

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 25, 2021

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25th, 2021, with Karen Johnson presiding in place of Shawnee Hendershot, President.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the September 27, 2021 meeting were approved.

Guests

Dr. Erwin shared that the Physical Plant Services and Grounds unit has joined Student Life and is no longer under Administration and Finance. Tim Senecaut has joined the Student Life leadership team. Contact Dr. Erwin or Mr. Senecaut if you have any questions.

Mr. Hurt discussed the partnership with Fujian Normal University in China and the College of Education, specifically Early Childhood Education. The program recently received approval from the Chinese Ministry of Education. Ninety-nine students started the program this fall. (Each year there will be a new cohort of up to 100 students.) Pitt State is offering 14 courses in years 1-3. Currently the courses are being taught online, but there is a possibility that they may be taught in China in the future. Up to 50 students can transfer to Pitt State in the 4th year to complete the degree (dual degree). In the 4th year, students will be paying non-resident tuition rates. Fujian Normal University is funding the courses being taught by PSU. In the future, this partnership may be expanded to areas outside of the College of Education.

Dr. Winters provided an update on the PSU in Paraguay program. There is one year left on our contract. With a strong dollar recently and the pandemic, the program has seen a dip in revenue. Benchmarks have been set and if those benchmarks are not met, we will not be renewing our contract. Contact Dr. Winters with any questions.

Announcements

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

Dr. Smith shared information on the new KBOR initiative involving the National Institute for Student Success at Georgia State. All Regents' institutions are participating. Work on this project has started. The Strategic Planning Council met recently with the following focuses: 1) continuing operations (as we respond to COVID), 2) assimilating new leadership and 3) stabilizing/building enrollment. Two Faculty Senate representatives serve on the Council. The current plan has been extended to 2023 to allow future leadership to play a role in development of a new plan.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam shared that the contract will be on the KBOR November agenda. He also stressed that the new professional development opportunity available through the CTLT and worth up to \$2,000 has unlimited seating. In addition, he mentioned the enrollment revenue incentive of \$1,000 per faculty next year if we match or exceed enrollment revenue from this academic year.

Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President

Ms. Meier announced that UPS met on September 22nd. Bylaws were reviewed and updates were provided on the vaccination incentives, KBOR presidential search and the diversity climate survey.

University Support Staff – Jeannice Parker, President

Ms. Parker noted the committee met in on September 13st with Deatrea Rose as guest speaker. Ms. Rose gave an overview of the recent diversity climate survey and spoke about upcoming roundtable lunches available to faculty and

staff to continue discussing the diversity climate on campus. In addition, Ms. Parker reported that support staff have been assigned to USS committees.

Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President

Dr. Johnson reported for Dr. Hendershot that KBOR did not meet in October so there is nothing new to report from the Faculty Senate Presidents. Dr. Hendershot encourages faculty to participate in the new training being offered by the CTLT.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mike Carper, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

It was reported that all submissions up for review, with the exception of the minor in Public Policy, were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate.

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

The committee would like to remind departments to provide a detailed justification when completing Faculty Senate forms.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Chase Dearing, Chair

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Alex Binder, Chair

The committee met on September 21st to begin discussing revisions to course delivery types. If you have thoughts on course delivery types, please contact your college representatives.

Academic Honors – Matthew Lunde, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair

It was reported that the Best Practices grants have been reviewed and sent to the Provost.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair

The committee was asked to review two items: 1) edits needed to reflect new SGA contact information for the University Sponsored Student Activities policy and 2) the location on the Pitt State website for the academic misconduct reporting form. It has been reported that the form is currently difficult to find.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair

It was reported that the committee has reviewed sabbatical requests and they have been sent on. In addition, \$6,750 has been awarded for faculty travel.

Constitution Committee – Norman Philipp, Chair

No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair

The committee in consultation with the English department and Student Success is recommending that two Pathway elements be moved from the Gorilla Gateway course to the English core elements. See agenda for additional details. This was the first reading.

Budget Committee – Chris Childers, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Karen Johnson, Chair

It was reported that there were sanctions rendered for two students, both receiving the grade of “XF”. Another report has been submitted for tracking purposes only.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

If anyone has feedback on the Major Fair that was held in Axe Library on September 29th, please email Dr. Hendershot.

Open Forum

A Town Hall has been scheduled for November 4th at 2pm in the Miller Theater, Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. The event will also be livestreamed.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, October 25, 2021 at 3:29 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2021-2022)

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

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