

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 27, 2023

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, with Karen Johnson, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

President Johnson reported for Provost Smith the following updates: 1) as part of KBOR's Math Pathways project, they are sending a Math survey to be completed by Directors/Chairs of programs that do not typically require Calculus; the survey is to be completed by April 12th, 2) KBOR will be on campus April 19th and 20th; watch the Pitt State Daily for the schedule, 3) the state CAOs are drafting proposed criteria for the system program review process; the goal is for action to be taken by KBOR in May or June 2023, and 4) each state university is expected to have an instructional workload policy by June 30, 2023; PSU already has a policy which is part of the contract.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

President Siam reported that the team is meeting weekly with President Shipp and Provost Smith. They will also be meeting with Doug Ball on some financial questions. The goal is to wrap up by April. They also completed officer elections for next year.

Student Senate – Tarryn Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Tammy Higgins, President

It was reported that UPS in collaboration with USS is working with President Shipp to present a Town Hall on the Docking Institute Climate Survey results. The Town Hall has been scheduled for April 11th. In addition, UPS will be conducting elections in April for their remaining officers and will be presenting the VOYA awards later this week.

University Support Staff – Diane Letner, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson, President

President Johnson reported that the dashboards being developed by KBOR will be available on the KBOR website in June. In addition, President Johnson thanked those who assisted with Apple Day both on-campus and in the community.

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.

It was motioned and approved to vote separately on the Associate of Arts proposal. President Shipp spoke about the Associate of Arts proposal and highlighted the opportunities it presents to students as they pursue a Bachelor degree.

The Associate of Arts proposal was approved.

All other 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 March 22nd to continue to review the draft of the new Distance Education plan. See agenda for details.

Academic Honors – Kris Lawson, Chair
No report.

Honors College – Rion Huffman, Chair
The committee submitted the Honors College evaluation report to the Provost and will meet with him on March 31st to discuss next steps.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Jason Clemensen, Chair
No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair
No report.

Student-Faculty – Cole Shewmake, Chair
The committee met on March 22nd to clarify the student employee groups included in priority enrollment previously adopted in March 2022. See agenda for additional details.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – Amy Hite, Chair
The committee presented the proposal to increase professional development funding for each priority and to add a priority 3 classification for a second reading and a vote.

The proposal recommended by the Faculty Affairs committee was approved.

The approved proposal will be retroactive for Professional Development funds already approved for this academic year. The new form will be available soon on the website.

Constitution Committee – Casie Hermansson, Chair
It was reported that the committee will meet next week to discuss potential representative updates needed due to the changes in some of the colleges.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair
No report.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair
No report.

Academic Honesty – Rebeca Book, Chair
No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

It was announced that the Axe Library will be open until 1am Sunday – Thursday to accommodate students. A librarian will be available. The new PSU homepage received a favorable reaction. A question was asked about the awards typically announced during Apple Day; the awards will be announced at other ceremonies throughout the year. Kari Cronister has been selected to join Governor Kelly when she celebrates the Week of the Young Child.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, March 27, 2023, at 3:33 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2022-2023)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Karen Johnson, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Rebeca Book, (President Elect)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X		X	X			
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X	X	X		X	X			
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Browyn Conrad, WGS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kari Cronister, FCS	X			X		X	X		
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
John Daley, HPSS	X				X		X		
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large		X	X	X	X		X		
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ram Gupta, CHEM	X	X	X	*	*	X			
Rick Hardy, HHPR	X	X		X	X	X			
Todd Hastings, MUSIC				X	X	*	X		
Casie Hermansson, ENGML		X		X		X	X		
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X		X			X	X		
Amy Hite, At-Large	X	X	X				X		
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X	X					
Randy Jones, AUTO					X	X	X		
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Chris Labuda, Library	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ruth Monnier, At-Large		X	X	X	X	X			
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Shannon Nicklaus, CMCET	X	X	X	X	X	X			
David Pearson, PHYS	X	X		X	X	X			
Laurent Pretot, PSYCH	X	X	X			X	X		
Jason Reid, TWL		X		X	X		X		
Kent Runyan, At-Large		X	X		X	X	X		
Ashley Shaw, TCHL	X	X		X		X	X		
Josh Shay, MIL									
Cole Shewmake, (Past President)			X	X	X	X	X		
Dan Spielbusch, ETECH	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Thuong, MATH		X	X	X	X	X			
David Weaver, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X		X		
USS Senate Representative		X			X		X		
UPS Senate Representative	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Student Government Representative				X					
Student				X					

*Substitutes: 12/12/22 Khamis Siam; 1/23/23 Khamis Siam, Jeannice Parker guest; 2/27/23 Robert Kehle, Tatiana Goris guest;