Pittsburg State University

Faculty Senate

Date: Monday, November 16th

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunflower, Overman Student Center

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of October 26th, 2026, minutes

III. Announcements

a. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs –Susan Bon

b. PSU/KNEA Remarks –Norm Philipp

c. Student Senate Remarks –Darrel McLeod

d. Unclassified Professional Senate Remarks & University Support Staff Remarks –Tom Smith

e. Graduate College Remarks

f. Faculty Senate President's Report –Kristen Livingston

- Course Schedule Proposal Feedback – Round 2 results

IV. Committee Reports- see below

a. Academic Affairs- Chair: Charlie Phillips

- Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee- Chair: Doug Younger
- Library Services Subcommittee- Tracy Barnes
- Joint Publications Subcommittee- Chair: Chris Childers
- Online and Distance Learning Subcommittee- Chair: Kevin Elliott
- Academic Honors Subcommittee- Chair: Laurent Pretot
- Honors College Subcommittee- Stephen Zornes

b. Student-Faculty Subcommittee- Chair: Anna Beth Gilmore

c. All-University Subcommittee- Chair: Krissy Lewis

d. Faculty Affairs Subcommittee- Chair: Bridgette Fincher

e. Constitution Subcommittee- Chairs: Peter Chung/Chandler Davidson

f. General Education Subcommittee- Chair: Janet Lewis

g. Budget Subcommittee- Chair: Stephen Zornes

h. Academic Honesty Subcommittee- Chair: Angelina Boyd

i. Ad Hoc- A.I. Subcommittee- Chair: Jorge Leon

V. Unfinished Business:

VI. New Business:

VII. Open Forum:

VIII. Adjournment

- Next Faculty Senate Meeting: December 7th in the Sunflower Room, OSC

Committee Reports for November 2026

1. Academic Affairs- Chair: Charlie Phillips; Recorder: Greg Belcher
    a. No report
2. Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee-**see attachment**
3. Library Services Subcommittee- Chair: Tracy Barnes; Recorder: Rebeca Book
    a. Janet Lewis (CAS), Tracy Barnes (COE), Kristen Maceli (COB), Rebeca Book (SAET), Barbara Pope (Library), Sara DeCaro (Library), Beth Hendrickson (Library), and Tatum Carden (student rep.). Dean Eric Deatherage as ex officio. Email meeting only: Reminder... NO Official in-person or Zoom Meeting in November 2026 due to Faculty Senate turnaround and members attending conferences; instead, email conversations were used. Members in attendance through email conversation: Janet Lewis (CAS), Tracy Barnes (COE), Kristen Maceli (COB), Rebeca Book (SAET), Barbara Pope (Library), Sara DeCaro (Library), Beth Hendrickson (Library), and Tatum Carden (student rep.). Dean Eric Deatherage as ex officio. Chair and Recorder • Tracy Barnes is the chair • Rebeca Book is the recorder for the committee. Dean Deatherage emailed updates for the library based on the following (his direct updates below): • November 12: Authors Reception! Upcoming events: • Thursday, November 12, 2026, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm CST at Leonard H. Axe Library, 1st floor
4. Joint Publications Subcommittee- Chair: Chris Childers; Recorder: Malcolm Jason
    a. No meeting, no report
5. Online and Distance Learning Subcommittee- Chair: Kevin Elliott; Recorder: Gail Yarick
    a. No meeting
6. Academic Honors Subcommittee- Chair: Laurent Pretot; Recorder: Kevin Elliott
    a. No report
7. Honors College Subcommittee- Chair: Stephen Zornes; Recorder: Elyse Strickland
    a. Present: Stephen Zornes, John Daley, Tracy Barnes, Chris Spera, Phillip Frank, Ellison Whitlow, and Brian Moots. Absent: Elyse Stickland. Provost Susan Bon was unable to attend. Following the call to order, members reviewed and approved the prior meeting minutes upon motion by Phillip Frank and a second by Brian Moots. The committee reviewed the upcoming Honors College application cycle, noting the portal opens in late October with applications due January 29, 2027, ahead of the February 28 interview day, while selection materials are available on Canvas and a scoring walkthrough will occur at a future meeting. Budget pressures continue to impact scholarships, with a projected incoming cohort of 20 students (down from 25 last year and roughly 30 in prior years), though Director Brian Moots noted this figure requires administrative confirmation; the committee discussed prior reductions (~$150,000 or 30%), opted against reducing individual award amounts to admit more students, and noted current policy restrictions on stacking scholarships. Private fundraising efforts with University Advancement are

underway, featuring a new webpage, Homecoming presence, spring banquet, and an illustrative long-term endowment target of $12–$14 million. Discussions on academic integrity emphasized strengthening course rigor and research expectations, considering unresolved proposals for minimum Honors electives, and plans for the student executive team to distribute an experience survey. Members favored maintaining distinct roles for the Faculty Senate Honors College Subcommittee, Academic Honors Committee, and potential faculty Honors council to oversee standards. Because Provost Susan Bon was unable to attend, the committee agreed to invite her—and potentially President Newsom—to provide guidance on scholarship budgets, cohort sizes, and stacking policies. Key action items include Director Brian Moots confirming cohort numbers, following up on budget and stacking questions, and providing Canvas access/training, alongside student survey distribution and committee review of deadlines. Meeting adjourned following a motion by Tracy Barnes and second by Phillip Frank, with the proposed November 5, 2026, meeting date under re-evaluation for alternative dates in November or December.

8. Student-Faculty Subcommittee- Chair: Anna Beth Gilmore; Recorder: Gena Coomes
    a. The committee is awaiting the SGA student nomination survey to review. Once received, a meeting will be held.
9. All-University Subcommittee- Chair: Krissy Lewis; Recorder: Gena Coomes
    a. No formal committee meeting was held in October. Chair Krissy Lewis met informally with Ken Ward, advisor for The Collegio, to discuss the Joint University Student Publications Board and its current operations. This discussion followed up on an action item identified during the September 3, 2026, committee meeting. Next Steps: Ken Ward will be invited to the November committee meeting to provide an update on the Joint University Student Publications Board, identify any needs or concerns, and discuss potential opportunities for committee support. No formal committee action was taken. These minutes were emailed to the committee for approval to submit.
10. Faculty Affairs Subcommittee- Chair: Bridgette Fincher; Recorder: Janet Zepernick
    a. In October, the Faculty Affair committee has had discussion concerning the document put forward by the A.I. taskforce. Broader PSU feedback, in the form of campus-wide survey will be distributed by taskforce and shared with the committee. The results will be reviewed before any recommendation is sent to the Faculty Senate.
11. Constitution Subcommittee- Chairs: Peter Chung/Chandler Davidson; Recorder: Daniel Maxwell
    a. We did not meet and we are waiting for instructions from Faculty Senate.
12. General Education Subcommittee- Chair: Janet Lewis; Recorder: Mark Johnson
    a. No meeting was held. Committee Chair Janet Lewis sent an email requesting syllabi for GE courses in Bucket 3, 5, and 7 to be sent to her by December 1.

13. Budget Subcommittee- Chair: Stephen Zornes

    a. No report

14. Academic Honesty Subcommittee- Chair: Angelina Boyd; Recorder: Mary Larsen

    a. No meeting

15. Ad Hoc- A.I. Subcommittee- Chair: Jorge Leon

    a. Group discussed the "Faculty Guidance for AI Use and Academic Integrity " document (brought up last October meeting). The AI Ad Hoc wants to submit the document as a group report. The group is asking Faculty to distribute among their departments as a Guidance document. Under report or New Business, the AI Ad Hoc would like to request some volunteers among faculty members to test and use the document with their Spring classes. We will be developing survey for feedback for those wanting to use and review.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Meeting Information

Meeting Date	10/29/2026
Chair	Doug Younger
Recorder	Jennifer Pursley
Absent Voting Members	

Approval & Comments of Proposed Changes

Item	Department/College	Type	Stuck -COE	Jordan FS Pres Elect	Younger -COT	Gilmore -CAS	Pursley -COB	Decision	Comments
HPASS Criminal Justice_Rev	HPASS	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Interdisiplinary_Notification	CAS	Notification	X	X	X	X	X		
JUST-431_Rev	HPASS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Psych and Legal Emph_Rev	PSYCH	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Psych and Military Emph_Rev	PSYCH	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Psych BA_Rev	PSYCH	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Psych Dev Disability Emph_Rev	PSYCH	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
Psych HRD Emph_Rev	PSYCH	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
PSYCH-606_New	PSYCH	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
PSYCH-611_New	PSYCH	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
PSYCH-624_New	PSYCH	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
PSYCH-636_New	PSYCH	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	
PSYCH-638_New	PSYCH	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	Approved	