

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
January 31, 2011

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2011 in room 102 Yates Hall with President Dr. Barb McClaskey presiding.

Past Minutes

The minutes of December 13, 2010 were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Lynette Olson

Dr. Olson spoke of the on-going campus interviews for the Dean of Arts & Sciences as well as an active search for the College of Business Dean.

Dr. Bob Wilkinson provided an update on the Program Review Committee, the on-going opportunities provided for comments, which have been constructive, and the last call for final input. His plans are for the committee to meet on February 15th and have the document ready for Dr. Olson by the end of February for review.

Comments from the senate related to minimum numbers, interdisciplinary programs, and support courses utilized within other departments. Dr. Wilkinson indicated these concerns would be reviewed by the committee. Other concerns related to BOR representation and annual expense. Dr. Wilkinson noted he serves as contact for PSU with BOR and that annual expenses were partially addressed by extending calendar to match accreditation cycles and expand the expenses over fiscal years.

There were several questions pertaining to how an external reviewer would be selected and why it couldn't be done by a professional association member. The need to be neutral and not wishing to get into who is qualified and who is not guided the decision as to have multiple names proposed by the department for the Dean and Provost to review. The URL <http://www2.pittstate.edu/inres/pr/ProgramReview.html> provides information on how an academic department would develop a list of potential reviewers as well as the full draft of the proposed program review process and procedures.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Mark Johnson

Dr. Johnson advised that the bargaining team would meet in a couple of weeks to start process. Possible issues being considered include: more professional development and submission of accomplishments in previous years to support possible salary discussion in future years. Dr. Johnson also advised that he would be available to help faculty through the process, if they didn't feel they received the mark they deserved. Dr. Johnson indicated there would be a lot of topsy-turvy ideas coming out of Congress in the next several months and that in reality in Kansas nothing will be decided until April 15th or later. If questions arise, to contact him and he would try to keep everyone up-to-date.

Dr. Johnson, Dr. McClaskey, and Dr. Jayawardhana will be in Topeka on February 16th to present issues. Encouraged input from others prior to their departure.

Sabbatical Series initiative is moving forward. Those who had recently taken a sabbatical should have been contacted about presenting.

Dr. Johnson also commented on PSU being the latest campus to register as a PKN site and to hold four presentations this year. PKN (Pecha-kutchu Night) is part of a movement to provide different ways to present ideas. More information about Pecha-kutchu which makes presentations concise and keeps things moving quickly can be found at <http://pecha-kucha.org/>

Dr. Jayawardhana asked about the timeline for filing a performance rating grievance. Dr. Johnson replied that it must be filed within 10 class days to the Dean and that the KNEA agreement is on the Provost webpage at <http://www.pittstate.edu/audiences/faculty-staff/knea/constitution-and-faculty-contract.dot>

STUDENT SENATE – represented by Rhaysa Velazquez

Rhaysa Velazquez advised that SGA is reviewing dead week policy and stressed that students are seeking no tests or assignments be Thursday or Friday of dead week, but instead set aside those dates for review, knowing that there may need to be exceptions. The discussion turned to average number of complaints of violation of the current dead week policy. Dr. Johnson's response was typically no more than five and maybe only 1 or 2 of them being legitimate. The consensus of senate members was that possibly the current policy was working. Dr. McClaskey recommended that when the Student Senate had a new policy ready to present that the FS Student Faculty Committee review.

CLASSIFIED SENATE – Mr. Tom Westhoff – not present – no report

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT – Dr. Barb McClaskey

Dr. McClaskey stated that the Transfer Articulation group did not meet in January, but understood that the state has a desire to have a statewide database and see how courses would transfer across the state. There is also a need to have more transparency on how colleges make decisions on what courses transfer.

PSU has a Gorilla Legislative Network – GLN – to sign on and get newsletters from liaison Victoria White go to <http://www.pittstate.edu/gln/> and click on 'become a member now.' (see attached summary)

Dr. McClaskey had investigated the topic of guns on campus pursuant to discussion at an earlier FS meeting. She determined that 48 states have ability to register to carry a concealed weapon and 24 states ban carrying guns on campus. Twenty-three states allow the individual colleges to make that decision, like PSU has done. Currently only Utah allows guns on campus and four others have some legislation pending. Dr. McClaskey asked that the Student Faculty Committee look into this further and provide an informed recommendation if the senate needs to provide comment to the BOR or legislature. Dr. Harry Humphries made a motion for the committee to review and present to FS for a first read in April and vote in May on PSU's response to this issue. Comments were made that this timeline would need to be adjusted if something would be coming to a vote within the legislature prior to May. The suggestion was made that a first read could be done by email if there was a need to move quickly. (see attached summary)

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Brian Sandford, Chair

Dr. Sandford presented a summary sheet of all materials reviewed by his committee this past month. Only discussion was on purpose for the change in the Construction Management program. Dr. Johnson moved to approve, Dr. Peter Chung seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. McClaskey summarized written reports that she had received. See attached. She then called for other reports. There were none.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bob Kehle reminded the group to discuss with their peers the mid-term grade policy and looking for consensus on the inclusion of the grade of "C" as part of the mid-term grade process.

Dr. Peter Chung asked about the drop policy. Mr. Kehle responded that this has gone back to the Enrollment Management group. Dr. Bill Ivy advised that he hoped to have something to Mr. Kehle within the week.

New Business

Dr. Johnson advised that the General Education Committee had met. Discussing changing philosophy, not just courses posing the question; should general education be what students hurry to take their first two years or should it be sequenced within core classes to connect the dots. Conversation needed on what is the purpose, not just what departments achieve in credit hours. Committee would like to hear thoughts of others and how does it affect your majors and the students you advise.

Open Forum

Red Balloon Discussion Groups sessions to be held February 23, March 1 and March 9 (see attachment on other announcements)

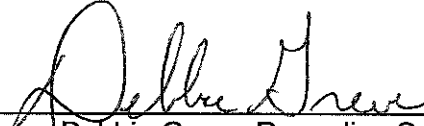
Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn approved at 4:06 p.m.

Senate Members Present

See attached list.

Faculty Senate Home Page address: <http://www.pittstate.edu/facsen/>



Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2010-2011)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Adams, (Automotive Technology)	X		X	X					
Allison (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Bailey, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X				
Bracker (At-Large)		X	X						
Childs, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X					
Chung, (Biology)	X			X	X				
Coltharp, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Cooper (At-Large)					X				
Deats, (Music)	X		X	X	X				
Fischer, (Economics, Finance & Banking)	X	X	X		X				
Harris, James (Computer Sci-Inform Syst)		X	X	X					
Harris, Jennifer (At-Large)	X	X		X	X				
Herring, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X	X				
Honey, (Construction Mgmt/Const Eng Tech)				X					
Hudson, (Communication)	X	X		X	X				
Humphries, (Social Sciences)	X	X	X	X	X				
Jayawardhana, Past President, (Math)	X	X	X	X	X				
Jewett, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Johnson, Mark (At-Large)	X		X	X	X				
Judd (At-Large)	X		X		X				
Kehle (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Klenke (Tech. and Workforce Learning)					X				
Konopelko, (Physics)	X	X	X	X	X				
Lawson, (History)	X	X	X	X	X				
Leiker, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X	X	X		X				
Maceli, (Management & Marketing)	X	X	X	X	X				
McClaskey, President, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X				
McCune, (Axe Library)		X	X	X	X				
O'Bryan (At-Large)					X				
Oliver, (Art)	X	X	X	X	X				
Patrick, (Modern Languages & Literatures)	X	X	X	X	X				
Polfer, (Accounting)				X	X				
Roberts, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Rudd, (English)	X	X		X	X				
Shay, (Mil Sci)	X	X	X	X					
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X	X				
Spillman, (Curriculum & Instruction)	X		X		X				
Stidham, (Spec. Serv & Lead. Studies)				X					
Stolz, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X		X*				
Tankersley, (Family & Consumer Sci)	X	X	X	X	X				
Tompkins-Dobbs, (Nursing)		X	X						
Younger, (Graphics & Imaging Technologies)					X*				
Zegar, (Chemistry)	X	X	X	X	X				
Classified Senate Representative			X						
Student Government Representative	X			X	X				

*Brown Conrad substituted for Karen Stolz. The new representative for Women's Studies will be Portico Bowman. David Oldham substituted for Doug Younger.

Gorilla Legislative Network

Mission

The mission of the Gorilla Legislative Network is to organize, educate, and lead into action a network of Pittsburg State University alumni, students, and friends residing in the state of Kansas to communicate with state legislators and others the needs and issues at the University regarding higher education legislation and to also advocate for the needs of higher education for the state as a whole.

Members of the network will be updated regularly about issues facing higher education in the state of Kansas and then will be called to action to contact local legislators when appropriate to increase support of PSU at the state level. Members can also be trained on exactly who and how to contact state decision-makers and organizations on behalf of PSU. Members will be able to decide exactly the extent of their activity in the network. [Become a Member Now](#)

Guns on Campus

Florida has introduced a bill to allow guns on campuses - A state lawmaker has introduced a bill that would allow permitted firearms to be carried on college and university campuses. Florida currently prohibits concealed weapons on all school campuses, one of 49 states that either bar them outright or leave the issue up to individual schools. The police chiefs of Florida's state universities, including UF Police Chief Linda Stump, have come out in unanimous opposition to the measure. Other states that are considering legislation to allow guns on college campuses include Idaho, Texas and Arizona.

GUNS ON CAMPUS

48 out of 50 states have concealed carry weapons laws in the U.S.

Currently, there are **24 states that ban carrying a concealed weapon on a college campus.**

The states are: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming.

In 23 states the decision to ban or allow concealed carry weapons on campuses is made by each college or university individually.

The states are: Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Utah is the only state with a law that allows the carrying of concealed weapons on public postsecondary campuses. The Utah law states that no public college or university can ban concealed carry weapons

<http://www.ocala.com/article/20110119/articles/110119665>. January 19, 2011

Faculty Senate Committee Reports - January 2011

Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee

The Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee has considered and approved the following curriculum items for Faculty Senate review:

- 31 Course name changes, Department of Accounting and Computer Information Systems
- Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technologies Department have provided a summary of their proposed changes. Basically there are 6 substantive degree relate changes which are outlined and 11 course description changes;
- The Engineering Technology Department is proposing:
 - MFGET 660 Dimensional Metrology contents added to MFGET 367 Manufacturing Methods II
 - New course MFGET Computer Aided Manufacturing II
 - Change in prerequisite to existing course MFGET 666 Manufacturing and Design
 - MFGET 669 course description
 - New course EET 247 Computer Programming for Electronic systems
 - New course EET 341 Signals and System
 - EET 449 course description
 - EET 540 change in prerequisites
 - EET 549 course renaming
 - New course EET 643 Renewable Power Conversion
 - New course EET 647 Embedded Digital Signal Processing
 - New emphasis area: Electronic Embedded Systems
- Technology and Workforce Learning Department is proposing:
 - GT 300 name change and course description
 - New course TM 399 Technology Management Professional Development (internship)
 - change in Technology Management Emphases
 - Option I - Specialized
 - Option II - Program Emphasis

Members of these departments were informed that their curriculum changes were to be considered at the January 21, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting and may want to have a departmental representative available to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sandford, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee

Student-Faculty Committee

The Student-Faculty Committee has had no issues and therefore had no business. No meetings are scheduled at this time.

David Oldham, chair (1/28/11)

Learning Resources

Barb McClaskey met with Morgan McCune and Dr. Bunnell on November 30 to discuss potential bylaw changes. Dr. Bunnell and Morgan were to discuss with the rest of the committee and Brenda Frieden. No additional report as of yet.

Information Systems

Our committee has discussed some small changes to our charge in the by-laws. I am forwarding you a copy of those proposed changes and also sending a copy to the chairperson of the Constitution Committee. (12/1/2010)

Recommended REVISED charge effective 11/17/2010:

4. Information Technology Committee (FSITC) (See Article IV.B.) This committee shall include one faculty member from each of the four colleges/schools, one graduate and one undergraduate student, one faculty representative from PSU Libraries, and one faculty member from ACIS (specifically Information Systems). The VPAA/Provost (or his/her designate), the CIO (or his/her designate), and the Director of CTLT (or his/her designate) will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members. This committee shall:

- a. Review and recommend policies concerning faculty and student usage of computer resources, including Internet access and policies on use and abuse of computer resources.
- b. Review and recommend changes in the availability and performance of computer resources as they pertain to classroom and research support.
- c. Provide a public forum for faculty and student involvement in campus technology issues and setting directions for information technology support. (Adopted 12/14/87 Amended 3/20/89, Amended 5/11/98, Amended 4/15/2010, Constitution Committee Amended 4/19/2010, Amended 11/17/10).
- d. Provide ongoing feedback, communication, and strategic planning for development of a campus computing vision, which includes the integration of computer support services with the developing needs of teaching and research faculty. (Adopted 5/8/2000, Amended 4/15/2010, Committee Accepted 11/17/10).
- e. Provide representation from among its members to various committees and search committees as requested. Provide the Faculty Senate representative from FSITC to the Information Technology Council (ITC). (Adopted 11/17/10)

Student Honors Committee

Departmental Honors applications are due Feb. 4th. Craig Fuchs (1/27/11). The committee has not yet met. will do the initial screening of the proposals based on criteria we developed last year. We will meet within the next week or two to discuss any proposals that require additional input. Virginia Rider (1/31/11)

Dr. Fuchs reports: I am currently serving as the leader of both committees. I am going to see if someone else wants to chair the Student Honors Committee. We had discussed earlier that if we could change the name of the student honors committee to Departmental Honors Committee, it would really help to clarify the role of that group as opposed to the other committee. It would be great to have the "Honors College Advisory Committee" for the selection process and oversight of the HC, and then the "Departmental Honors Committee" to only serve to process the DHC apps. Perhaps faculty senate would be willing to make that amendment. (1/31/2011)

Honors College

With regard to a report from the Honors College Committee, you could report that the deadline for submission is tomorrow, February 1st and we have around 40 or so apps processed so far, with more expected in the next few days. Craig Fuchs (1/31/2011)

Diversity and Multicultural Subcommittee

A meeting of the DM subcommittee was held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 in Room 126 of Hughes Hall. Members present included Kathleen Degrave, Leo Hudson, Debbi Fischer, and Kathy Spillman. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

It was decided that Leo Hudson would post the survey of the needs and assessment of resources on GUS for the members to take as a pilot survey. At the next meeting the committee will make any changes in the survey that are needed and then post it to GUS for the faculty. Kathleen DeGrave will be checking on Student Organizations regarding needs and resources for diversity and multicultural affairs. Kathy Spillman will contact Jaime Jones regarding resources and needs for students with disabilities.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 11:00 in Hughes Hall.

Kathy Spillman, Reporter

Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee has only been called upon to review proposed bylaw changes of Information Systems Committee. With the exception of a few recommendations for clarification, the Constitution Committee had no substantive concerns about the proposed changes.

Dr. Darren Botello-Samson, Chair

General Education Committee

Gen. Ed. Committee met Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

Mark Peterson (1/27/11)

Writing Across the Curriculum

First meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7, 2011. Scott Norman, Chair.

Reporting – Mark Peterson, Cynthia Woodburn, and Don Judd. (1/27/11)

The Writing Across the Curriculum sub-committee is working on a list of "best practices" for the WAC classes. This list could be used as a guide to help new writing to learn faculty develop assignments and maybe set some minimum expectation for the writing to learn classes.

Scott Norman, Chair. (1/31/2011)

Budget Committee

Budget Committee will not be meeting until John Patterson has some information to give us. Needless to say the state budget is currently in limbo.

Jack R. Fay (1/27/11)

Parking Committee

The parking committee has had no business come to its attention, so we have not met this semester.

Jeremy Wade (1/27/11)

Intramural Advisory Board

The Board is still seeking information regarding how the Intramural Advisory Board works. They haven't heard of any action items from Vinnie so haven't met as a group.

Greg Murray, Chair

Tilford Group Report to the Faculty Senate

The Tilford Group's year began in the Fall of 2010 and will continue through the Spring of 2011. For the year 2010—11 the Chair is John T. Ikeda Franklin.

Thus far this year the Tilford Group has:

1. initiated a program called "Each One, Reach One." In this program Tilford Group members mentor new faculty about diversity and the aims of our group. In cooperation with the Departments of CMCET, ENGLISH, ETECH and NURSING.
2. co-sponsored a speaker: Dr. Jose B. Gonzalez: "And I Thought Aliens Didn't Eat Rice and Beans." In cooperation with the Office of Student Diversity (OSD). September 22.
3. presented a campus panel: "Diversity in the PSU Classroom." In cooperation with the Campus Bookstore, the Intensive English Program, International Programs and Services and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology. September 30.

Plans for the remainder of the year include:

1. Thea Netfield: "Beyond Bloody Kansas." In cooperation with the Campus Activities Center (CAC) and OSD. February 15.
2. Dr. Mildred Edwards: "Applying Knowledge of Race, Class and Culture to Achieve Educational Equity." In cooperation with the President's Office. February 25.
3. Dr. Joseph Seabrooks: "All about the Benjamins: 5 Things College Students Get Twisted." March 11.
4. Dr. James Dean: "Heterosexual Masculinities in a Post-Closeted America." In cooperation with CAC and OSD. April 6.
5. *International Air*: a program focusing on international students, scholars and events of interest to the PSU community. In cooperation with CAPS13.
6. *Community Outreach*: a television series dedicated to presenting area churches and their efforts to reach out to diverse populations in our community. In cooperation with CAPS13.

Report from the Commencement Task Force:

Spring 2011 will have 4 different ceremonies.

Friday night at 6.00 A&S

Friday Night at 8.00 Business

Times are tentative and order could change too.

Saturday morning 9.00 Technology

Saturday morning 11.00 Education

Times are tentative and order could change too.

Faculty will sit in front of the stage. Ivy wants faculty to sit in the front rows but some of us thought it is the students ceremony and students should sitting the front. Back bleachers will be folded. There will be a drape to cover the back.

Some seats will be removed or added between ceremonies or may be left vacant.

Some issues like student speakers for all the ceremonies, asking the meritorious achievement award winners to stay for all 4 ceremonies have not been resolved.

Lot of other logistics have to be resolved.

I agreed to serve on the Task Force. I have been in Graduation coordination committee for years and therefore will be a natural choice for the job.

Ananda Jayawardhana

Open Forum Announcements

How Global Universities are Reshaping the World - Ben Wildavsky

Wed, February 2 2011 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM Crimson and Gold Ballroom - cancelled

Performing Arts and Lecture Series

An Dochas & the Haran Irish Dancers

When: Fri, February 4 2011 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Memorial Auditorium

PSU Students – FREE, General Public - \$5.00, & PSU Faculty Staff, Senior Citizens (65 & over) and Children (17 & under) - \$3.00

Seating is RESERVED on the floor and GENERAL ADMISSION in Balcony

For more information on any PALS event, please contact the Campus Activities Center at 235-4795.

Love your library open house

When:

Mon, February 14 2011 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

The Friends of the Pittsburg State University Libraries will sponsor the Love Your Library Open House from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, (Valentine's Day) at the Leonard H. Axe Library.

Red Balloon Discussion Sessions

Wed., Feb. 23: 9-10am

Tue., March 1: 12noon-1pm

Wed., March 9: 3-4pm