alumni, 10 am (www.ciddie.pitt.edu/workshops)

Career Fair

Pittview, 11 am-4 pm (www.coac.bloit.pitt.edu/)

Biology Research Seminar

"The Prion-Like Lactophenone: Overview, Prion-Like Conformational & Clinical Application,“ Wendy Robinson, U of Berkeley California, 1014 Scaife, noon

MMG Seminar

"Tweaking the CTRT Fielder: 5 Sols to SUMU“ Raymond Forrest, 503 Bigruder Pl, 11 am

HSLR Workshop

"Gantrisin Barnes“ 22 Amman Charresdistrict, Folk Library Classroom 1, 1-3 pm (laurabarns@pitt.edu)
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UPPDA Picnic
Veterans' Picnic Schenley Park, 5-8 pm
(seecl@pitt.edu)
Contemporary Wine Lecture
Lecture Theater, S. Hall, 3-6 pm, PPA and
8:30 pm (www.pghwinelectures.wine.
www Jared.com)

Defenses
Medicine/Molecular Virology & Microbiology
“Comparative Analysis of Poly-
merase T Antigens in Cellular Transfection,” Nicole Sneece, Sept.
18, 219B Leighton, 1 pm
IS/IS & Technology
“Identifying Fretter Influencing
Source Lead Technology Read-
iness,” Charles Giustile, Sept. 24,
828 S5, 9:50 am

Theatre
PICT Production
“Observe the Signs of Ulrich
Marching Towards the Sea!”
Clairatt Ruhl Hall, September
20-21 Times (http://www.pitt.org/
events/2004-05-seas/observe-the-
woods-of-ulrich-marching-towards-the-sea/)

Exhibits
University Art Gallery
“Configuring Disciplines: Frug-
amentum at Neuburger,” through
Oct. 5. PPG Gallery, McLeod 7-8 am-8
pm, P 7:30 am-5 pm, Sat noon-8 pm,
Sun noon-7 pm
Brooks Law Library
“Between in Black & White” by Tim
Avlinsky, through Nov. 7. McLeod
7:30 am-10 pm, P 7:30 am-5 pm,
Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-8 pm
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Jewish Studies Exhibit
“Jewish Refugees in Shanghai (1933-
1941),” Hillman Jewish U. Ctr., 4467
 jsa.pitt.edu/spirit)

Deadlines
Science 2004 — Sustain It!
Submit posters abstracts by Sept. 12.
(www.science2004.pitt.edu)
Pitt Innovation Challenge
Submission deadline by Sept. 15.
(www.pich.pitt.edu)
Sharing! Partnership for Inter-
national Research in Translation
Concerns
Letter of intent due Sept. 15. (www.
 spic.pitt.edu)
Iza Mason Young Awards
Nominations due Sept. 15. (www.
masonawards.pitt.edu)

African-American Student
Retention Symposium
Register by Sept. 17 for Sept. 26
event at http://tinyurl.com/2014-
AASR
Chancellor’s Distinguished
Teaching Awards
Nominations due Oct. 10. (irefs@pitt.
edu)
Chancellor’s Distinguished
Public Service Awards
Nominations due Oct. 10. (chad-
lon@gp.pitt.edu)
Chancellor’s Distinguished
Research Awards
Nominations due Oct. 24. (kread-
ford@pitt.edu)
Engineering Sustainability 2004
Call for Abstracts
Submission deadline is Oct. 27.
(www.ese.pitt.edu/ESCP2004)

Basic to Clinical Collaborative
Research Fellow Program
Submission deadline is Dec. 15.
(RBMD@pitt.edu)

Event Deadline
The next issue of the University
Times will include University & cam-
pus events of Sept. 23–Oct. 9. Information for events during that
period must be received by 5 pm on
Sept. 18. Send information to utcal@pitt.edu.

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sold at the University Times, 34th
chalkboard, University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, 15260.
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C A L E N D A R

September

Thursday 11

Biomedical Informatics Colloquium

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Sougianos Li, 470A

11:30

Dr. Ehsan Nosrati, Stanford, 6014

11:30

CNSI Workshop


Chemistry Seminars

"Imaging Mass Spectrometry of 3D Cell Culture," Amauris Huertas, Note Dame, 3:30 pm

Nicholas Korne, U of MI, 4: pm

150 North (4:30)

Senator PUP Committee Mgt.

153 Braddock, 3 pm

Infections Diseases Clinical Care Conference

"ID Good Bouquets," Nipon Attari

10:00

10:30

4 pm (lastcall@pitt.edu)

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