

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 24, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24th, 2022, with Shawnee Hendershot, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

Minutes from the December 6th, 2021 meeting were approved.

### Guests

Dr. Winters submitted a proposal for a PSU in Paraguay Academic Achievement Award. The purpose of the award is to encourage persistence in the program. The award will be given to three students each term (January to July and August to December). International Programs and Services will fund a scholarship for tuition for one 3-credit hour course for each winner.

The proposal passed.

### Announcements

#### *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Howard Smith*

It was reported that a new supply of masks have arrived and are available for staff. Two new programs are working their way through the KBOR approval process: the BBA in Business Studies and the BS in Computer Science. Several new courses were approved by KBOR for systemwide transfer. PSU did not submit a Business Law equivalent (one of the new courses approved) and will be submitting a clarification to the Transfer and Articulation Council. Systemwide General Education is still on the horizon. There's been a legislative request to submit all syllabi for courses taught in Teacher Education programs. The request stated the need for curriculum transparency. The Governors budget is positive for Higher Education. There has been discussion to freeze tuition for next year. There are still discussions regarding if this includes tuition only or also fees.

#### *PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President*

Faculty were reminded that performance appraisal reports are due today at 4:30pm. Negotiations will kick off next week.

#### *Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative*

Student Government Association encouraged faculty to apply for the Professors Beyond the Classroom Grant. The grant is to encourage professors to take their curriculum beyond the classroom and provide students with professional and personal development opportunities. Grant proposals should be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup> to Gorilla Engage. Contact Kayley Smith at [Kayley.smith@gus.pittstate.edu](mailto:Kayley.smith@gus.pittstate.edu) for more information.

#### *Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President*

It was announced that the committee met on January 5<sup>th</sup> and approved Bylaw changes and a new slate of officers for FY 23. Bob Frisbee was the guest speaker. Professional Development scholarships are still available. In addition, nominations are being sought for the VOYA award. One employee from USS and one employee from UPS is awarded. The next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> with Provost Smith as the guest speaker.

#### *University Support Staff – Terry Pierce, President*

It was announced that Terry Pierce is the new President, replacing Jeannice Parker.

#### *Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President*

Faculty were encouraged to submit proposals for the Professors Beyond the Classroom Grant. The KBOR Council of Faculty Senate Presidents are reviewing the current Advancement Placement systemwide cut scores for course credit. A review is required every 5 years. Most cut scores begin at a 3 with the exception of some exams in Physics and Art that

are at a 4. It was also shared that there is now an implementation subcommittee working with the KBOR General Education subcommittee. The process is progressing, but slowly.

### Committee Reports

*Academic Affairs – Mike Carper, Chair*

No report.

*Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair*

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate, with the exception of the new course request from Biology. This legislation was sent back for clarification. (See agenda for details on submissions.)

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee were approved.

*Library Services/Learning Resources – Chase Dearing, Chair*

No report.

*Online and Distance Learning – Alex Binder, Chair*

No report.

*Academic Honors – Matthew Lunde, Chair*

No report.

*Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair*

No report.

*Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair*

No report.

*Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair*

No report.

*Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair*

No report.

*All University Committee – John Daley, Chair*

No report.

*Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair*

The committee continues to review travel requests. Funds are still available.

*Constitution Committee – Norman Philipp, Chair*

The committee presented the first reading of proposed changes to the Constitution. (See agenda for details.) Several editorial changes were identified. In addition, a question was raised about the purpose of the Online and Distance Learning Subcommittee, specifically what is the reason for singling out online learning. The chair of the subcommittee will take the question to the next meeting for discussion.

*Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair*

No report.

*Budget Committee – Chris Childers, Chair*

No report.

*Academic Honesty – Karen Johnson, Chair*

No report.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

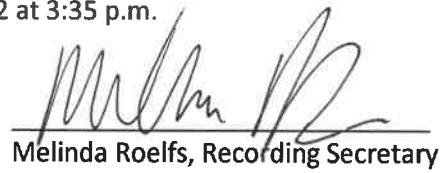
None.

**Open Forum**

It was shared that applications are still being accepted for the Presidential Search.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned Monday, January 24th, 2022 at 3:35 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary



**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2021-2022)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Shawnee Hendershot, (President)	X		X	X	X				
Shewmake, (Past President)	X	X	X	X	X				
Backs, (Technology & Workforce Development)	X	X	X	X	X				
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Binder, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X				
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X		X				
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X						
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)	X	X	X	X	X				
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)	X		X						
Daley, ( History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X	X				
George, (Biology)	X	X	X	X	X				
Goedeke, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X				
Goris, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Hardy, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X		X		X				
Hastings, (Music)	X			*	X				
Hermansson , (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	*				
Heter, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X					
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Johnson, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X				
Jones, (Automotive Technology)					X				
Jorgenson-Borchert, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Labuda, (Library Services)	X	X			X				
Lewis, (Art)		X	X		X				
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X	X				
Maceli, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X				
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Neef, (Chemistry)	X		X						
Nicklaus, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X				
Pearson, (Physics)				X					
Pretot, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X	X				
Reid, (Graphics & Imaging)	X	X	X		X				
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	X				
Runyan, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X				
Shaw, (Teaching & Leadership)			X		X				
Shay, (Military Science)									
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Spielbusch, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X		X				
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X				
Zepernick, (At-Large)			X		X				
USS Senate Representative	X		X		X				
UPS Senate Representative			X						
Student Government Representative			X	X	X				
Student									

\*Substitutes: 12/6/21 Robert Kehle for Todd Hastings; 1/24/22 Jessica Jorgenson Borchert for Hermansson;

