

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 29, 2025

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025, with David Weaver, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the May 12, 2025, meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Provost Bon shared that they are working on an RFP to hire a search firm for the College of Education Dean position. Travel PD funds are being awarded. Currently \$36,000 of the \$65,000 has been allocated, and the typical turn around on an application is one week. Faculty were encouraged to continue to apply. Funds will continually be reviewed. This year funds increased from \$50,000 to \$65,000. Provost Bon has created two task forces, one for travel and one for AI. Additional task forces will be created as necessary to discuss topics that came up during KNEA negotiations. The IRB handbook/policies are forthcoming. Lastly, Provost Bon reported that President's Cabinet is likely to rescind the policy on class attendance and faculty drops. As part of this action, a path to recommend a withdrawal will be established. Faculty are encouraged to contact Provost Bon with any feedback.

PSU/KNEA –Ananda Jayawardhana, President

President Jayawardhana reported that the contract has been ratified and approved by KBOR. The contract term is three years except for salary which is discussed annually.

Student Senate – Corey Humble, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Support/Professional Senate – Eva Sager & Michelle Hensley, Co-Presidents

Co-President Hensley reported that staff PD Day is being planned for March. In addition, the Docking Institute satisfaction survey has been completed. The committee will be sending the findings to President Newsom. Lastly, the possibility of stipends for the president and president-elect are being discussed.

Graduate College

No report.

Faculty Senate President – David Weaver, President

President Weaver shared that Faculty Workload and Tenure will likely come back into focus in Topeka. These topics are also being discussed at KBOR.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mandi Alonzo, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair

No report.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Philip Frank, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on August 27, 2025. See agenda for details.

Online and Distance Learning – Beth Hendrickson, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on September 23, 2025. See agenda for details.

Academic Honors – Laurent Pretot, Chair

No report.

Honors College – TBD, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – TBD, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Tracy Stahl, Chair

It was reported that the committee met earlier this semester. See agenda for details.

Faculty Affairs – James Whitney, Chair

No report.

Constitution Committee – Karen Johnson, Chair

No report.

General Education Committee – Michele Barnaby, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on September 3, 2025. See agenda for details.

Budget Committee – Stephen Zornes, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Kristen Livingston, Chair

No report.

AI Committee – Jorge Leon, Chair

It was reported that the committee will develop a list of recommendations/guidelines to bring forward for discussion. Recommendations/guidelines should line up with the AI Task Force work from the Provost's Office.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

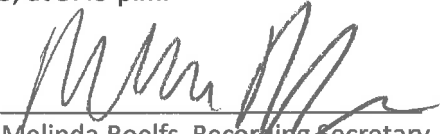
See agenda for details. It was motioned and passed for the Diversity and Multicultural Committee to recommend a name change for the committee. It was suggested to consider the new name being used for the previous DEI Office, Campus and Community Resource Center. President Weaver has formed a task force to review the current curriculum approval procedures to quicken the process. Regarding the review of Faculty Senate committees, it was noted that any recommendations would need to be to the Constitution Committee by February to implement any changes for Fall 2026. Lastly, the Student Faculty committee has been tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on the requests forwarded by Intercollegiate Athletics. There was an attempt last year to create a university-wide syllabus template, but accreditation requirements across various programs made it difficult.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, September 29, 2025, at 3:49 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMEBERSHIP (25-26) September 29 , 2025

Faculty Senators	Signature	Substitute (PRINT)
David Weaver, (President)		
Kristen Livingston, (President Elect)		
Bakke, Chris (HPASS)		
Barnaby, Michele (At-Large)	Michele Barnaby	
Benson, Christel (At-Large)		
Bertoncino, Denise (At-Large)		
Bird, Natalie (HHPR)	Natalie Bird	
Book, Rebeca (At-Large)	Rebeca Book	
Botello-Sampson, Darren (At-Large)		
Chung, Peter (BIOL)	Peter Chung	
Cook, Sheila (FCS)		
Coomes, Gena (NURS)	Gena Coomes	
Crain, Chad (CMCET)	CHAD CRAIN	
Daley, John (At-Large)	John Daley	
DeCaro, Sara (Library Svcs)	Sara DeCaro	
Elliott, Kevin (At-Large)	Kevin Elliott	
Ferguson, David (AUTO)	David Ferguson	
Fincher, Bridget (TCHL) (BRIDGETT)	Bridgett Fincher	
Frisbee, Kristi (At-Large)	Kristi Frisbee	
Jason, Malcolm (WGS)		
Johnson, Mark (At-Large)	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson
Jordan, Erin (At-Large)		
Krepps, Myriam (ENGML)	Myriam Krepps	
Lawson, Kris (HPASS)	Kris Lawson	
Leon, Jorge (At-Large)	Jorge Leon	
Livingston, Kristen (COMM)		
McClaskey, Barbara (At-Large)	Barbara McClaskey	
Phillips, Charlie (TWL)	Charlie Phillips	
Richardson, Jennifer (TCHL)		
Ross, John (MUSIC)		
Shay, Josh (MIL)	Josh Shay	
Sikola, David (KUSB)	David Sikola	
Spera, Chris (PSYCH)	Chris M. Spera	
Spielbusch, Dan (ENG)	Dan Spielbusch	
Stahl, Tracy (NURS)	Tracy Stahl	
Thuong, Scott (MATH)	Scott Thuong	
Timmons, Olivia (ART)	Olivia Timmons	
Uran, Serif (PHYS)	Serif Uran	
Younger, Doug (GC)	Doug Younger	
Zegar, Irene (CHEM)		
Zepernick, Janet (ENGML)	Janet Zepernick	
Zornes, Stephen (KUSB)	Stephen Zornes	Stephen Zornes
Univ Staff Senate Rep	Univ Staff Senate Rep	
Student Rep		
Student Government Rep		



Pittsburg State University

Faculty Senate

Date: Monday, September 29, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunflower, Overman Student Center

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Campus Update(s): None**
- III. Approval of May 12, 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:
 - Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Subcommittee - Chair:
 - 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:

VII. New Business:

1. **Renaming Diversity & Equity** – State/Federal requirement.
2. **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**, can we speed up process?
3. **New FS Committees – Technology & AI**
4. **FS Committees – total review** of the process – Combine, Eliminate, Add?
5. **Athletics Student Success Request**
 - A. How grades are determined listed in syllabus
 - B. Timely submission of grades in Canvas
 - C. Tentative semester calendar included in syllabus

VIII. Open Forum:

IX. Adjournment

- Next Faculty Senate Meeting: **Monday, October 27, 3 PM**, in the Sunflower Room, OSC

Faculty Senate President's Report – September - 2025

Academic Affairs Committee

No Report

Library Services/Leaming Resources Subcommittee

Faculty Senate Committee Report Library Services Committee Pittsburg State University
August 27, 2025 - Axe 029

Members in attendance:

Jorge León (Library), Lora Winters (CAS), Marcus Daczewitz (COE), Phillip Frank (COB), Rebeca Book (SAET), Barbara Pope (Library), Mary Larsen (CAS), and Beth Hendrickson(Library) . Dean Eric Deatherage as ex officio.

From the Constitution / Bylaws:

3. Library Services Subcommittee. This subcommittee shall consist of five faculty members, one of which will serve as chair (with at least one representative from each school/college in the University), plus three faculty representatives from Library Services, two students (one undergraduate, one graduate student), with the Dean of Library Services, and the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs serving as ex officio members, without voting privileges. The Library Services Subcommittee shall be concerned with: (Amended 02 /18/2002, 05/08/2017, 12/07/20)

a. Policies and related procedures affecting the operations of Library Services as it serves the university's students, faculty, and the public. The subcommittee shall be responsible for seeing that policies approved by the Faculty Senate are followed. The Dean of Library Services shall be responsible for the implementation of the policies of the subcommittee.

b. The Library Services Subcommittee will serve as an advocate for adequate funding of Library Services (print, online materials, instructional media, and other resources) to serve the university's strategic plan. When deemed appropriate, it will disseminate key information to the faculty and students via the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association about issues and policies that are to have an effect on the budget. The subcommittee will provide a process for departments to voice concerns about inadequacies in learning resources. The outcome of such procedures will be a letter to the Student Government Association and Faculty Senate Presidents, the Dean of Library Services, and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs detailing the particular problem, the department's needs, and the

Chair and Recorder

Members introduced themselves. Chair and recorder were nominated and elected. Phillip Frank from business is the chair and Rebeca Book is the recorder for the committee.

Dean Deatherage spoke on the following goals/expectations for the library.

1. Library to have a more collaborative environment and more inclusion with the faculty, deans, campus, and programs.

2. Financial restructuring. An email was sent out on August 21st explaining the reasoning for periodical cancellations with having to evaluate and balance the budget. Funding for

the library comes from tuition, local system consortium, state appropriation, SEK library system, endowments, and foundation.

3. Programming

4. Footprint

5. Townhalls – Make the campus more accessible and aware of library activities.

6. Prepare for Digital HLC – need to prepare the library for upcoming assessments.

Intent of the committee is to address faculty and student needs, publicize events and be an advocate for the library needs.

Committee is planning to have a standing meeting the last Wednesday of each month at 2PM in Axe 029. If there are no business needs or nothing to discuss, the meeting will be cancelled.

Upcoming events:

August 28 – Welcome Beach Fair – front of Axe Library for first year students. Coffee and Convo with New Dean (link) Sept 4th at 8 am. Drop in for coffee and snacks. Library Liaisons Social (link) Sept 4th drop-in 3 pm - 5 pm. University Authors Reception (link). November 13th at 3 pm. Library is requesting submissions for the bibliography and reception. Any who have authored works in 2024-2025 can submit content here.

Or:

Upcoming events can also be found on the Library Event Calendar at:

<https://pittstate.libcal.com/calendar?cid=-1&t=m&d=2025-11&cal=-1&inc=>

Online and Distance Learning Committee

Pittsburg State University

Faculty Senate

Online and Distance Learning Committee

2025-2026

The Online and Distance Committee met on September 23, 2025. Chairperson Beth Hendrickson brought the meeting to order. During the meeting the following topics were discussed:

Omitting the words “Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies” from the description of the committee found in the PSU constitution. Beth is going to investigate having it omitted to align with the fact this office was eliminated several years ago.

Susan Dellasaga discussed the upcoming creation of an Online Learning Task Force at Pittsburg State University.

Susan also shared information about Digital Accessibility Compliance. To meet the requirements of ADA Title II Web and Mobile Accessibility Final Rule, PSU will need to show compliance by April 24, 2026. Teachers should utilize UDOIT and TidyUp tools within Canvas to ensure accessibility for PSU students and staff.

For more information, faculty are encouraged to register for Canvas Essentials or Canvas Advanced training through the CTLT (Essentials is a prerequisite for Advanced). Faculty may also reach out to their college’s CTLT Canvas support representative for additional assistance.

Susan also shared that PSU will begin archiving Canvas Courses at the end of October 2025. More information will be shared with the Faculty and the PSU community regarding the archival process by CTLT in the near future.

There were no items for Open/New Business

Next meeting of the committee is tentatively scheduled for November 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40

Minutes submitted by:

Kevin S. Elliott on September 24, 2025

Academic Honors Subcommittee

No Report

Honors College Subcommittee

No Report

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Subcommittee

No Report

Student-Faculty Committee

No Report

All-University Committee

- I. Call to Order (1st meeting)
 - a. Present: Dr. Alessandro Martins, Dr. Tracy Stahl, Dr. Gena Coomes, and Dr. Krissy Lewis
- II. Absent: Dr. Jason Reid and Dr. Ashley Shaw.
- III. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting began with formal introductions of the committee members, starting with Dr. Alessandro Martins, followed by Tracy Stahl, Krissy Lewis, and Gena Coomes.
- IV. Confirmation of Chair and Election Recorder: By unanimous vote, it was decided that **Tracy Stahl** will serve as **Chair** for the committee meetings and **Alessandro Martins** will serve as **Recorder (Secretary)**, responsible for taking the minutes and providing the official record.
- V. Initial Tasks and Priorities (if any): The committee's purpose and responsibilities were briefly discussed. Members with prior experience shared their insights regarding the functions and objectives of the committee. The meeting concluded following discussion of the agenda items. The Chair and Recorder will coordinate future meetings and necessary follow-up actions.
- VI. Adjournment: Adjournment was called at 1:15 PM

Faculty Affairs Committee

No Report

Constitution Committee

No Report

General Education Committee

General Education Committee Meeting

Kansas 2, Overman Student Center

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 3pm

Members in attendance: Michele Barnaby, Dwight Strong, Donna Zerr, Janet Lewis, Mark Johnson, Mark Diacopoulos

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

The committee looked over the list of courses in Discipline Area 6 to be reviewed this year:

ART*178 Introduction to the Visual Arts
ART*188 The Designed World
ART*217 Crafts I
ART*222 Jewelry Design I
ART*233 Drawing I
ART*244 Ceramics I
ART*266 Sculpture I
ART*277 Painting I
ART*288 Introduction to Art History I
ART*289 Introduction to Art History II
ART*311 Art Education
COMM*105 Performance Appreciation
COMM*205 Performance Studies
COMM*395 Theatre History ()
ENGL*113 Literature and Culture
ENGL*114 General Literature (Genre)
ENGL*116 General Literature (Theme)
ENGL*117 Introduction to Fiction
ENGL*118 Introduction to Poetry
ENGL*120 Literature and Film
ENGL*121 Intro to Anti-Racist Literature
ENGL*122 Introduction to Women's Literature
ENGL*123 The Citizen in Literature
ENGL*124 Health and Literature

ENGL*125 Intro to Horror in Literature
 ENGL*250 Introduction to Creative Writing
 ENGL*315 Mythology
 ENGL*320 Literature and Film (upper level)
 HHP*151 Dance Appreciation
 HIST*101 World History to 1500
 HIST*102 World History from 1500
 HIST*201 American History to 1865
 HIST*202 American History from 1865
 HONOR*200 The Power of Music
 MLL*124 French Language & Culture I
 MLL*154 Spanish Language and Culture I
 MUSIC*120 Music Appreciation ()
 MUSIC*121 Introduction to Music Literature
 MUSIC*321 History of Music
 MUSIC*322 History of Music
 PHIL*103 Introduction to Philosophy
 PHIL*105 Ethics
 PHIL*112 Biomedical Ethics
 PHIL*113 Business Ethics
 PHIL*114 Environmental Ethics
 PHIL*231 World Religions

Michele will send out a request to the faculty assigned to each section of the above courses and their respective chairs/directors, requesting that they submit their syllabi by November 1st for the committee to review. While the syllabi will probably contain much more information, the committee will be looking specifically at the following components of the syllabi: Course Title, Course Description, Course Gen Ed Electives, Lesson Objectives related to Gen Ed, and their plan of assessments for each objective. It is requested that a course map be submitted with the syllabi to help the committee track alignment between objectives and assessments. Once received, the Gen Ed Committee will split into teams of 2 to review the syllabi. They will bring their findings to the committee who will submit their final report to the Senate, SP 2026. If teams find omissions of the requested components, Michele and Mark Diacopoulos will work with the faculty and chair to update the syllabi.

The Committee also reviewed a proposal by HONORS 200 to change the name of the course from "The Power of Music" to "Great Books I" and to update the course description accordingly. Motion made by Donna Zerr to approve the change. Motion adopted.

The group agreed to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month as needed to discuss pending proposals and as needed when we begin the actual review of syllabi.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Mark Johnson, Recording Secretary

Budget Committee

No Report

Academic Honesty Committee

No Report

AI Ad Hoc Committee

No Report

Faculty Senate Notification Form

Effective Date: Fall 2026

Submission Date: 8/18/25

Department: Teaching and Leadership

College of: Education

Contact Person: Dr. Jason Clemensen

Course/Program Name: EDUC 370

Notification Form – Used for notifying faculty senate and registrar's office of changes that don't affect other departments.

- Admission Requirements
- Pre-requisites/Co-requisites -only removes or adds from your department.
- Modality -for the change or addition to teaching a face to face course to online or hybrid format.
- Other is for misc. situations that are not covered in the other areas.

1. Purpose/Justification for this notification:

Ensuring that students have a basic understanding of explorations in education before being able to move into an organization and classroom management course.

2. Is this notification related to, and/or may affect, any other departments, unit curricula, or programs at PSU or any other Regent university? Select One If "yes", please provide documentation (ex. email).

	Existing	New/Proposed
Modality of Program:	Select One	Select One
Admission Requirements:		
Pre/Co-Requisite(s):	None	Pre Req - EDUC 261 Explorations in Education
Other:		

Authorization Sign-Off Sheet

-Approved: Department Chairperson

Date: 8/18/25

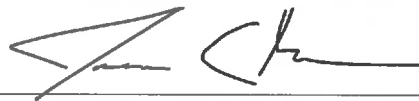
Signature, Chairperson:



-Approved: Dean of College

Date: 8/18/25

Signature, Dean:



-Approved: Faculty Senate

Date:

Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate:

Originating Departments: After completing this form, in its entirety, please have it signed by the chair and the dean. The College Admin will load to the "Approved College Curriculum" file in SharePoint. It will be added to the next 10-day viewing and then sent forward with the next Faculty Senate agenda.

Each college curriculum representative should notify their respective college and department(s) of the completion of the approval process.

Faculty Senate Notification Form

Effective Date: Spring 2026

Submission Date: 8/12/25

Department: HHPR

College of: Education

Contact Person: Shelby Hutchens

Course/Program Name: Rec Services, Sport, and Hospitality Management

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- Admission Requirements
- Pre-requisites/Co-requisites -only removes or adds from your department.
- Modality -for the change or addition to teaching a face to face course to online or hybrid format.
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1. Purpose/Justification for this notification:

REC 280 should be taken prior to 311, but the current catalog states that REC 311 is a pre- or co-requisite for 280.

Existing: Prerequisites: REC 160 Introduction to Professions in Recreation, Sport and Hospitality, or REC 240 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation, and REC 311 Program Design and Leadership, or taking concurrently with REC 311, or permission of instructor. Priority of student enrollment given to recreation majors.

New/Proposed: Prerequisites: REC 160 Introduction to Professions in Recreation, Sport and Hospitality, or REC 240 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation, or permission of instructor. Priority of student enrollment given to recreation majors.

2. Is this notification related to, and/or may affect, any other departments, unit curricula, or programs at PSU or any other Regent university? No If "yes", please provide documentation (ex. email).

	Existing	New/Proposed
Modality of Program:	In-Person v	In-Person v
Admission Requirements:	Enrollment in REC 280	Enrollment in REC 280
Pre/Co-Requisite(s):	REC 160 or REC 240, and REC 311 or concurrent enrollment therein.	REC 160 or REC 240
Other:		

Authorization Sign-Off Sheet

-Approved: Department Chairperson

Date: Aug 12, 2025

Signature, Chairperson:


J. [Name] (Aug 12, 2025 12:00 PM CDT)

-Approved: Dean of College

Date: Aug 12, 2025

Signature, Dean:


Jason Zimmerman (Aug 12, 2025 12:29 PM CDT)

-Approved: Faculty Senate

Date:

Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate:

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