

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 31, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st, 2022, with Karen Johnson, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the September 26th, 2022 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Provost Smith shared that there are plans to repurpose Apple Day. (A handout was provided describing the new plan.) Faculty were encouraged to contact Abby Fern to provide feedback. Current KBOR projects include rpk with a report expected in December; NISS including moving forward with centralized advising; data dashboards for tracking KBOR initiatives; and systemwide General Education. Provost Smith announced that the Transition Advisory Council website is now available and includes the most recent presentations. In addition, Dr. Shipp has been hosting student forums and will likely meet with 600-700 students over the course of the semester. Several projects are currently being discussed in Academic Affairs. These include a new Strategic Enrollment Management plan and an Academic Programs Strategic plan; moving forward with NISS recommendations and beginning reviews of student holds and DFW reports. (Previously DFW reports had not been shared out with deans and chairs.)

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam shared that the committee met with the Administration on October 14th. Negotiations will resume once a College Dean has been confirmed.

Student Senate – Tarryn Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Tammy Higgins, President

It was reported that the Docking Institution satisfaction survey results would be released to campus and across the state on Tuesday, November 1st.

University Support Staff – Diane Letner, President

It was shared that the results from the Docking Institution satisfaction survey results would be shared with the Transition Advisory Council for discussion.

Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson, President

President Johnson reiterated the Apple Day information shared by Provost Smith. President Johnson also shared that there is rpk project information on the KBOR website with an option for folks to provide feedback. Faculty were encouraged to review the information available. President Johnson has invited Dr. Shipp to a Faculty Senate meeting. Instead of attending a meeting, he may want to host a reception in December. Details will be provided once confirmed. Faculty Senate is partnering with Graduate Council to discuss the recent college reorganizations and how they impact each group's Constitution.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mike Carper, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Janet Zepernick, Chair

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. (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 – Laurent Pretot, Chair

The committee met on October 20th to begin discussing a Distance Learning plan. See agenda for additional details.

Academic Honors – Kris Lawson, Chair

The committee presented a first reading of changes to the Academic Honors policy, specifically deadline dates for submission. There were no questions. See agenda for additional details.

Honors College – Rion Huffman, Chair

The committee has met several times as they “reimagine” the Honors College. An Honors College Faculty Liaison position has been advertised with a closing date of November 4th. In addition, they are working on a survey to send to stakeholders. See agenda for additional details.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Jason Clemensen, Chair

The committee met on October 12th to discuss plans for reviewing submissions. See agenda for additional details.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair

The committee would like to hear from you if you have any events of interest. They attempt to share information on events to campus whenever possible. See agenda for additional details.

Student-Faculty – Cole Shewmake, Chair

The committee was recently asked to define dead week. Dead week is Monday – Friday.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Amy Hite, Chair

The committee reported that sabbatical requests have been sent to the Provost. Travel requests continue to be reviewed. The committee encourages faculty to submit requests as significant funds are available. See agenda for additional details.

Constitution Committee – Casie Hermansson, Chair

No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair

The committee recommended eight English courses for inclusion in the Pitt State Pathway. They have one course pending.

All courses recommended were approved.

It was also reported that there were only ten respondents to the Pitt State Pathway survey. See agenda for additional details.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Rebeca Book, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

There was a discussion on plans moving forward for centralized advising. Faculty asked if they will have an opportunity to provide input and what type of involvement they will have with the professional advisors. Provost Smith shared that they are working on creating a model that respects the academic programs and provides students a means for blending with their programs and faculty members. First and second-year students will be the initial focus for centralized advising. Centralized advising is a KBOR directive and likely will be included as one of our Key Performance Indicators. Level of achievement of Key Performance Indicators can impact our ability to receive new funding. Provost Smith encouraged senators to share out information from the discussion to their colleagues.

In other news, it was shared that the University Authors Reception is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 3pm in Axe Library. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, October 31th, 2022 at 3:54 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2022-2023)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Karen Johnson, (President)	X	X							
Rebeca Book, (President Elect)	X	X							
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X							
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X	X							
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Browyn Conrad, WGS	X	X							
Kari Cronister, FCS	X								
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X							
John Daley, HPSS	X								
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large		X							
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X							
Ram Gupta, CHEM	X	X							
Rick Hardy, HHPR	X	X							
Todd Hastings, MUSIC									
Casie Hermansson, ENGML		X							
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X								
Amy Hite, At-Large	X	X							
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X	X							
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X								
Randy Jones, AUTO									
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X							
Chris Labuda, Library	X								
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X	X							
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X							
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X	X							
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X							
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X							
Ruth Monnier, At-Large		X							
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X	X							
Shannon Nicklaus, CMCET	X	X							
David Pearson, PHYS	X	X							
Laurent Pretot, PSYCH	X	X							
Jason Reid, TWL		X							
Kent Runyan, At-Large		X							
Ashley Shaw, TCHL	X	X							
Josh Shay, MIL									
Dan Spielbusch, ETECH	X	X							
Scott Thuong, MATH		X							
David Weaver, KUSB	X	X							
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X	X							
USS Senate Representative		X							
UPS Senate Representative	X	X							
Student Government Representative									
Student									

*Substitutes:

