

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 29, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024, with Rebeca Book, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting were approved.

Guests

President Shipp started by discussing PSU's legislative priorities for 2024. Priorities include the following: 1) \$6M regional stabilization; this funding is designed to assist the regional institutions with initiatives; this is not currently in the Governor's budget, but it can still gain support, 2) \$5M science lab upgrades; federal funds are also being sought, 3) \$2M reading center facility; this would be located in the Gorilla Rising project, 4) \$1M student success initiatives; this includes expanding space in the Axe Library and implementation of Navigate, and 5) support of KBI SEK facility proposal; this is supported by PSU, but being requested by the KBI. See attached handout for more information. President Shipp also discussed upcoming staffing changes. Currently, President Shipp is the acting dean for the College of Technology; there is an interim dean for Library Services and a search will begin soon for an interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. These roles will sunset once the new Provost has had a chance to be involved in the position searches.

Ms. Dalton also shared information regarding the new planning platform: Gorilla Plan. All faculty have view access with their PSU sign on credentials. See attachment for additional details.

Announcements

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

No report. Updates included in President Shipp's comments.

PSU/KNEA –Amy Hite, President

President Hite thanked faculty for participating in listening sessions for the Provost search. Finalist are planned to be on campus early to mid-April. Finalist will meet with constituent groups. It was also shared that KNEA has begun planning for their 50th Anniversary. Faculty were encouraged to email President Hite if they'd like to help.

Student Senate – Jaben Parnell, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President

It was reported that the UPS is working on elections for next year and revising bylaws to further clarify membership parameters. In addition, it was shared that UPS and USS have discussed a possible merger. Conversations will continue. Faculty were encouraged to nominate UPS and USS staff for the VOYA awards. Lastly, the UPS President will be meeting with President Shipp to talk more about employee well-being.

University Support Staff – Cindy VanBecelaere, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Rebeca Book, President

President Book provided a KBOR and campus update. The Institutional Review Board will be available at the February meeting to answer questions. Faculty are asked to submit questions in advance at least one week prior to the meeting. See attachment to minutes for additional details.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Norm Philipp, Chair

The committee continues to work on developing syllabus guidelines.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. See agenda for details.

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

Library Services/Learning Resources – Chris Labuda, Chair

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair

No report.

Academic Honors – Jamie Wood, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Lydia Bechtel, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – David Weaver, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Anna Beth Gilmore, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jonathan Dresner, Chair

No report.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

No report.

General Education Committee – TBD, Chair

No report.

Budget Committee – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Norm Philipp, Chair

It was reported that two Maxient reports have been elevated for further action.

Unfinished Business

It was shared that syllabus guidelines are still being discussed by the Academic Affairs committee. In addition, the KBOR General Education implementation continues. Programs were reminded that March 11th is the deadline to have legislation to college preliminary folders in order to be approved at the May meeting.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

It was shared that Axe Library is inviting employees and students to submit 2D Art for the Wide Open Space Art Exhibit. Submission are due by February 13th. Visit the Axe Library website for additional details. In addition, Kansas Undergraduate Research Days at the Capitol will take place on March 1st. Student submissions are due by February 5th. Lastly, faculty were reminded that the ORAC holds sessions on exploring external funding. See the Pitt State Daily for more information.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, January 29, 2024, at 3:47 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2023-2024)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Rebeca Book, (President)	X	X	X	x	X				
Norm Philipp, (President Elect)	X	X	X	x	X				
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X	x					
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X		X		X				
David Boffey, HHPR		X	X						
Paige Boydston, PSYCH		X	X	x	X				
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Kari Cronister, TCHL									
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X		X				
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS		X	X	x	X				
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large		X	X	x	X				
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	x	X				
Ram Gupta, CHEM			X	x	X				
Beth Hendrickson, Library	X	X	X	x	X				
Casie Hermansson, ENGML	X	X		x	X				
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X	X		x	X				
Amy Hite, At-Large	X	X	X		X				
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X	X	X	x	X				
Karen Johnson, NURS	X	X	X		X				
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X	x	X				
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X	x	*				
Joseph Labuda, MIL		X							
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X	X		x	X				
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	x	X				
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X	X	X	x	X				
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	x	X				
Dan Maxwell, ETECH	X	X		x	X				
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	x	X				
Ruth Monnier, At-Large	X		X	x	X				
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X	X	X	*	X				
David Pearson, PHYS	X	X	X	x	X				
Steve Polley, AUTO	X	X	X	*	X				
Jason Reid, TWL	X	X	X	x	X				
John Ross, MUSIC	X	X							
Kent Runyan, At-Large	X	X	X	x					
Ashley Shaw, TCHL	X	X			X				
Kyle Thompson, WGS	X	X	X	x	X				
Scott Thuong, MATH									
David Weaver, KUSB	X	X	X	x	X				
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X	X	X	x	X				
USS Senate Representative		X							
UPS Senate Representative			X	x	X				
Student Government Representative			X						
Student				x					

*Substitutes: 12/11/23, Brian Welch/Clifford Morris, Dave Ferguson/Steve Polley; 1/29/24, Myriam Krepps/Eric Rojas;



**PITTSBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Fall 2023 Update

\$30 million

In federal and state funding - **a record year**

\$12.5 million

Challenge grant from Kansas Department of Commerce for **Gorilla Rising**, a project that will rebuild the Kelce College of Business, integrate the historic Colonial Fox Theatre, and add student housing in the Besse Hotel - all in downtown Pittsburg

\$4 million

Base funding for STEM and materials science **research**

\$8 million

Funding to build a manufacturing **prove-out facility** for the Center for Commercialization

**Making lives
better through
education**



900+ freshman class

Freshman enrollment growing for fourth year in a row, with largest class in years

Simulation hospital

Accelerated nurse readiness and added 30 seats to BSN program

Dan Biked Kansas

Raised \$7 million+ for the student experience.

Dan Golfs the 4-States in 2024!

Added women's soccer

New program begins play in fall 2024 with ~40 new students

**Awarding AA degrees
as students earn them**



**Two degrees for
the price of one**



Hired enrollment specialist – **Dr. Karl Stumo**, VP for student affairs and enrollment management

Launching **American Center for Reading** with the help of visits from Kansas and New Mexico governors

Reorganized a university division around **economic development and community engagement**

Expanded **student health** services through partnership with CHC/SEK

Completed phases 1 and 2 of new **student success center**

Grew **relationship with KBI** for future program and facilities partnerships

Won **two national championships** in men's track and field

Next steps: strategic plan activation

Moving forward in 2023–24 we'll be addressing the following priorities as we activate the new strategic plan.

**Academic
program
plan**

**Strategic
enrollment
plan**

**Economic
prosperity
plan**

**Regional
budget
strategy**

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY WITH STATEWIDE IMPACT



- Advancing \$60M P3 Gorilla Rising project - historic investment in downtown Pittsburg and southeast Kansas
- Completing \$10M P3 Tyler Research Center expansion - manufacturing prove out facility to drive regional growth
- Won approval for automatic AA degrees for Pitt State Students
- Leading in literacy/dyslexia support and education for Kansas students and teachers
- Expanding student access and success - academic and career advising center and foster youth initiative

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

\$6M Regional stabilization

Capture the unique and scalable impact of regional public universities in Kansas on workforce and economic development through collaborative efforts with Emporia State and Fort Hays State.

\$5M Science lab upgrades

Enable advanced student research and prepare students for the workforce by remodeling facilities and adding state-of-the-art lab equipment that provides innovative industry-standard experiences.

\$2M Reading Center facility

Significantly improve our capacity to help as many people as possible to become competent readers with a modern, community-facing home for the Center for Reading.

\$1M Student success initiative

Increase degree completion rates by continuing to grow comprehensive support services across academic advising, career counseling, tutoring, mental and physical health services, financial aid and scholarships, and more - fully implementing the playbook provided by the National Institute for Student Success (NISS).

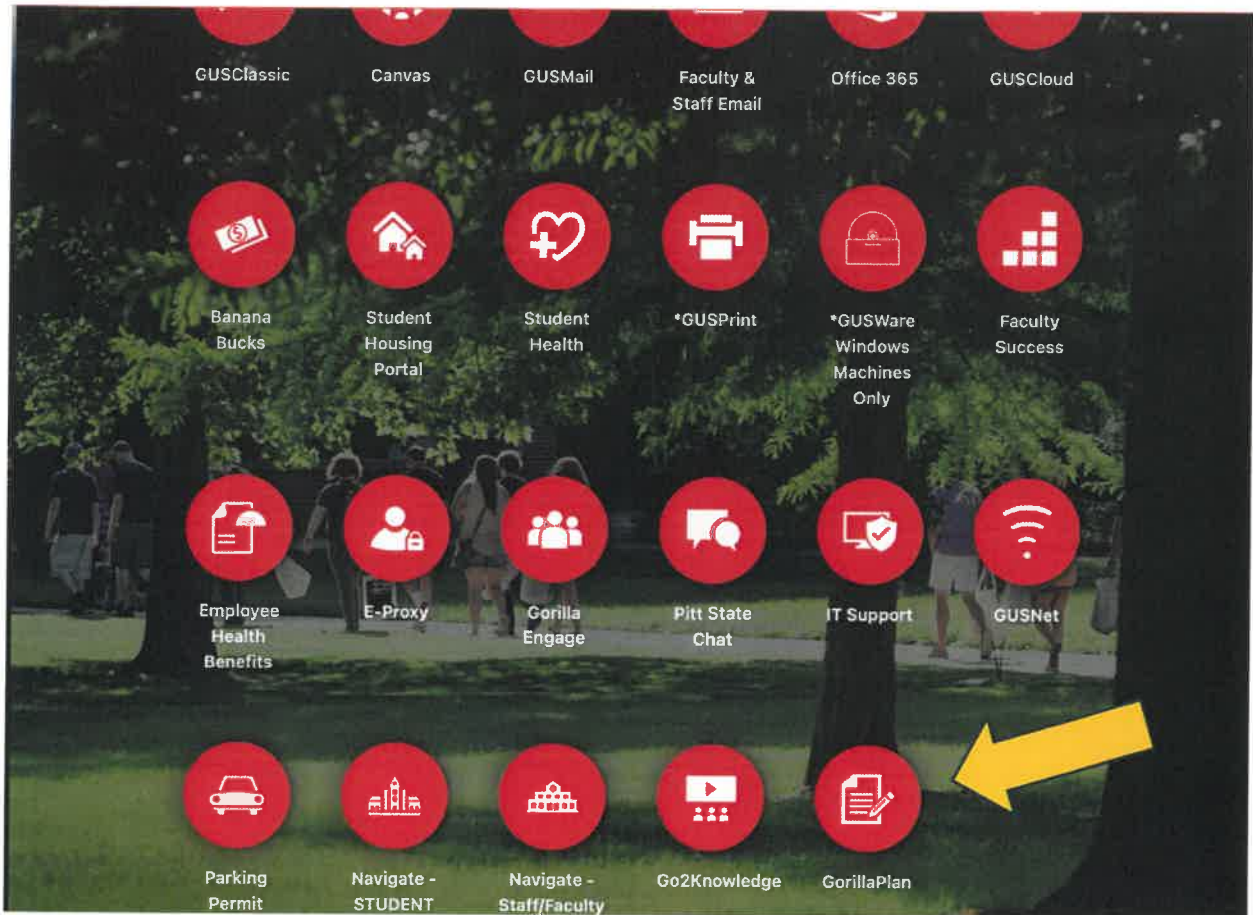


KBI SEK facility proposal

Enhance public safety and educate the next generation of crime scientists and criminal justice leaders by colocating regional agencies with academic labs and expert access that give students real-world public safety experiences.

President Shipp and a team of students and staff biked across Kansas last summer to raise friends and funds for Pitt State. During the 11-day adventure, the Pitt State team **raised nearly \$8 million for the student experience and scholarships** and met with hundreds of alums, education and governmental leaders, and future students and their families.





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Updates:

1. Updates from KBOR

- **Master of Social Work passed**
- **Faculty member on search for VP of KBOR
Academic Affairs failed – redoing search**
- **Amendment for Board Policies related to Appointments,
Non-reappointments, and Terminations – 90-day notice**
- **Micro-Internships Available from KBOR – Heather Busch**

2. Provost Search – Thank you to all who participated in listening sessions!

3. Located in the Faculty Senate Canvas modules is a section with information regarding the Institutional Review Board.

