



Pittsburg State University

Faculty Senate

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunflower, Overman Student Center

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Campus Update(s):** None
- III. Approval of September 29, 2025 minutes**
- IV. Announcements**
 - a. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Susan Bon**
 - b. PSU/KNEA Remarks – Ananda Jayawardhana**
 - c. Student Senate Remarks - Corey Humble**
 - d. Unclassified Professional Senate Remarks & University Support Staff Remarks – Co Presidents – Eva Sager & Michelle Hensley**
 - e. Graduate College Remarks -**
 - f. Faculty Senate President’s Report – David Weaver**
- V. Committee Reports**
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee – Chair: Mandi Alonzo**
 - Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee – Chair – Byron McKay
 - Library Services/Leaming Resources Subcommittee - Chair: Philip Frank
 - Online and Distance Learning Committee - Chair: Beth Hendrickson
 - Academic Honors Subcommittee - Chair: Laurent Pretot
 - Honors College Subcommittee - Chair:
 - Campus and Community Resource Subcommittee - Chair: Joanne Britz
 - b. Student-Faculty Committee - Chair: Serif Uran**
 - c. All-University Committee - Chair: Tracy Stahl**

- d. **Faculty Affairs Committee** - Chair: James Whitney
- e. **Constitution Committee** - Chair: Karen Johnson
- f. **General Education Committee** - Chair: Michele Barnaby
- g. **Budget Committee** - Chair: Stephen Zornes
- h. **Academic Honesty Committee** - Chair: Kristen Livingston
- i. **AI Committee** - Chair:

VI. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Renaming Diversity & Multicultural Committee** – update
- b. **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**, - Peter Chung
- c. **New FS Committees – Technology & AI**
- d. **FS Committees – total review** of the process – Combine, Eliminate, Add?
- e. **Athletics Student Success Request** -

VII. New Business:

- a. **Faculty PD Travel Funds Task Force**

VIII. Adjournment

- Next Faculty Senate Meeting: **Monday, November 30, 3 PM**, in the Sunflower Room, OSC

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

No Report

Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report

Library Services/Leaming Resources Subcommittee

No Report

Online and Distance Learning Committee

No Report

Academic Honors Subcommittee

"The College of Education Academic Honors Subcommittee met in person on August 25 for an initial meeting. A total of eight academic honors applications for the 2025WF semester for the COE were received and reviewed starting September 9th. First-round reviews and decisions were sent back to the Academic Program office on September 15th. Two revisions were sent back to the committee on September 22nd and approved by "no objection" on September 26th."

Honors College Subcommittee

No Report

Campus and Community Resource Committee

Campus and Community Resource Committee (formerly Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee)

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 11am-12pm

Introduction of Member in Attendance:

-Olivia Timmons (Art) -Joanne Britz (Music) -Kenney Cooper, Assistant Director of the Office of Campus and Community Resources –substituting for Deatrea Rose
-Marcus Daczewitz (Special Education) -Shipra Paul (Business) -Jason Reid (Graphic Communication)
-"Maz" Gashti (Chemistry)

We will be sure to include the student representatives and reach out to remaining faculty members (past/present) for the next meeting.

To our understanding, a vote was taken allowing the President to put together this committee to produce alternative names to the formerly called Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee. We agree that there is a necessity for this committee and that we need specific goals for this committee. Past work included a diversity survey for HLC accreditation. The new title implies a new role, now more internal than external.

We asked Kenney Cooper, standing in for Deatrea Rose, what the Office with the same name as this committee does. Her reply is that the Office of Campus and Community Resources provide things like a food pantry, clothes closet, free printing services for struggling students and a lounge for students to congregate. They also helped a student get an internet bill they had trouble paying and assisted them to find an alternate cell phone plan they could afford. They help provide students with resources that give them a better ability to “adult.” Formerly, the office also helped in some way with foster care, too. While their office helps ALL students, there have been many international students taking advantage of this office.

We discussed the importance of defining what this newly named committee is and how we can support the Office of Campus and Community Resources. We also discussed ways to get the “word out” about the presence of this Office, because many students have no idea it exists. We need to be sure that the student ambassadors assigned to this committee are present at our next meeting. Joanne Britz was charged with reaching out to Deatrea Rose to see how this committee can be helpful to their office and engage student ambassadors.

Our first order of business today was to elect a chair and a recorder. Therefore,
Chair-Joanne Britz (Music)
Recorder-Olivia Timmons (Art)
Next meeting TBD

Meeting #2: Tuesday, October 14, 3:00-4:15pm

Meeting minutes followed by proposed recommendations

“Campus and Community Resource” Committee (*formerly Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee*)

Present: Deatrea Rose, Joanne Britz, Marcus Daczewitz, Jason Reid, Shipra Paul, Alea Billingsley

Deatrea called today’s meeting and presided today. She explained the previous role of this committee:

This committee serves an advisory role for groups that write grants and assist with HLC (Higher Learning Commission) accreditation. It deals with “diversity of thought,” not people. She stressed the importance of not losing this committee! While the committee addresses issues as they arise, rather than regular weekly work, she gave examples of how it has recently assisted, especially, with a large grant written by Delia Lister and Christine Brodsky dealing with diversity of thought and what the university would provide if chosen as the grantor. As such, they were chosen!

Next, we addressed the three main purposes of the subcommittee as it was defined previously when called the “Diversity of Multicultural Affairs Committee.” (A, B, C) and the questions 1-4 we were charged with below:

This subcommittee shall:

A. Explore the influences of diversity and multiculturalism in instruction, in the curriculum, and in the academic content of various disciplines.

B. Serve as liaison among the organized diversity groups on campus, including the Tilford Group, the University Council on Diversity, the Office of Student Diversity, etc.

C. Develop curriculum resources which deal with diversity and cultural issues. (Adopted 05/11/1998, Amended 11/24/2014) "

I would like to ask this committee to address the following:

1. Is this committee still relevant, and needed as currently described?
 2. Are there recommendations for changes to our bylaws, specifically on A B & C above (keep as is, revise, delete)?
 3. The composition of this committee is often difficult to fill due to very specific guidelines. Should changes be made to who the committee shall consist of?
 4. After considering the purpose and goals of the committee, what should the new name be (that complies with Kansas and federal law)?
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PAGE 2 is our current answers/proposals to the four questions above, including our proposed rewrite for items A, B and C.

RESPONSES AND PROPOSAL:

- 1) This committee is most definitely needed; proposed rewritten purposes are #2 below.
- 2) This subcommittee shall:
 - A) Explore the influences of a variety of thought processes and multiculturalism in instruction, in the curriculum, and in the academic content of various disciplines.
 - B) Serve as liaison among the organized affinity groups on campus, including the Tilford Group, Campus and Community Resource Center (CCRC), and academic units requiring accreditation.
 - C) Develop curriculum resources which recognize varied cultural perspectives.
- 3) We do not wish to change the composition of this committee, but some edits are included:

Composition: This committee shall consist of one faculty member from the Department of Teaching and Leadership, one faculty member from Teacher Education (Secondary), one faculty member from each of the other college/schools (Arts and Sciences, Business, and Technology), two at-large faculty members, and two students. **The Associate Vice President for Campus and Community Resources, The Director of International Programs and the Director of Institutional Equity and Title 9 Coordinator shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.**

- 4) Proposed NEW name:
Student Development and Multicultural Affairs sub-committee

Student-Faculty Committee

No Report

All-University Committee

No Report

Faculty Affairs Committee

No Report

Constitution Committee

No Report

General Education Committee

General Education Committee Meeting

Kansas 3, Overman Student Center

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 2pm

Members in attendance: Michele Barnaby, Donna Zerr, Janet Lewis, Mark Diacopoulos, and Janis Schiefelbein

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Michele Barnaby, Michele Barnaby took minutes.

The committee reviewed the following syllabi:

ENG 114	ENG 117	ENG 124	ENG 125	HON 200
ENG 120	ENG 320	MLL 124	COM 105	ENG 250
ENG 315	MLL 152	ENG 113	ENG 116	COM 205
COM 395				

The committee agreed to set the next meeting for November, 4th at 2:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Budget Committee

No Report

Academic Honesty Committee

No Report

AI Ad Hoc Committee

No Report