

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

August 31, 2026

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026, with Kristen Livingston, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from May 11, 2026, meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs – *Dr. Susan Bon*

Provost Bon shared comments at the General Faculty Meeting that occurred just prior to the Faculty Senate meeting. No additional report.

PSU/KNEA – *Norm Philipp, President*

President Philipp thanked the bargaining team for their continued efforts. Regular meetings are in progress. Contact President Philipp with any concerns.

Student Senate – *Darrel McLeod, President*

President McLeod shared the following updates: 1) Higher Ed Day in Topeka is scheduled for February 17, 2027, and 2) a new Student of the Semester award has been created (more information will be available in November). Lastly, President McLeod expressed appreciation to the faculty providing flexibility to the students who are traveling back and forth for class between the new Kelce College of Business downtown to the main campus.

Unclassified Support/Professional Senate – *Thomas Smith, President*

President Smith noted that this is the second year for the combined Senate. The following are some of their initiatives: 1) create fundraising campaign for student needs, 2) develop staff retention plan, and 3) promote involvement in the Senate. All faculty and staff are invited to attend meetings. Contact President Smith with any questions.

Graduate College

Provost Bon reported that Graduate Council has not met yet. However, Lisa Allen and Will Dowdy are making progress with graduate recruitment planning, including the creation of marketing materials. Faculty were encouraged to contact Lisa Allen if they are aware of any recruitment opportunities.

Faculty Senate President – *Kristen Livingston, President*

President Livingston shared that KBOR meetings will start in September. To express pride, she provided Faculty Senate pins for senators to wear at commencement and other events.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – *TBD, Chair*

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – *TBD, Chair*

No report.

Library Services/Learning Resources – *TBD, Chair*

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – *TBD, Chair*

No report.

Academic Honors – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Honors College – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Multicultural Affairs – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Student-Faculty – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

All University Committee – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Faculty Affairs – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Constitution Committee – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

General Education Committee – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Budget Committee – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Academic Honesty – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

AI Committee – *TBD, Chair*
No report.

Unfinished Business

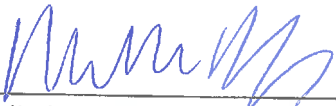
Last year's committee review project continues. In addition, discussions on AI are ongoing. There will be more updates to follow.

New Business
None.

Open Forum
None.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, August 31, 2026, at 3:15 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2026-2027)

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Kristen Livingston, (President)	X									
Erin Jordan, (President Elect)	X									
David Weaver, (Past President)	X									
Bakke, Chris (HPASS)	X									
Bird, Natalie (HHPR)	X									
Botello-Sampson, Darren (At-Large)	X									
Chung, Peter (BIOL)	X									
Cook, Sheila (FCS)										
Coomes, Gena (NURS)	X									
DeCaro, Sara (Library Svcs)	X									
Fincher, Bridgette (TCHL)	X									
Gilmore, Anna Beth (@Lrg)	X									
Heter, Ashleigh (@Lrg)	X									
Jason, Malcolm (WGS)										
Jayawardhana, Ananda (@Lrg)	X									
Lawson, Kris (HPASS)										
Miller, Laura (@Lrg)										
Moss, Grant (@Lrg)	X									
Page-Sagehorn, Holly (CMCET)	X									
Phillip, Norm (@Lrg)	X									
Philips, Charlie (TWL)	X									
Richardson, Jennifer (TCHL)										
Rojas, Eric (ML)	X									
Shaw, Ashley (@Lrg)	X									
Shay, Josh (MIL)										
Sikola, David (KUSB)	X									
Spera, Chris (PSYCH)	X									
Spielbusch, Dan (ENG)	X									
Stahl, Tracy (NURS)	X									
Tankersley, Amber (@Lrg)	X									
Thompson, John (AUTO)	X									
Timmons, Olivia (ART)	X									
Uran, Serif (PHYS)	X									
Ward, Ken (COMM)	X									
Winters, Bobby (MATH)	X									
Yarick, Gail (@Lrg)	X									
Younger, Doug (GC)	X									
Zepernick, Janet (ENGL)	X									
Zornes, Stephen (KUSB)	X									
Univ Staff Senate Rep	X									
Student Rep										
Student Government Rep										

*Substitutions