Pittsburg State University

Faculty Senate

Date: Monday, September 28th.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunflower, Overman Student Center

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of August 31, 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

IV. Committee Reports

  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

a. Continued discussion regarding A.I. integration with faculty for ACCESS PITT

- Generative AI Integration On Campus/ Supporting Access Innovation

1. Establish a collaborative framework for the responsible and innovative integration of Generative Artificial Intelligence across the Pitt State academic landscape. By developing standardized syllabus language, ethical usage guidelines, and faculty-led pedagogical resources, the Faculty Senate will empower educators to enhance instructional talent and drive classroom innovation. This proactive roadmap ensures that PSU maintains academic integrity while equipping both faculty and students with the critical AI literacy skills required for the modern workforce.

VI. New Business:

VII. Open Forum:

VIII. Adjournment

- Next Faculty Senate Meeting: October 26th in the Sunflower Room, OSC

Committee Reports for September 2026

1. Academic Affairs- Chair: Charlie Phillips; Recorder: Greg Belcher
    a. Meeting was held via Teams on 9/10 at 2pm. Introduction were made. Greg Belcher volunteered to be recorder and Charlie Phillips volunteered to be Chair. Judy, made a motion to accept both in individuals in perspective positions Greg Belcher seconded and all vote in favor. Meeting was concluded at 2:10pm
2. Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee-**see attachment**
3. Library Services Subcommittee- Chair: Tracy Barnes; Recorder: Rebeca Book
    a. Chair and Recorder Members introduced themselves. Chair and recorder were nominated and elected. Tracy Barnes is the chair, and Rebeca Book is the recorder for the committee. Dean Deatherage spoke on the following: Problems occurred with databases in the summer through a surprise major cancellation and dealings with the State Library of Kansas. Fortunately, no money was lost because PSU was able to negotiate to get money back from contracts. Unfortunately, none of the database vendors meet accessibility standards but are working towards meeting them. The new contract with vendors is for five years with a two-year option to renew, so problems with the process will be hopefully resolved within that time frame. Upcoming events: September 3 (Thursday) – 3-5PM – Library Liaison Social Oct. 29 – Thursday) – Gene DeGruson Memorial Lecture – Panel of speakers on Pittsburg 150th Celebration.
4. Joint Publications Subcommittee- Chair: Chris Childers; Recorder: Malcolm Jason
    a. The Board made introductions, and the Board Chair, Dean Chris Childers, spoke about the infrequency of meetings in the past. He would like the group to discuss the frequency of meetings throughout the year. Would like to determine what Student Publications needs in an advisory board. He spoke of the pressure of publications, and about the budget deficit and unpaid bills that were an issue over the past year. Dean Childers mentioned that the administration made a determination in restructuring to make Dr. Ward a faculty advisor for Student Publications. He mentioned that the Kanza budget model was precarious, and they need to address the demand and align it with what we can afford to print. Funding comes from various sources, and we need to find ways to not rely on advertising as part of that funding stream. Dr. Childers mentioned that going forward he felt the Collegio and Kanza-Student Pub in a good place with Dr. Ward as the faculty advisor. Dr. Ward addressed the board and spoke about his experience as faculty and in multi-media journalism. He sees this advisory role as having a clear line-there is no editorial control over the Collegio or Kanza and needs to remain that way. His role is part publisher, part consultant, part coach for the students. As for what they are working on right now. Carefully looking at budget and funding. Getting a clear picture of where we stand today on the publication numbers-Finding out who is

reading. Working with key constituents across the campus to prove the value of academic publications on campus. Working on a newsletter. Working on building up digital publications. Focus on being good stewards of the funding we have and making it work. Dr. Ward asked for the Boards support to make sure we remain communicative and together to help grow support for student publications around campus. Dr. Ward also encouraged everyone to send ideas, events, and happenings to the students if we hear about things going on across campus. Would love to have input and ideas to consider. Troy Comeau and Rocky Restivo both spoke about collaboration with graphics, and broadcasting, and student publications. Discussed ideas about practicums to help build student content. Discussed class credit options, not built yet, but discussed. Sara Decaro asked about archiving the Collegio/Kanza and digital archiving, as well. The Board decided to start meeting two times per semester. Janet K. will send out Outlook invites for the next meeting. It was discussed for the spring meetings, the board will review the charge and discuss any changes that need to be made for the group. Malcolm Jason was elected the recorder. Chance Fields mentioned that Kaylee was elected to represent the College of Arts and Sciences, but also the 2nd SGA rep. Janet K will email them to get another SGA rep added to the Board. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

5. Online and Distance Learning Subcommittee- Chair: Kevin Elliott; Recorder: Gail Yarick
    a. Meeting convened on Teams. Kevin Elliott selected as Chair and Gail Yarick as Recorder. Susan D. reported there is an online learning task force and they will likely provide an update on what they have been doing to our committee sometime soon. No old or new business for the committee noted. Meeting adjourned.
6. Academic Honors Subcommittee- Chair: Laurent Pretot; Recorder: Kevin Elliott
    a. The committee met on September 2 to (1) elect a chair and recorder and (2) discuss the committee’s general goals and priorities for the academic year.
7. Honors College Subcommittee- Chair: Stephen Zornes; Recorder: Elyse Strickland
    a. Members Present Dr. Phillip Frank; Dr. John Daley; Dr. Tracy Barnes; Stephen Zornes; Student Representatives Ellison Whitlow and Elyse Strickland Members; Absent Dr. Brian Moots; Dr. Chris Spera; 1. Welcome and Purpose, Subcommittee members were welcomed and provided an overview of the purpose and responsibilities of the Faculty Senate Honors College Subcommittee. The group reviewed the annual cycle of subcommittee work and discussed the importance of beginning substantive planning earlier in the academic year. 2. Election of Subcommittee Officers Stephen Zornes was selected to serve as Chair, and Elyse Strickland was selected to serve as Recorder for the 2026–2027 academic year. 3. Honors College Timeline and Early Planning; the subcommittee reviewed the 2026–2027 Honors College timeline. Although most of the subcommittee’s intensive work begins in November and largely concludes in February, members agreed that an earlier start is appropriate this year because of potential budget constraints and possible opportunities to refine the program. Application process begins in November 2026. Application deadline: January 29, 2027. Interview Day: February 28, 2027. 4. Scholarship Funding, Program Direction, and Alumni Support; the subcommittee discussed anticipated funding pressures and the need for a broader

conversation about the future direction of the Honors College. Members agreed that Provost Dr. Susan Bon should be invited to a future meeting to address funding questions and program direction. The potential for increased outside and alumni-supported funding was also discussed as an area deserving further exploration. 5. Future Structure of the Subcommittee; the subcommittee discussed whether the current Faculty Senate Honors College Subcommittee should continue in its present form, be merged with the academic Honors subcommittee, or transition to a director-led council outside the purview of the Faculty Senate. No recommendation was made at this meeting. The subcommittee intends to consider the alternatives more fully and make a recommendation at a later date. 6. Program Integrity; members emphasized the importance of preserving the integrity of the Honors College as possible structural or program changes are considered. Discussion highlighted the need to maintain the strength of the program from curricular, service, and leadership perspectives. 7. Follow-Up and Next Meeting; the subcommittee agreed that the topics of funding, program direction, subcommittee structure, program integrity, and potential outside funding should be discussed more thoroughly when Provost Dr. Susan Bon and Honors College Director Dr. Brian Moots can be present. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026. 8. Adjournment Stephen Zornes moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Phillip Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Student-Faculty Subcommittee- Chair: Anna Beth Gilmore; Recorder: Gena Coomes
    a. Met on August 27th to discuss the charge of the committee and elect a chair and recorder.
9. All-University Subcommittee- Chair: Krissy Lewis; Recorder: Gena Coomes
    a. 15 Minutes: Colleagues, All-University Committee met today, 9/3/2026, via Teams and in person in the Student Center conference room, Kansas 4. Below are our minutes. Start time: 2:00 PM End time: 2:15 PM Attendance report: Chris Bakke Alessandro Martins Dilip Paul Gena Coomes Josh Lawrie Elections: Dr. Krissy Lewis was voted as chair for the All-University Committee; Dr. Gena Coomes volunteered to serve as Secretary for the year. General Discussion: We proposed reaching out to the Joint University Student Publications Board for a first meeting, as this subcommittee is responsible for reporting to the All-University Committee. From here, we hope to identify subcommittee needs, concerns, upcoming or ongoing projects, or anything else related to extracurricular matters falling under the faculty senate constitution. Chris will email Dean Childers and request a meeting be facilitated between our chair, Dr. Lewis, and their subcommittee. This will provide both the committee and board an opportunity not only a meet-and-greet, but also to identify the board's needs and projects. Faculty Senate is also requesting that committees be evaluated for merging or reconsolidating. My next meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is September 17, and I will seek to identify any other committees also merging and attempt to identify all options to report back to this committee at our next meeting. If you have any concerns you would like me to raise in these meetings, please let me know. I will be your voice and advocate. Next meeting: The next meeting was not scheduled and was left open for Dr. Lewis to coordinate. Respectfully submitted, Chris.

10. Faculty Affairs Subcommittee- Chair: Bridgette Fincher; Recorder: Janet Zepernick
    a. Decisions made virtually.
11. Constitution Subcommittee- Chairs: Peter Chung/Chandler Davidson; Recorder: Daniel Maxwell
    a. Peter Chung and Chandler Davison were elected co-chairs Daniel Maxwell was elected recorder A brief discussion was held regarding potential items for committee consideration from the executive committee including: - reviewing committees and subcommittees to see which ones are doing substantive work and which ones could potentially be combined/obsoleted - reviewing by-laws for changes that need to be made after re-organization, renaming, etc. It was also suggested that with substantial organizational changes being considered across the university, a review of the senate seat allocations may be necessary in the future. Monday at noon was deemed the best time to meet. Upcoming dates would be scheduled as necessary.
12. General Education Subcommittee- Chair: Janet Lewis; Recorder: Mark Johnson
    a. The Faculty Senate General Education Subcommittee met on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in person at 1:00 p.m. in Room 126 Hughes Hall, with two attendees joining via Zoom. Janet Lewis was elected as Chair of the committee with Recorder to be determined. (Dr. Mark Johnson has subsequently agreed via email to serve as Recorder.) The committee is slated to review KBOR Discipline Areas [Buckets] 3,5, & 7 this academic year. The committee discussed coordinating faculty training opportunities through the CTLT related to the GE assessment process.
13. Budget Subcommittee- Chair: Stephen Zornes
    a. Pending/No meeting yet.
14. Academic Honesty Subcommittee- Chair: Angelina Boyd; Recorder: Mary Larsen
    a. Meeting on Sept. 3rd via Teams Members present: Erin Jordan, Mary Larsen, Angelina Boyd, Norman Philipp, Judy Smetana Discussion of who would be chair of committee and recorder. Mary Larsen volunteered to be recorder. Discussion of committee's responsibilities and how chair is decided. Angelina Boyd said she would serve as chair if need be, unless it's specified somewhere that Erin must serve. Discussion of Maxient reports and how they would be sent to the committee if further action is needed. Committee responsibilities will ensue when/if a report is submitted that needs further action. Judy made nomination for Mary Larsen as recorder and Angelina Boyd as chair of committee. Judy suggested that Norman send Angelina definitions of role as chair. Committee adjourned.
15. Ad Hoc- A.I. Subcommittee- Chair: Jorge Leon
    a. The AI Ad Hoc group met September 9th at 9am. Topics discussed included: Agenda setting for the new year, old business of creating definitions for Gen AI, and new business introduced by the AI Taskforce. The group discussed the need for a definitions or a framework. Whether it was necessary to have define boundaries around what is considered

an AI tool/resource or augmented resource. In the end, the group decided the work needed to be in the larger taskforce group. It needs broader campus input and involvement. New business - The group discussed what content the AI Ad Hoc group should be focusing on for the new year. It started generating a list for Faculty Senate (link here) of topics that members feel faculty should be discussing . Many of the topics revolved around research, copyright, and intellectual property. New business - The broader AI Taskforce had recommendations to share with the AI Ad Hoc. The goal is to have faculty feedback around a "AI Misuse Guidelines and Faculty Decision Rubric draft" document. For now, the committee is getting feedback internally. The goal is to submit a revised document to Senate for the October meeting as an update. And request if any faculty member wants to use the document with their spring class. More details soon.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Meeting Information

Meeting Date	9/10/2026
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
Accelerated English_GC Approved	EML	Acc Program	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
Accelerated MST Tech_GC Approved	COT	Acc Program	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
CS-310_new	Math & Physics	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
CS-330_new	Math & Physics	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
CS-440_new	Math & Physics	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	The CS-440 New Course form indicates no additional costs, while the Computer Science Program Revision form notes costs for department-provided hardware kits. These kits are appear to be a fixed cost and will be reused each semester. This discrepancy was noted, and the course was approved.
CS-560_new	Math & Physics	New Course	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
ENGL-011_notification	EML	Notification	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
ENGL-506_notification	EML	Notification	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
MATH_Comp Sci_rev	Math & Physics	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
MATH_Cybersecurity Cert_new	Math & Physics	New Certificate	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
NURS-405_rev	NURS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
NURS-410_rev	NURS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
NURS-452_rev	NURS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	The committee discussed the revision of NURS-452 from 4 to 3 credit hours. The reduction reflects the removal of 1 clinical credit hour, which has been moved to NURS-457.
NURS-462_rev	NURS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	The committee discussed the revisions to NURS-462, specifically the change from 4 to 3 credit hours. The reduction reflects the removal of 1 clinical credit hour, which has been moved to NURS-457.
NURS-470_rev	NURS	Course Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
MATH_Teaching 6-12_rev	Math & Physics	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	
MATH_Teaching 5-8_rev	Math & Physics	Program Revision	X	X	X	X	X	**Approved**	