

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 28, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28th, 2022, with Shawnee Hendershot, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the January 24th, 2022 meeting were approved.

Guests

Aaron Hurt submitted a proposal to begin accepting the Duolingo English Test for International Undergraduate Admission. See agenda for the full proposal.

The proposal passed.

Announcements

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

It was reported that PSU's new Computer Science program has been approved by KBOR and the new Business Studies program had its first reading. The second reading for Business Studies will take place next month. KBOR is moving forward with the RPK Program Review project. There will be two main themes: 1) academic portfolio review and 2) academic resource utilization. A steering committee will be put together. The project is expected to take 10 months and include data from 2017-2021. PSU's cybersecurity insurance is up for renewal. Rates have increased dramatically. At this time to renew, PSU would be looking at an increase of around \$33,000. In addition to increased costs, there are also additional requirements that will need to be met in order for PSU to be insured. This will likely mean that additional safety protocols will be required for all faculty and staff.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

No report.

Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President

It was announced that the committee's February meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd with Provost Smith as the guest speaker. Three new senators will be elected in April. Nine professional development scholarships have been awarded with one more still available.

University Support Staff – Terry Pierce, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President

Faculty were reminded that Apple Day is scheduled for March 7th. From 11:45am-1pm the Executive Committee will be passing out apples. Apples will also be passed out after the Apple Day program. There will be a short General Faculty meeting after Spring Convocation. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents are in the process of reviewing AP systemwide cut scores. Questions have been raised regarding cut scores for English and Biology. Faculty were reminded to have inclemental weather instructions in their syllabi in the event the University is closed for inclemental weather.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mike Carper, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, 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 – Alex Binder, Chair

The committee reminded faculty of the CARES ACT workshops through the CTLT. To receive the stipends, completion certificates must be submitted by March 27th, 2022.

Academic Honors – Matthew Lunde, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair

The committee shared the four topics discussed at their most recent meeting on February 9th, 2022. They included: updates to the Academic Integrity Statement, the Inclement Weather Policy, early enrollment for student employees and changes to early enrollment times and dates. See agenda for details.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair

The committee encouraged faculty to apply for PD travel funds and spread the word to others in their departments. Of the \$100,000 in available funds, a total of \$16,898 has been awarded.

Constitution Committee – Norman Philipp, Chair

The committee presented the second reading of proposed changes to the Constitution. (See agenda for details.)

All proposed changes were approved. Approval of the General Faculty is not required since changes are to the by-laws only.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair

No report.

Budget Committee – Chris Childers, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Karen Johnson, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

It was asked if left-over funds from the Faculty Affairs budget would roll over to the next fiscal year. Remaining funds will not roll over. As is routine, the Faculty Affairs committee will send a letter to the Foundation requesting PD funds for the next fiscal year.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 3:25 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	X	X				
Shewmake, (Past President)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Backs, (Technology & Workforce Development)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X		X			
Binder, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X		X	X			
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X			X			
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)	X		X			X			
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
George, (Biology)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Goedeke, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X	X			
Goris, (At-Large)	X	X	X			X			
Hardy, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X		X		X	X			
Hastings, (Music)	X			*	X				
Hermansson , (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X		X			
Heter, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X		X			
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Johnson, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Jones, (Automotive Technology)					X	X			
Jorgenson-Borchert, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Labuda, (Library Services)	X	X			X	X			
Lewis, (Art)		X	X		X	X			
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X	X				
Maceli, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Neef, (Chemistry)	X		X						
Nicklaus, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Pearson, (Physics)				X		X			
Pretot, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X	X	X			
Reid, (Graphics & Imaging)	X	X	X		X				
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Runyan, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X			
Shaw, (Teaching & Leadership)			X		X	X			
Shay, (Military Science)									
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Spielbusch, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X		X	X			
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Zepernick, (At-Large)			X		X	X			
USS Senate Representative	X		X		X				
UPS Senate Representative			X						
Student Government Representative			X	X	X				
Student									

*Substitutes: 12/6/21 Robert Kehle for Todd Hastings;

