

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 7, 2020

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020, with Cole Shewmake, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the November 30, 2020 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam reported that the bargaining team has started negotiations for the three-year, KNEA contract. If there are any suggestions, contact Tim Thomas or any other team member.

Student Senate – Bella L'Heureux, Representative
No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Jason Kegler, President
No report.

University Support Staff – Terri Blessent, President
No report.

Faculty Senate President – Cole Shewmake, President

Dr. Shewmake shared that the final draft of the free expression statement will go to KBOR on December 16th. Final revisions are due by December 9th. See agenda for statement. There have been a few revisions to statement since it was included in the agenda. Contact Dr. Shewmake with any comments or questions.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Steve Cox, Chair
No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

Dr. Hendershot reported the all curriculum items were approved by the committee and recommends all curriculum items on the agenda. Prior to the vote Dr. Lawson notified the Senate that the History legislation dated August 2020 needed to be removed from the agenda.

Dr. Moss asked if there is a method beyond the 10-day viewing period for departments to learn when another department is taking action to change degrees/majors. Dr. Hendershot responded that representatives from the college committees should be sharing information as they learn it with their department/colleagues.

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, with the exception of the August 2020 History legislation, were approved

Library Services/Learning Resources – Stella Hasting, Chair
No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Krissy Lewis, Chair

Ms. Lewis reported that the committee met earlier today and invited Dr. Hermansson as the Faculty Senate representative on the Strategic Planning Council to attend to offer their support. They shared with her examples of online learning programs and the Quality Scorecard used to rate online programs.

Academic Honors – John Daley, Chair
No report.

Honors College – Michael Davidsson, Chair
No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Laura Covert-Miller, Chair
No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Jessica Jorgenson-Borchert, Chair
Dr. Jorgenson Borchert reported that the committee continues to discuss items from their previous meeting including working with the Tilford Group to create a “one-stop shop” for diversity and multicultural resources. See agenda for additional details.

Student-Faculty – Gail Yarick, Chair
No report.

All University Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – Trina Larery, Chair
No report.

Constitution Committee – James Whitney, Chair
Dr. Whitney reported that there has been conversation regarding the nomination process as currently stated in the Constitution. After much discussion, the committee is bringing an amendment to the Senate for first reading.

After changes from the floor to the language in the amendment were motioned and approved, the following wording was approved.

"The election committee shall consist of three or more Faculty Senate members, two of whom are the Faculty Senate President and President-elect. The President shall appoint other member(s) of the election committee before the last day of March. The group shall solicit nominations from the newly elected members of the Senate and those members with one year remaining in their terms for the following year's Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The new Faculty Senate shall vote for officers (Article II.B.) and for five additional members, at least one from each college, who shall make up the next Executive Committee. The vote shall take place during the April meeting of the new Faculty Senate."

The second reading will be in January.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair
No report.

Budget Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair
No report.

Academic Honesty – Shawnee Hendershot, Chair
No report.

Unfinished Business

The second reading of the Bylaw changes to the Constitution was completed. See agenda for details on changing “committee” to “subcommittee”. Motion passed.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, November 30, 2020 at 3:52 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2020-2021)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Cole Shewmake, (President)	X	X	X	X					
Bracker, (Past President)	X		X	X					
Bailey, (At-Large)	X			X					
Binder, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X					
Butler, (Physics)									
Carlson, (English & Modern Language)	X	X							
Coltharp, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X					
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X					
Coomes, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X					
Cox, (Library)	X	X	X						
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)		X	X						
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)									
Drew, (Communication)		X							
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	*		X					
Goedeke, (At-Large)		X							
Goris, (At-Large)	X								
Hendershot, (At-Large)	X	X		X					
Hermansson , (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Jones, (TWL)		X	X	X					
Jorgenson-Borchert, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Kehle, (Music)	X	X	X	X					
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X					
Maxwell, (Engineering)		X	X	X					
McConnaughey, (Graphics)				*					
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Neef, (Chemistry)		X		X					
Pennington, (Automotive Tech)	X	X	X						
Philipp, (Construction)	X	X	X	X					
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X					
Runyan, (At-Large)		X	X						
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X							
Shay, (Military Science)									
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Spera, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X					
Tseng, (Art)		X							
Whitney, (Biology)	X	X	X	X					
Wilson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sciences)	X	X	X	X					
Yarick, (Undergrad Kelce)	X		X	X					
Zepernick, (At-Large)	X	X							
University Support Staff Senate Representative									
Unclassified Professional Senate Representative		X							
Student Government Representative									
Student									
Student									

*Substitutes: 10/26/20 Hilary Gorman for Kristi Frisbee, 12/7/20 Rion Huffman for Andrea McConnaughey,