

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 26, 2021

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021, with Cole Shewmake, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Smith started by giving an update on Digital Measures/Activity Insight. We may be forced to look at other vendors. Digital Measures had indicated that they can be flexible and meet needs, but they have now become unresponsive. In regards to faculty travel, Dr. Smith shared that it's been discussed that a one-time \$1,000 payment be made to faculty this year since very little travel took place. Considering moving Fall Break, a decision is expected next week. Dr. Smith also reported that a group will be created to assist with moving operations forward into the next academic year considering the status of the pandemic. He stressed that the upcoming year could be more difficult to navigate considering the different expectations people have. Questions were raised regarding requiring vaccinations and how much flexibility should be given to students. Dr. Smith responded that the Administration has discussed vaccinations and is following the litigation. Private schools may have more flexibility in these situations. Dr. Smith also encouraged faculty to contact Student Life if they have concerns about what a student has communicated regarding their health. In addition, Dr. Smith noted that as situations come up they are discussed with Jaime Brooksher in order to provide guidance.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam shared that they have concluded their elections and the new officers will assume their duties on May 1st. Congratulations to the winners and appreciation to all those who are willing to serve. The KNEA bargaining team has been meeting with the Administration on the following: 1) promotion and tenure timelines are tentatively agreed upon, 2) the establishment of a task force to work on the Promotion-Tenure template, 3) salary generation for FY23 and beyond and how it can be incorporated into the budget process and 4) performance appraisal. Lastly, Dr. Siam noted that he has instructed the bargaining team to expedite the agreement for the distribution of \$1,000 to faculty and that clarification on travel for next year should be coming soon.

Student Senate – Bella L'Heureux, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Jason Kegler, President

Dr. Kegler reported that they have concluded their elections and they will be made official May 5th. Mary Jo Meier is the incoming President having served as President-Elect this past year. The senate is working on a statewide survey gaging employee morale. The survey will likely be done sometime in Fall 2022. If faculty have any questions about students and COVID procedures, please contact Jordan Harding in Student Life.

University Support Staff – Terri Blessent, President

Dr. Shewmake reported that the committee is working on a satisfaction survey with the other Regents schools for 2022.

Faculty Senate President – Cole Shewmake, President

Dr. Shewmake reported that Daniel Archer from KBOR gave an update on the General Education working group at the most recent KBOR meeting. The group is currently working on the structure for the general education package and discussing how outcomes will be developed. The Faculty Senate Presidents stressed the need for flexibility for campuses. Dr. Shewmake also noted that Faculty Senate will be using CANVAS as a repository for minutes from Faculty Senate committees. Dr. Shewmake reminded Faculty Senate that the next meeting will be Monday, May 3rd since Spring Break was moved to the end of the semester. The meeting will be held in the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. Lastly, Dr.

Shewmake shared that he sent a form to next year's Faculty Senate asking what committee(s) they would be interested in serving on. He will send a reminder to folks to complete the form.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Steve Cox, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

Dr. Hendershot reported two clerical edits to legislation: 1) New Course Request; HCI 400 should be noted to start Spring 2022 and 2) New Emphasis Healthcare Innovation; PSYCH 575 should be changed to PSYCH 571.

All curriculum items, including the clerical edits, were approved by the committee and were recommended for approval by Faculty Senate.

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

Library Services/Learning Resources – Stella Hasting, Chair

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Krissy Lewis, Chair

Dr. Shewmake reported that the committee met on April 12th. They discussed a potential name change for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, what services the CTLT will provide, and how the committee can assist with the University's Distance Education plan.

Academic Honors – John Daley, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Michael Davidsson, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Laura Covert-Miller, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Jessica Jorgenson-Borchert, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Gail Yarick, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Trina Larery, Chair

Dr. Shewmake shared that Dr. Larery has confirmed that the request has been submitted to Advancement to restore the \$100,000 in travel funds for next year. Dr. Larery should hear back on the request sometime in June.

Constitution Committee – James Whitney, Chair

No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

No report.

Budget Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair

Dr. Goris reported that Doug Ball met with the Budget Committee on April 12th to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. The presentation was very similar to the presentation Mr. Ball did last month for Faculty Senate. See agenda for additional details.

Academic Honesty – Shawnee Hendershot, Chair
No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, April 26, 2021 at 3:33 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2020-2021)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	**	May
Cole Shewmake, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bracker, (Past President)	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	X	
Butler, (Physics)										
Carlson, (English & Modern Language)	X	X				X	X	X		
Coltharp, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Conrad, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Coomes, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Cox, (Library)	X	X	X		X	X		X		
Cronister, (Family & Consumer Science)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Daczewitz, (Teaching & Leadership)					*	*	*		X	
Drew, (Communication)		X				X		X		
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	*		X	*	*	*			
Goedeke, (At-Large)		X			X		X	X	X	
Goris, (At-Large)	X									
Hendershot, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hermansson, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Hite, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jones, (TWL)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jorgenson-Borchert, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kehle, (Music)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Science)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Maxwell, (Engineering)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
McConnaughey, (Graphics)				*	*	X	*			
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Neef, (Chemistry)		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pennington, (Automotive Tech)	X	X	X		X	X		X		
Philipp, (Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Rojas, (English & Modern Language)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Runyan, (At-Large)		X	X		X	X	X	X		
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X					X			
Shay, (Military Science)										
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Spera, (Psychology & Counseling)		X	X	X	X		X	X		
Tseng, (Art)		X			X	X	X	X		
Whitney, (Biology)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Wilson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sciences)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Yarick, (Undergrad Kelce)	X		X	X		X	X			
Zepernick, (At-Large)	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
University Support Staff Senate Representative										
Unclassified Professional Senate Representative		X			X	X		X		
Student Government Representative					X		X			
Student										
Student										

*Substitutes: 10/26/20 Hilary Gorman for Kristi Frisbee, 12/7/20 Rion Huffman for A McConnaughey, 1/25/21 Shelly Martin for M Daczewitz, Karen Johnson for K Frisbee, & Rion Huffman for A McConnaughey, 2/22/21 Shelly Martin for M Daczewitz, Karen Johnson for K Frisbee, Rion Huffman, 3/29/21 Shelly Martin for M Daczewitz, Karen Johnson for K Frisbee, Rion Huffman for A McConnaughey

**Elections meeting, 4/26/21, 4pm.