

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 24, 2025

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025, with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

Guests

Doug Ball was welcomed by the Faculty Senate to discuss budget updates. The budget process has been different this year. Instead of starting with the Governor's budget, the House and Senate created their own budget. This has disrupted the typical flow and timelines. Several items are being discussed in committee. They include the following: investment for the regional institutions, pay plan funding, need based aid for students, a 1 ½ decrease across all agencies, student success funding and funding to support the Campus Restoration Act. The budget should become clearer in the next 2-3 weeks. The PSU tuition committee will be meeting soon.

Jamie Brooksher visited the Faculty Senate to discuss the Freedom of Expression policy and potential updates. Time, place and manner are being reviewed in part due to the increased possibilities of protests. An email will be sent soon requesting feedback. There will be an open forum this Thursday at 3pm in the Governors Room. Potential updates include the addition of specific scenarios that are consistent with the First Amendment.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the February 24, 2025, meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Susan Bon
No report.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President
It was reported that the KNEA luncheon went well. There is a call for final nominations for the board.

Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative
No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President
President Belcher reported that VOYA awards will be announced on April 1st. The Docking Institute satisfaction survey will be released soon. Senator elections have been combined with USS and UPS merging.

University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President
No report.

Graduate College
No report.

Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President
President Philipp shared numerous updates. See the agenda for details. The tenure bill seems to be stalled for now; however, it's likely to come back up next year. Bill 2402 passed the House and is now onto the Senate. The President search details are now on the website.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair
The syllabus template is ready for review. It was motion and approved to allow online voting once it has been available for viewing.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. See the agenda for details.

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee were approved.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Lora Winters, Chair

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair

No report.

Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Randy Winzer, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair

No report. Subcommittee will be sunset.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Joanne Britz, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Kristen Maceli, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – David Sikolia, Chair

It was shared that all funds had been allocated. There was a request for additional funding; however, the request was denied.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

The committee shared several recommended updates to the Constitution and Bylaws. See the agenda for the details. Updates 5 & 6 will need to be approved by the General Faculty. Dr. Johnson will create the language for the proposed amendments and additions. The committee recommends for next year that the committee review all approved amendments from February 28, 2022, to make sure the updates are reflected in the Constitution and Bylaws. There was a question regarding the inclusion of adjunct faculty in determining the number of unit reps. Faculty are encouraged to post questions to Canvas.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

It was reported that the committee is in the process of reviewing syllabi. The committee will share feedback next month.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair

No report.

AI Committee – Jorge Leon and Grant Moss, Co-Chairs

It was shared that the committee will be sending out a survey in the first part of April. See the agenda for details.

Unfinished Business

See the agenda for the details. Items A & B were motioned and passed. There will be a call for nominations soon for the KBOR awards. A letter was sent by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to the Apple Day committee expressing concern regarding the recent changes to Apple Day.

New Business

See the agenda for details.

Open Forum

The Faculty/Staff Achievement Celebration will be scheduled soon, likely for April. The Construction Expo will be held at the CTC on April 8th and 9th. Big Event flyers are available to faculty.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, March 24, 2025, at 4:27 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2024-2025)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	
Norm Philipp, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
David Weaver, (President Elect)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Dennis Audo, At-Large	X		X		X	X				
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X	X						
Tim Bailey, HPSS			X	X	X	X	X			
Michele Barnaby, At-Large	X	X	X			X	X			
Denise Bertoncino, At-Large	X			X		X				
David Boffey, HHPR	X				X		X			
Rebeca Book, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Paige Boydston, PSYCH	X	X	X		X		X			
Christine Brodsky, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Heather Carter, TCHL	X	X		X		X	X			
Chad Crain, CMCET		X	X		X	X	X			
Barth Cox, COMM	X			X	X	X	X			
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS	X	X	X	X		X	X			
David Ferguson, AUTO	X				X		X			
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Beth Hendrickson, Library	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X	X	X			X				
Karen Johnson, NURS	X	X	X				X			
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X	X	X					
Erin Jordan, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Joseph Labuda, MIL		X	X			X				
Jorge Leon, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Dan Maxwell, ETECH		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Grant Moss, At-Large	X	X	X		X	X	X			
David Pearson, PHYS		X		X	X	X	X			
Jason Reid, TWL		X	X	X		X	X			
John Ross, MUSIC	X			X						
Ashley Shaw, TCHL		X	X	X		X	X			
Khamis Siam, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Kyle Thompson, WGS		X		*	*		*			
Scott Thuong, MATH				X	X	X				
Irene Zegar, CHEM	X	X			X	X	X			
Janet Zepernick, ENGML	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
USS Rep										
UPS Rep	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SGA Rep			X							

*Substitutions: 12/9/24, Browyn Conrad; 1/27/25, Browyn Conrad; 3/24/25, Browyn Conrad;

