FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
May 12, 2025

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the April 28, 2025, meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Susan Bon
Provost Bon shared that PSU recently earned two designations from the Carnegie Foundation: Opportunity College and University and Research College and University. Provost Bon also discussed the new Assistant Vice Provost position clarifying that the position will include oversight of HLC as Jan Smith is retiring. In addition, there may be some adjustments to Graduate Studies to provide a more centralized approach to operations. She also noted that the selection for President should be announced in early June. Regarding the new DEI regulations, Provost Bon reported that institutions are anticipating language from the KBOR to help guide actions. Lastly, Provost Bon thanked faculty for their commitment to students.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President
No report.

Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative
No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President
President Belcher reported that Eva Sager and Michelle Hensley will be co-chairs of the combined Senate next year.

University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President
No report.

Graduate College
No report.

Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President
President Philipp shared numerous updates. See the agenda for details. In addition, President Philipp reported that the new Assistant Vice Provost position is a replacement for the position previously held by Jan Smith (HLC Coordinator).

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair
No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair
All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. See the agenda for details.

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

Library Services/Learning Resources – Lora Winters, Chair
No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair
No report.

Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair
No report.

Honors College – Randy Winzer, Chair
No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair
No report. Subcommittee will be sunset.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Joanne Britz, Chair
No report.

Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair
No report.

All University Committee – Kristen Maceli, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – David Sikolia, Chair
It was reported that six additional applications were approved. No more approvals are anticipated. A summary from the committee will be provided to the PSU Foundation. KNEA will encourage an increase in funding.

Constitution Committee –Mark Johnson, Chair
No report.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair
No report.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair
No report.

Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair
No report.

AI Committee – Jorge Leon and Grant Moss, Co-Chairs
See attachment to minutes for committee charge.

Unfinished Business

See the agenda for timeline for KBOR Faculty Award nominations.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

It was reported that some departments were no longer receiving new admit reports from Admission. Departments with concerns were encouraged to contact Dr. Stumo.

Meeting Adjourned   Meeting adjourned Monday, May 12, 2025, at 3:45 p.m.

Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

Pittsburg State University - Faculty Senate AI Ad Hoc Committee

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are rapidly transforming higher education, presenting both opportunities and challenges for faculty, staff, and students.

The **Faculty Senate AI Ad Hoc Committee** will explore how these tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, and Gemini) are and can be used on campus in teaching, research, student work, and assessment. Based on the committee's findings, a report will be submitted to the Faculty Senate, including recommended actions related to academic guidelines, implementation practices, potential misuse, and ethical considerations.

Committee Charges:

1. **Develop a unified definition of AI tools for PSU.**
2. **Conduct campus/environment scans, as needed, regarding AI tools and their uses across campus.**
3. **Review academic and higher education literature on AI best practices and ethical considerations to inform final recommendations.**
4. **Develop and submit a final report with actionable recommendations to the Faculty Senate.**
   a. **Adjust timeline if any recommended actions need to be added to course catalog and have earlier deadlines.**
   b. **Submit to Faculty Senate recommendations for any other AI policies that are outside of Faculty Senate purview but require faculty input.**
5. **Address ongoing or emerging AI-related issues as directed by the Faculty Senate, committee members, faculty, or academic administrators.**

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2024-2025)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	
Norm Philipp, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
David Weaver, (President Elect)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dennis Audo, At-Large	X		X		X	X				
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X	X						
Tim Bailey, HPSS		X	X	X	X	X	*			
Michele Barnaby, At-Large	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Denise Bertoncino, At-Large	X			X		X				
David Boffey, HHPR	X				X		X			
Rebeca Book, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Paige Boydston, PSYCH	X	X	X		X		X	X		
Christine Brodsky, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Heather Carter, TCHL	X	X		X		X	X	X		
Chad Crain, CMCET		X	X		X	X	X			
Barth Cox, COMM	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
David Ferguson, AUTO	X				X		X			
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Beth Hendrickson, Library	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X	X	X			X				
Karen Johnson, NURS	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X	X	X			X		
Erin Jordan, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Joseph Labuda, MIL		X	X			X			X	
Jorge Leon, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dan Maxwell, ETECH		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Grant Moss, At-Large	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
David Pearson, PHYS		X		X	X	X	X	X		
Jason Reid, TWL		X	X	X		X	X			
John Ross, MUSIC	X			X						
Ashley Shaw, TCHL		X	X	X		X	X	X		
Khamis Siam, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Kyle Thompson, WGS		X		*	*		*			
Scott Thuong, MATH				X	X	X		X		
Irene Zegar, CHEM	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Janet Zepernick, ENGML	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
USS Rep										
UPS Rep	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SGA Rep			X							

*Substitutions: 12/9/24, Browyn Conrad; 1/27/25, Browyn Conrad; 3/24/25, Browyn Conrad; 4/28/25, C Hooey