

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 24, 2023

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023, with Karen Johnson, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

Minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

### Announcements

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

Provost Smith reported that the KBOR meetings went well and thanked those who attended. The VP for Student Life and Enrollment Management search is beginning with plans to make a hire in June. The College of Technology Dean search is also ongoing and should wrap up soon. KBOR's first reading of PSU's Associate of Arts proposal took place last week. There seems to be support from the other four-year institutions and mixed support from many of the community colleges. The Tuition committee has been meeting regularly to develop a tuition proposal for the next academic year. KBOR has expressed that they are open to tuition increases for next year.

#### *PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President*

President Siam reported that the team continues to meet with the Administration. A special task force has been created to focus on financial issues. Many decisions are on hold until the legislators wrap up their session.

#### *Student Senate – Tarryn Brenner, Representative*

It was reported that SGA has transitioned to their new officers. The new president is Jaben Parnell and the vice president is Hannah Eckstein.

#### *Unclassified Professional Senate – Tammy Higgins, President*

Ms. Higgins reported that she attended the KBOR meeting and it seemed to go well. In addition, discussions are taking place regarding including representatives from the senates on the University Leadership Team. CBIZ is being considered for researching unclassified professional staff title and salary structures. Several folks have suggested looking at other options given the work done with CBIZ for the support staff evaluation. The town hall that was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout and good conversation. Work is continuing on the Docking Institute survey results.

#### *University Support Staff – Diane Letner, President*

No report. Ms. Letner was asked if the senate had surveyed members regarding their satisfaction with being switched from state employees to PSU employees. Ms. Letner responded that they have not surveyed members on that specific question.

#### *Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson, President*

President Johnson reported that the KBOR meetings held last week went well. Some members of Faculty Senate, along with members of other groups on campus, met with the Board on a several topics. Last week a committee sign-up request was emailed. Forty-three faculty have volunteered. Keep in mind not all volunteers need to be on Faculty Senate.

#### *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.

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

*Library Services/Learning Resources – Chase Dearing, Chair*  
The committee met on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Online and Distance Learning – Laurent Pretot, Chair*  
No report.

*Academic Honors – Kris Lawson, Chair*  
No report.

*Honors College – Rion Huffman, Chair*  
Currently there are two applicants for the Director of Honors College position. Both are faculty. Interviews will begin soon.

*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 presented its first reading on adding language to the university's plagiarism policy statement to address the increasing use of AI software. See agenda for details. Provost Smith ask to advance the new language to Jamie Brooksher for review. It was mentioned that the addition to the policy will be difficult to enforce.

*All University Committee – John Daley, Chair*  
No report.

*Faculty Affairs – Amy Hite, Chair*  
The new form with updated approval limits is on the Provost's webpage. Deadline for submission is May 1<sup>st</sup>. See agenda for details.

*Constitution Committee – Casie Hermansson, Chair*  
The committee met on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss how the reorganization of colleges affects representation on Faculty Senate. This discussion will continue into the next academic year. The committee also proposed changes to Article II of the constitution and asked for a vote at the next general faculty meeting to be held in August 2023. See agenda for details on the changes.

It was approved to table any further discussion on the changes to the next Faculty Senate meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> to confirm naming of faculty ranks.

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

*Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair*  
The committee will meet on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Doug Ball is scheduled to talk at the next Faculty Senate meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Academic Honesty – Rebeca Book, Chair*  
No report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

None.

**Open Forum**

It was announced that April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for research awards. In addition, faculty commended the professional development program that was conducted last Friday by faculty from UMKC. It was well received.

**Meeting Adjourned** Meeting adjourned Monday, April 24, 2023, at 3:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Roelfs', written over a horizontal line.

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	X	
Rebeca Book, (President Elect)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Browyn Conrad, WGS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kari Cronister, FCS	X			X		X	X	X	
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
John Daley, HPSS	X				X		X	X	
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Ram Gupta, CHEM	X	X	X	*	*	X		X	
Rick Hardy, HHPR	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Todd Hastings, MUSIC				X	X	*	X	X	
Casie Hermansson, ENGML		X		X		X	X	X	
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X		X			X	X	X	
Amy Hite, At-Large	X	X	X				X	X	
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		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	X	
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ruth Monnier, At-Large		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Shannon Nicklaus, CMCET	X	X	X	X	X	X			
David Pearson, PHYS	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Laurent Pretot, PSYCH	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Jason Reid, TWL		X		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		X	
David Weaver, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
USS Senate Representative		X			X		X	X	
UPS Senate Representative	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Student Government Representative				X					
Student				X					

\*Substitutes: 12/12/22 Khamis Siam for Ram Gupta; 1/23/23 Khamis Siam, Jeannice Parker guest; 2/27/23 Robert Kehle for Todd Hastings, Tatiana Goris guest; 4/24/23 Khamis Siam, Daniel Maxwell for Dan Spielbusch, Grant Moss for Myriam Krepps;

