

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES November 29, 2021

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021, with Shawnee Hendershot, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the October 25th, 2021 meeting were approved.

Guests

Dr. Dellasega shared that changes have been made based on the recommendations of the CTLT faculty consultants to some language and the dashboard in Faculty Success (also known as Activity Insight/Digital Measures). The faculty consultants are creating training videos to introduce the login process and the recent updates. Faculty can expect to receive an email next week detailing how to access the videos.

Ms. Eckstein shared information regarding the new KBOR initiative, the National Institute for Student Success hosted by Georgia State. All six Regents' institutions and Cowley County Community College are participating. The PSU project leads are Dr. Howard Smith, Ms. Deatrea Rose and Ms. Heather Eckstein. Based on information gathered from each campus, KBOR will receive a playbook outlining recommendations. These recommendations are expected to be handed down to each institution. The following has been completed for the project: 1) NISS collected IPEDS longitudinal data, 2) several PSU offices assisted in answer a collection of 35 questions regarding a wide range of topics, and 3) 20-25 PSU stakeholders completed a survey where responses were sent directly to Georgia State. The next step will be stakeholder interviews sometime in January/February 2022. The PSU project leads have received some preliminary data based on the survey responses conducted earlier this semester, but it is not ready to share. More information can be found at <https://niss.gsu.edu/>.

Announcements

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

Dr. Smith shared that President Scott met with the Governor recently to discuss resources, specifically challenges with offering competitive salaries. A committee has been formed to begin reviewing a possible SIS replacement. Recently, it was decided to contract with Oracle on a financial aid system. The committee is expected to review the Oracle SIS after the first of the year. Cost estimates are also being requested.

Pitt State had two items on the KBOR consent agenda, 1) tear down of the Nature Reach barn and 2) a budget amendment for the McPherson simulation hospital. The PSU KNEA contract was also approved. Other KBOR news included, 1) the Health Center review, 2) room and board proposals (we are requesting an increase of approximately 2.5% - one Regent expressed that he thought the request should be higher considering the expected increase in food prices), 3) allowing for enrollment in a future semester when there is a balance due from a previous semester, 4) the state exceptions for the vaccine mandate and 5) the PSU Presidential Search Committee membership and charge (available on the KBOR website).

Dr. Smith also had Ms. Roelfs share information on commencement. Commencement will continue to follow a walk-through format; however, seating will be available for guests not participating in the processional. In addition, faculty will be invited to participate in a faculty processional. Faculty will assemble 15 minutes prior to the start of each ceremony in rm. 110 Weede. Faculty will line the processional on both sides starting at the entrance of the Weede. Faculty are required to wear regalia to participate in the processional. Faculty are expected to stand for the entire processional which typically lasts approximately 30 minutes per ceremony. Information on the faculty processional has been sent to chairs and deans to share out to faculty. Contact Ms. Roelfs with questions.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam also shared that the contract was approved by KBOR. Faculty eligible for promotion or merit increases should see those on the December 10th paycheck. In addition, he encouraged faculty to participate in the training opportunities through the CTLT.

Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative

Ms. Brenner noted several recent initiatives including Trunk or Treat, events with Hispanics of Today and the International Student Association, establishing location for voter registration, sexual assault prevention and student health insurance. Student Senate would also like to increase advocacy in Topeka.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President

Ms. Meier announced that UPS met on November 3rd with Deatrea Rose as guest speaker. Their next meeting is December 1st and will feature Angela Neria.

University Support Staff – Jeannice Parker, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President

Dr. Hendershot reported that KBOR has announced members of the Presidential Search Committee. Three faculty are serving (Jason Reid, Cole Shewmake and Joe Levens). Additional details can be found on the KBOR website. The proposal to allow up to 75 credit hours to transfer towards a baccalaureate degree has passed KBOR. Discretion is given to individual institutions to determine which programs are eligible for the additional transfer hours. The Bachelor of General Studies has been mentioned as an option for PSU. Pitt State is not currently held to the federal vaccine mandate. The mandate is required for institutions with federal contracts totaling \$250,000 or more. 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 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 – Alex Binder, Chair

The committee has finalized a proposal for revisions to course delivery types. See agenda for details on the proposal. The proposal is being reviewed by several groups this week prior to a vote at the December 6th meeting. If approved at the December 6th meeting, revisions will take affect beginning with the summer 2022 course schedule.

It was mentioned by several folks that we need to consider clarifying that the revisions are specific to how a course will meet, not necessarily how all content will be delivered. It was suggested that the term “delivery” be replaced with “meeting” to assist with this clarification. Please send any additional feedback to Dr. Binder.

Academic Honors – Matthew Lunde, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

The committee met on November 17th to review the 2022-2023 selection process. See agenda for details.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair

The committee met on Tuesday, October 19th and Wednesday, October 20th to brainstorm ideas. Most of the ideas focused on ways to support organizations on campus. The details of those meetings can be found in the agenda.

Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair

The committee met on November 17th to discuss a possible Dead Week violation. The faculty member took corrective action to avoid a violation. No further action was needed. In discussing the possible violation, it was determined that the most recently approved Dead Week policy isn't in all cases the policy that's being followed. The most recently approved policy will be reflected in the Spring 2022 syllabus supplement and also can be found in this month's agenda.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair

It was reported that sabbaticals have been approved. Travel requests continue to be approved with a current balance of \$90,346.01.

Constitution Committee – Norman Philipp, Chair

No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair

The committee presented the 2nd reading of the proposal to move two elements from the Gorilla Gateway course to the department of English and Modern Languages. (See agenda for details on the elements.)

The proposal passed.

Budget Committee – Chris Childers, Chair

It was shared that the committee met with Doug Ball on November 15th for a Q & A session. See agenda for details on the discussion.

Academic Honesty – Karen Johnson, Chair

It was reported that there is one case currently pending.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, November 29, 2021 at 3:56 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						
Shewmake, (Past President)	X	X	X						
Backs, (Technology & Workforce Development)	X	X	X						
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Binder, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X						
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X						
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X						
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)	X	X	X						
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)	X		X						
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X						
George, (Biology)	X	X	X						
Goedeke, (At-Large)	X		X						
Goris, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Hardy, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X		X						
Hastings, (Music)	X								
Hermansson , (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X						
Heter, (Nursing)	X	X	X						
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Johnson, (Nursing)	X	X	X						
Jones, (Automotive Technology)									
Jorgenson-Borchert, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Labuda, (Library Services)	X	X							
Lewis, (Art)		X	X						
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X						
Maceli, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X						
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Neef, (Chemistry)	X		X						
Nicklaus, (School of Construction)	X	X	X						
Pearson, (Physics)									
Pretot, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X						
Reid, (Graphics & Imaging)	X	X	X						
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X						
Runyan, (At-Large)	X		X						
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X							
Shaw, (Teaching & Leadership)			X						
Shay, (Military Science)									
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Spielbusch, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X						
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X						
Zepernick, (At-Large)			X						
USS Senate Representative	X		X						
UPS Senate Representative			X						
Student Government Representative			X						
Student									

*Substitutes:

