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

Past Minutes

Minutes from the February 28th, 2022 meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Howard Smith
It was reported that PSU's proposal for a BBA in Business Studies will be on the KBOR April agenda. The National Institute for Student Success (NISS) is wrapping up their report for KBOR and the participating schools. Four areas have been highlighted for PSU by the NISS: 1) financial aid specialization especially for Pell recipients, 2) centralized advising with increased coordination, 3) transition services for changing majors, and 4) improvements in data availability. In addition, KBOR is working on a space utilization update to assist in improving efficiencies. Lastly, the implementation for the new financial aid system has begun.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President
It was shared that officer elections would be happening soon. In addition, the KNEA bargaining unit recently participated in bargaining training. Faculty were encouraged to check with the CTLT regarding submission of completion certificates for the PD training.

Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative
It was reported that the Big Event is scheduled for April 2nd. The Student Government Association just concluded elections for next year. Student Government Association participated in Higher Education Day in Topeka and discussed the following: mental health and higher education funding, and recruitment and retention.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President
It was announced that the committee met on March 2nd with Provost Smith as the guest speaker. During the Apple Day ceremony, Becky Kraus and Barb Barto were announced as the VOYA award recipients. The committee is currently working on elections; the ballot is planned to go out April 4th. In addition, the survey from the Docking Institution should be released on April 6th. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6th with Shawn Naccarato as guest speaker.

University Support Staff – Terry Pierce, President
No report.

Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President
It was shared that increasing the AP cut score for English from a 3 to a 4 would be voted on by COCAO (the Regents Chief Academic Officers) at their next meeting. The initial concern raised was that students who receive credit for English Composition based on a score of a 3 have not demonstrated a level of learning necessary to be successful in higher level English courses. The data reviewed by PSU showed the contrary. In addition, Freedom of Expression statements will be presented at the April KBOR meeting. The KBOR rpk project is underway and will focus on program demand, duplication and efficiency across the system. It was stressed by the Regents that this project is meant to be a flashlight and not a hammer and they understand that each campus has their own culture. (PSU's previous rpk report can be found on Canvas under Strategic Visioning. Faculty may contact the CTLT if they need the information added to their Canvas.) Lastly, Dr. Scott will be attending the April Faculty Senate meeting.

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 Dearinger, Chair
No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Alex Binder, Chair
The committee was asked by the Student Faculty committee to review the Inclement Weather Policy that was approved at the March Student Faculty committee meeting. (See agenda under Student Faculty Committee Report for statement.) The committee recommended removing the second sentence addressing online coursework. The following statement will be included in the syllabus supplement moving forward: If the university declares an inclement weather day, it is at the instructor's discretion to determine any shifts to course work.

Academic Honors – Matthew Lunde, Chair
No report.

Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair
No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair
The committee is reviewing the current policy that restricts enrollment in Writing to Learn courses prior to the Sophomore early enrollment day. They are currently gathering data and have discussed developing a survey.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair
No report.

Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair
The committee shared the four topics discussed at their March meeting. See agenda for details.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair
The committee reported that as of March 8th, $81,324.57 of travel funds remained. Faculty are encouraged to apply. In some cases, full-time, non-tenured faculty are eligible. The forms can be found on the Provost's website.

Constitution Committee –Norman Philipp, Chair
No report.

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 reported that the KBOR General Education committee along with an Implementation subcommittee continues to meet to discuss a systemwide general education framework. Currently, it is believed that implementation would occur no earlier than Fall 2024.

The Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing has moved out of McPherson Hall to prepare for the new simulation hospital. The central office along with some courses is now located in the Axe Library.

Meeting Adjourned   Meeting adjourned Monday, March 28th, 2022 at 3:37 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	X	X			
Shewmake, (Past President)	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Backs, (Technology & Workforce Development)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Binder, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	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	X			
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)	X		X			X	X			
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X	X	X				
George, (Biology)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Goedeke, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X	X				
Goris, (At-Large)	X	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	X			
Heter, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Johnson, (Nursing)	X	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	X			
Lewis, (Art)		X	X		X	X	X			
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Maceli, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Neef, (Chemistry)	X		X							
Nicklaus, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Pearson, (Physics)				X		X	X			
Pretot, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X	X	X				
Reid, (Graphics & Imaging)	X	X	X		X		X			
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Runyan, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X		X			
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X	X			
Shaw, (Teaching & Leadership)			X		X	X	X			
Shay, (Military Science)										
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X				X			
Spielbusch, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Zepernick, (At-Large)			X		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;