

POLICY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIONALITY AND HERITAGE CLASSROOMS IN THE CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING

The University of Pittsburgh encourages the establishment in the Cathedral of Learning of additional Nationality and Heritage classrooms which portray by architectural design and decor the cultural contribution of a nation, region, ethnic group or heritage which has a significant community currently residing in Pittsburgh.

To initiate the establishment of such rooms, individuals or groups should contact and consult the Director of the Nationality Rooms Program who will inform them of the detailed policies and procedures to be followed as well as the availability and location of possible classroom space with its cost implications. When sufficient community and other support has been developed, the interested individuals will organize an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of preparing and submitting a written proposal to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh through the Director of the Nationality Rooms Program. Committees should be aware that the time span from inception to dedication usually exceeds 10 years.

After the preliminary proposal has been approved by the University of Pittsburgh, a permanent classroom committee will be established. Its task is to raise the necessary funds, formulate an acceptable design concept, collaborate and cooperate with the Director of the Nationality Rooms Program and other University staff to complete the room and initiate an on-going intercultural program. Contributions are made to the committee's account at the University of Pittsburgh, which is administered by the Director of the Nationality Rooms Program. Funds raised shall be used only for expenses related to the project. Donations are thus income tax deductible. Remaining contributed funds will be used for study abroad scholarships.

A dedication ceremony is held to commemorate the completion of the room. Formal presentation of the ceremonial key by the committee to the University symbolizes the bestowal and acceptance of the gift with a commitment on behalf of the University to maintain the room in perpetuity.

Following the dedication of the classroom, the committee's officers (**not to exceed five**) will become an active member of the Nationality Council (annual dues \$100). The focus of Council members is to provide summer study abroad scholarships for University of Pittsburgh students (average of 25 awards annually). Other activities include providing hospitality at the University of Pittsburgh for distinguished visitors from the nation, ethnic group, or heritage involved, and other non-political cultural or educational events within the Program's scope.

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