

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 12, 2011

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2011 in room 102 Yates Hall with Dr. Hazel Coltharp, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

The minutes for November 28, 2011 were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Olson thanked those who attended this last meeting of the semester. Dr. Olson advised that due to our early meeting this month COCAO had not met as yet in December and that she had nothing new to report.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Kenny McDougle

Dr. McDougle reminded those present that we are approaching contract deadlines and that he was available for questions.

Student Senate – Not Present

No report.

Unclassified Senate – B.B. Stotts

Ms. Stotts reported that group was meeting regularly and working on update of by-laws and professional development for unclassified staff. A new survey being developed to determine if professional development opportunities existed and funds available if desired. This will assist the group to determine if there is a need to add professional development funds in the budget proposal. The Unclassified Senate is to host a soup and salad luncheon in the Alumni Center on January 6th to build awareness of the group.

Classified Senate – Not Present

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Hazel Coltharp

Dr. Coltharp to travel to Topeka later this week for BOR meeting and she advised that transfer articulation alignment is on the agenda.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum – Peter Chung, Chair

Dr. Chung summarized the undergraduate curricular items (see attached). There were no questions and the curricular packet was voted on in its entirety and approved unanimously.

Academic Affairs – Julie Samuels, Chair

Dr. Samuels announced that the syllabus supplement link was not available as yet, but would be soon. Dr. Coltharp advised that she would be sending out an email to all faculty the second week of January reminding faculty of the link. The supplement will be available to be viewed on the Registrar's web page under forms. Dr. Samuels advised that the individual instructor's syllabus still needs to address attendance policy and academic integrity on actual syllabus if only to refer to the link. If the instructor has specific attendance rules for class be sure to include as always on own document.

Dr. Coltharp went through the agenda to denote the committees with no report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Ann George, Chair

Dr. Coltharp presented to view on overhead a second reading of the change to bylaws regarding committee composition and charge. There was no discussion and motion to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Jayawardhana asked about survey on WL and Dr. Don Judd advised that the deadline had been moved to align with funding.

Student Faculty – David Oldham, Chair

Dr. Oldham reported there one student complaint concerning final exams which was resolved easily with no formal appeal.

Faculty Affairs – Mark Johnson, Chair

Committee has received requests totally \$45,450 with \$37,000 approved, the remainder is pending documentation. Will plan to have an updated report by end of semester.

Constitution Committee – Darren Botello-Samson, Chair

No report.

General Education – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson advised the committee met the past week and will meet again in January to discuss a new Honors College special topics course. Special topic courses do not require full approval of Faculty Senate, but do need to be heard by this committee.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Steve Erwin and Director of University Police Mr. Mike McCracken will be joining us at the January meeting.

New Business

None

Open Forum

Service Award Ceremony Committee in need of a volunteer to fulfill a two-year term. It was discussed that both Drs. Johnson and Jayawardhana when they were president-elect they served in this capacity.

Announcements

Dr. Jayawardhana asked that Dr. Bill Ivy discuss commencement. Dr. Ivy announced that there were 3 ceremonies planned and that students had been informed to attend any ceremony. He added that he believed the 1:00 ceremony on Saturday would be the largest attended and he anticipated the smallest group would be on Sunday.

Dr. Coltharp extended congratulations to the continued success of the football team and praise for the band playing the Delta fight song. She encouraged everyone to attend one of the commencement ceremonies and reminded those present of the 2:00 p.m. grade deadline.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn approved at 3:26 p.m.



Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2011-2012)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Allison, (At-Large)	X	X							
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X		X					
Belcher, (Technology & Workforce Learning)			X						
Botello-Samson, (Hist, Philosophy & Soc Sci)	X		X						
Bracker, (At-Large)									
Childs, (Mathematics)			X	X					
Chung, (Biology)	X	X	X	X					
Coltharp, <i>President</i> , (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Cooper, (At-Large)									
Cummings, (Accounting & Computer Inf Syst)	X	X	X	X					
Harris, Jennifer (At-Large)	X			X					
Hastings, Todd (Music)		X	X						
Honey, (Construction Mgmt/Const Eng Tech)	X								
Hudson, (Communication)	X	X	X	X					
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)			X						
Jewett, Janice, (At-Large)									
Johnson, Mark (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Judd, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Kehle, (At-Large)	X	X							
Konopelko, (Physics)	X	X	X	X					
Lawson, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X					
Leiker, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X	X		X					
Maceli, (Management & Marketing)	X	X	X	X					
McClaskey, <i>Past President</i> , (Nursing)	X	X	X	X					
McDaniel, (English)									
Murray, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X					
O'Bryan, (At-Large)	X	X							
Oldham, (Graphics & Imaging Technologies)	X	X	X	X					
Oliver, (Art)	X	X	X	X					
Page-Sagehorn, (Family & Consumer Sci)			X	X					
Patrick, (Modern Languages & Literatures)	X*	X	X	X					
Roberts, Brenda (Spec. Serv Lead. Studies)	X	X	X						
Roberts, Randy (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Samuels, (Curriculum & Instruction)	X	X	X	X					
Schreiner, (Library Services)	X	X*	X	X					
Shay, (Military Science)									
Shum, (Economics, Finance & Banking)	X	X	X						
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X					
Thompson, (Automotive Technology)	X								
Tompkins-Dobbs, (Nursing)	X	X	X						
Zegar, (Chemistry)	X		X						
Classified Senate Representative									
Unclassified Senate Representative									
Student Government Representative		X	X						

*Grant Moss substituted for Bert Patrick Sept. meeting. Morgan McCune substituted for Susan Schreiner Oct. meeting.

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The Undergraduate Curriculum approved the following items:

- 1) Changes in course description to ART 420 to reflect the addition of ART 425 Art of Photography IV.
- 2) Addition of ART 425, new course that used to be part of the repeat of ART 420 for seniors
- 3) Changes to SWK 345 to reflect more accurately course content and objectives
- 4) Change in course number of SWK 380 to SWK 485 (macro) and SWK 580 to SWK 385 (micro) to reflect sequence of micro systems before macro
- 5) Dropping of SOC 570, infrequent offering plus significant aspects of class will be incorporated into another required class
- 6) Changes to SOC 675, a required course, to reflect addition of some SOC 570 content to improve student matriculation
- 7) Changes in Sociology major and existing area from Social Institutions to Social Institutions/Organization, integrating SOC 570 with SOC 675, reducing number of issue areas from 4 to 3, and number of issue hours from 12 to 9, all this in efforts to create greater curricular flexibility.