

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 25, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25th, 2022, with Shawnee Hendershot, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

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

Guests

Susan Dellasega discussed course evaluations. All courses are evaluated; however, tenured faculty can manage which courses are shared with their supervisor. It was recommended that tenured faculty hide all evaluations, review all evaluations once completed, and then share those they choose. A video tutorial has been developed to help with this process. Students have a two-week window to complete evaluations. Students are not required to complete course evaluations. If a course is team-taught, the student can choose one or both instructors as part of the evaluation. Contact the CTLT with questions.

Dr. Scott expressed his thanks to the faculty for their support. He mentioned that he served as Faculty Senate President four to five years into his career. There have been many challenges during his tenure starting with the great recession and ending with the pandemic, but PSU made it through because of the people. Although there is more money in Topeka now than in many years, meeting the budget will be challenging. Enrollment locally and nationwide is still a concern. Throughout Dr. Scott's presidency, he has met monthly with each senate president. Dr. Scott encouraged faculty to be aware of what's happening at KBOR, specifically the rpk project and discussions around deferred maintenance. He announced that his last day will be May 27th.

Announcements

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

The April KBOR meeting was held at Fort Hays State University and was not live-streamed. At the meeting the BBA in Business Studies was approved to begin this fall. Overall, discussions at the meeting focused on efficiency at the program and facility levels. In addition, new high school graduation requirements were reviewed. The rpk project was discussed again noting the focus on program review and faculty workload. The current program review process is not yielding the results expected by KBOR. There continues to be concern that enrollment targets for new programs are not being met, yet new programs continue to be added. Faculty are encouraged to participate in the next PSU Town Hall meeting. Funding should increase for next year; however, Academic Affairs will likely be looking at budget cuts around \$1.5 million. The division has been responding to recent budget pressures and will continue to by restructuring several colleges/departments. The restructure includes: 1) permanently moving the department of Family and Consumer Sciences to the Teaching and Leadership department in the College of Education, 2) merging the Automotive Technology and Engineering Technology departments into the School of Automotive and Engineering Technology in the College of Technology, 3) merging the Graphics and Imaging Technologies and Technology and Workforce Learning departments into the School of Technology and Workforce Learning and Graphics and Imaging Technologies in the College of Technology, 4) organizing the departments of English and Modern Languages, Communication, Art and Music into the School of Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences, 5) merging the departments of Math and Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, 6) organizing the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Math and Physics into the School of Science and Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences, and 7) renaming the department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences to School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

The KNEA bargaining unit and the Administrative team reaffirmed their commitments to interest-based bargaining and completed training with a federal trainer. The following were identified as common interests to continue discussing: 1) summer school, 2) safety, 3) travel money, 4) work assignments, 5) predatory journal warnings, 6) editorial corrections, and 7) a multi-year agreement. The last "meet and confer" session resulted in a tentative agreement for one year. The tentative agreement states: 1) fund all promotions and exception merit ratings, 2) fund a 4.75% increase to

base salary of all unit faculty, 3) provide a minimum of \$60,000 for administrative adjustments to unit faculty, and 4) hold summer school funding flat.

Student Senate – Kaedra Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Mary Jo Meier, President

The committee met on April 6th with Shawn Naccarrato as the guest speaker. The committee confirmed three new senators for next year. The Docking Institute survey has been emailed to eligible staff. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4th with Dr. Scott as the guest speaker.

University Support Staff – Terry Pierce, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, President

The At Large election has been completed with 12 new senators. The rpk project continues to be discussed amongst the Faculty Senate Presidents with a first report expected in September. One member from the PSU 22-23 Executive Committee will serve on the rpk project committee.

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

No report.

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. A survey will be going out this week to gather feedback.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Eric Rojas, Chair

The committee met on April 5th to discuss supporting campus diversity both during the academic year and beyond the work of the committee. See agenda for a list of accomplishments, including a list of events supported, and a list of ideas that go beyond the work of the committee.

Student-Faculty – Tracy Stahl, Chair

The committee shared the updated Academic Misconduct statement to serve as the first reading. (See agenda for statement.) Second reading will take place at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Harris, Chair

The committee reported that travel funds still remain. Faculty are encouraged to apply. (See agenda for details.)

Constitution Committee – Norman Philipp, Chair

No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair

At the most recent meeting, the committee returned eight proposals to departments to include PSP information. It was noted by the committee that no guidelines were created previously to assist departments with developing proposals. The committee has put together a template to provide assistance. (See agenda for details.) In addition, the committee discussed centralizing the PSP information currently found at pittstate.edu. Lastly, the committee approved and recommended to Faculty Senate to remove GT 190 Introduction to Technological Systems from PSP since this class is a 2-credit hour course and leaves students 1-hour short of meeting the requirement.

The recommendation by the Pitt State Pathway committee was approved.

Budget Committee – Chris Childers, Chair

The committee met this morning to receive a budget update from Doug Ball. Even with the possibility of additional funds from the state to KBOR, PSU could still be looking at a budget reduction of \$2 million.

Academic Honesty – Karen Johnson, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

The Axe Library will have a celebration of its renovations tomorrow at 2pm. In addition, the Axe Library will have extended hours during dead week and finals week and will have snacks and support available.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, April 25th, 2022 at 4:05 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	X	
Shewmake, (Past President)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Backs, (Technology & Workforce Development)	X	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	X	
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	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	X	
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)	X		X			X	X	X	
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
George, (Biology)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Goedeke, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X	X			
Goris, (At-Large)	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Hardy, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X		X		X	X		X	
Hastings, (Music)	X			*	X			X	
Hermansson , (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Heter, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Hite, (At-Large)	X	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	X	
Lewis, (Art)		X	X		X	X	X		
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Maceli, (Undergrad Kelce)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Neef, (Chemistry)	X		X						
Nicklaus, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pearson, (Physics)				X		X	X		
Pretot, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Reid, (Graphics & Imaging)	X	X	X		X		X	X	
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Runyan, (At-Large)	X		X	X	X		X		
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Shaw, (Teaching & Leadership)			X		X	X	X		
Shay, (Military Science)									
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X				X	X	
Spielbusch, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	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;

