

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 26, 2022

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26th, 2022, with Karen Johnson, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the May 9th, 2022 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Provost Smith addressed ESU's realignment and noted that PSU has been responsive to budget changes over the years and has done well anticipating budget decreases and addressing them on the front-end. Provost Smith also shared the discussions at KBOR regarding performance agreement funding. The Regents now feel that new funding should mirror the percentage of performance indicators that are met each year. For example, if you meet 80% of indicators, then you receive 80% of new funding. It is also likely that indicators will be more project passed. Current projects being discussed at KBOR include centralized advising/career planning, financial aid/scholarship packaging, Math pathways, systemwide general education implementation, rpk project, concurrent enrollment and education and health-related workforce development. Current PSU initiatives being reviewed include the Transition Advisor Council, fundraising priorities, space utilization (on & off campus) and a possible Associate of Arts degree initiative in partnership with Fort Scott Community College. Lastly, Faculty Senate was reminded that HLC visits campus on October 24 and October 25th.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam shared the September 22nd PSU/KNEA Communicator. The newsletter included a link for joining PSU/KNEA, a list of AY 22-23 Executive Committee members and a note regarding the ESU realignment. Dr. Siam and Dr. Hite spoke with President Shipp and Provost Smith on September 20th and both provided reassurance that PSU has no intention of adopting the policy approved by KBOR that allowed ESU's realignment.

Student Senate – Tarryn Brenner, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Tammy Higgins, President

The senate is currently preparing for release of the satisfaction survey (Docking Institute) results. Of the 418 employees who received the survey, 262 surveys were completed. The senate is working on a marketing plan for the results. Results are expected to be made available systemwide on November 1st. Beginning with the new academic year, UPS has ten professional development scholarships available in the amount of \$240 each. Staff were encouraged to apply.

University Support Staff – Diane Letner, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson, President

President Johnson reiterated the KBOR information shared by Provost Smith. President Johnson also shared that the Faculty Senate Presidents had breakfast with the Regents prior to the ESU realignment vote and stressed that the move is not an attack on tenure.

Committee Reports

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 on submissions.) New Faculty Senate forms were also recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. (See agenda for links to new forms.) Regarding the new forms, it was confirmed that "IN" is still a grade option.

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

Library Services/Learning Resources – Chase Dearing, Chair
No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Laurent Pretot, Chair
The committee met on September 8th. The main focus this year will be developing a Distance Learning plan. See agenda for additional details.

Academic Honors – Kris Lawson, Chair
The committee is undergoing a review of the program. See agenda for additional details.

Honors College – Rion Huffman, Chair
The committee is undergoing a review of the program with the departure of the former director. Heather Eckstein is serving as Interim Director of the Honors College during the review period. The criteria for application will not change for AY 22-23. See agenda for additional details.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Jason Clemensen, Chair
No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair
No report.

Student-Faculty – Cole Shewmake, Chair
The updated Academic Misconduct statement passed after the 2nd reading. See agenda for updated policy.

All University Committee – John Daley, Chair
No report.

Faculty Affairs – Amy Hite, Chair
The PSU Foundation has approved the \$100,000 funding request for 22-23. See agenda for number of priorities approved to date. The committee is discussing whether or not waiting until June 1st to prioritize #2 proposals and proposals from non-tenure faculty is appropriate.

Constitution Committee – Casie Hermansson, Chair
No report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Bob Kehle, Chair
The committee has created a Pitt State Pathway reflection survey for all faculty who teach a Pitt State Pathway course. See agenda for survey. The survey will be available on GUS for completion. There were no questions/concerns from Faculty Senate.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair
No report.

Academic Honesty – Rebeca Book, Chair
No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

David Weaver was elected to serve on the Executive Committee representing the Kelce College of Business.

Open Forum

There was a discussion on the Emporia State University faculty and program realignment and whether or not PSU Faculty Senate should make a formal statement supporting the faculty of ESU. President Johnson shared that the Faculty Senate Presidents have created a letter of support and that Wichita State's faculty have also provided a letter of support. President Johnson will check on getting copies of the letters. Several faculty asked if ESU's financial information was public as financial challenges have been cited as the reason for the realignment. It was also mentioned that PSU's processes are different in some cases due to the union; this might provide an opportunity to share the importance of the union with the other institutions.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, September 26th, 2022 at 4:05 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2022-2023)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Karen Johnson, (President)	X								
Rebeca Book, (President Elect)	X								
Jordan Backs, TWL	X								
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X								
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Browyn Conrad, WGS	X								
Kari Cronister, FCS	X								
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X								
John Daley, HPSS	X								
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large									
Andrew George, BIOL	X								
Ram Gupta, CHEM	X								
Rick Hardy, HHRP	X								
Todd Hastings, MUSIC									
Casie Hermansson, ENGML									
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X								
Amy Hite, At-Large	X								
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X								
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X								
Randy Jones, AUTO									
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X								
Chris Labuda, Library	X								
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X								
Janet Lewis, ART	X								
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X								
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X								
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X								
Ruth Monnier, At-Large									
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X								
Shannon Nicklaus, CMCET	X								
David Pearson, PHYS	X								
Laurent Pretot, PSYCH	X								
Jason Reid, TWL									
Kent Runyan, At-Large									
Ashley Shaw, TCHL	X								
Josh Shay, MIL									
Dan Spielbusch, ETECH	X								
Scott Thuong, MATH									
David Weaver, KUSB	X								
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X								
USS Senate Representative									
UPS Senate Representative	X								
Student Government Representative									
Student									

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