

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
December 12, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022, with Karen Johnson, President, presiding.

**Past Minutes**

Minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Announcements**

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Howard Smith*  
No report.

*PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President*

Dr. Siam shared that KNEA had a social at Axe Library on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He thanked those who attended. In addition, he reminded folks that on December 13<sup>th</sup> KNEA representatives and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are scheduled to meet with the two local Regents to discuss items of interest. Lastly, he shared that KNEA will meet with the negotiating team on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Smith will serve as the lead negotiator.

*Student Senate – Tarryn Brenner, Representative*

It was shared that SGA has adopted two resolutions recently: 1) Improve elevators on campus and 2) Raise awareness of the Student Accommodations office during the enrollment process.

*Unclassified Professional Senate – Tammy Higgins, President*

It was reported that Andra Stefanoni was the most recent guest speaker. Dr. Smith is scheduled to be the guest speaker in January. In addition, it was shared that the 23-24 slate of officers would be determined soon.

*University Support Staff – Diane Letner, President*

No report.

*Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson, President*

President Johnson reminded folks of the meeting with the local Regents to discuss items of interest on December 13<sup>th</sup> and encouraged folks to send questions to her. In addition, President Johnson shared that the rpk Group is scheduled to present the Academic Portfolio framework to the Board on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be live-streamed. Lastly, Master Advisory Training is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration is still open.

**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 December 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the current distance education plan. Susan Dellasega will take the lead on revising and updating the plan; the committee will serve in an advisory role. See agenda for details.

*Academic Honors – Kris Lawson, Chair*

No report.

*Honors College – Rion Huffman, Chair*

It was shared that the Honors College survey has been released to faculty, HC alumni and current HC students. Folks are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. It was also reported that Brian Moots is serving as the Honors College Faculty Liaison during the transition.

*Writing Across the Curriculum – Jason Clemensen, Chair*

No report.

*Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair*

No report.

*Student-Faculty – Cole Shewmake, Chair*

No report.

*All University Committee – John Daley, Chair*

No report.

*Faculty Affairs – Amy Hite, Chair*

No report.

*Constitution Committee – Casie Hermansson, Chair*

No report.

*Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair*

The committee reviewed a new course for the Pitt State Pathway, POLS 201 Introduction to Public Policy and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. This course had previously been submitted but never made its way to the committee. The recommended course was approved.

In addition, the committee investigated current policies for minors and determined the new systemwide general education package would not necessitate a change to current policy. Lastly, in area #7 of the new systemwide general education package the committee has added EXSCI 200 and DANCE 200 as additional options to HHP 150. See agenda for details.

*Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair*

No report.

*Academic Honesty – Rebeca Book, Chair*

It was reported that there have been six submissions for tracking purposes only.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

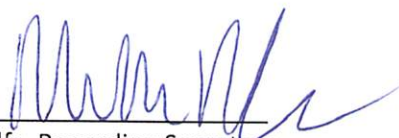
None.

**Open Forum**

None.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned Monday, December 12, 2022 at 3:15 p.m.

  
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Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary