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University of Pittsburgh Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, Robert Hill, to be Guest Speaker at African American Chamber of Commerce's Ninth Annual Meeting Luncheon

(PITTSBURGH, PA – May 2, 2008) The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania will hold its Ninth Annual Meeting Luncheon on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Omni William Penn Hotel Grand Ballroom at 12:00 noon.

The Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Robert Hill, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Initially, Chancellor Mark Nordenberg was scheduled to give the keynote address at the Luncheon. However, due to his recent illness, he will be unable to participate.

In his capacity as Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, Mr. Hill is the primary spokesperson for the University of Pittsburgh. He arrived at the University in October 1999 and has succeeded in substantively enhancing Pitt's communications programs and expanding their reach. Under Hill's leadership, the Office of Public Affairs has gained recognition for its award-winning *Pitt Magazine* and *Pitt Med* magazine. In addition, Hill established the *Pitt Chronicle* in October 2000 as the University's first official weekly newspaper, and it, too, has received numerous awards.

Hill serves as publisher of *Pitt Magazine*, the *Pitt Chronicle*, and several other University publications, including the *Chancellor's Annual Report*, the *Economic Impact Report*, the *Community Impact Report*, and *Blue, Gold and Black*, which pays tribute to the Pitt African American community.

The Annual Meeting Luncheon attracts over 400 people throughout the region each year, and the theme for this year's luncheon is "The Road Ahead."

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.

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