

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 29, 2025

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025, with David Weaver, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the May 12, 2025, meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Provost Bon shared that they are working on an RFP to hire a search firm for the College of Education Dean position. Travel PD funds are being awarded. Currently \$36,000 of the \$65,000 has been allocated, and the typical turn around on an application is one week. Faculty were encouraged to continue to apply. Funds will continually be reviewed. This year funds increased from \$50,000 to \$65,000. Provost Bon has created two task forces, one for travel and one for AI. Additional task forces will be created as necessary to discuss topics that came up during KNEA negotiations. The IRB handbook/policies are forthcoming. Lastly, Provost Bon reported that President's Cabinet is likely to rescind the policy on class attendance and faculty drops. As part of this action, a path to recommend a withdrawal will be established. Faculty are encouraged to contact Provost Bon with any feedback.

PSU/KNEA –Ananda Jayawardhana, President

President Jayawardhana reported that the contract has been ratified and approved by KBOR. The contract term is three years except for salary which is discussed annually.

Student Senate – Corey Humble, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Support/Professional Senate – Eva Sager & Michelle Hensley, Co-Presidents

Co-President Hensley reported that staff PD Day is being planned for March. In addition, the Docking Institute satisfaction survey has been completed. The committee will be sending the findings to President Newsom. Lastly, the possibility of stipends for the president and president-elect are being discussed.

Graduate College

No report.

Faculty Senate President – David Weaver, President

President Weaver shared that Faculty Workload and Tenure will likely come back into focus in Topeka. These topics are also being discussed at KBOR.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mandi Alonzo, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair

No report.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Philip Frank, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on August 27, 2025. See agenda for details.

Online and Distance Learning – Beth Hendrickson, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on September 23, 2025. See agenda for details.

Academic Honors – Laurent Pretot, Chair

No report.

Honors College – TBD, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – TBD, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Tracy Stahl, Chair

It was reported that the committee met earlier this semester. See agenda for details.

Faculty Affairs – James Whitney, Chair

No report.

Constitution Committee – Karen Johnson, Chair

No report.

General Education Committee – Michele Barnaby, Chair

It was reported that the committee met on September 3, 2025. See agenda for details.

Budget Committee – Stephen Zornes, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – Kristen Livingston, Chair

No report.

AI Committee – Jorge Leon, Chair

It was reported that the committee will develop a list of recommendations/guidelines to bring forward for discussion. Recommendations/guidelines should line up with the AI Task Force work from the Provost's Office.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

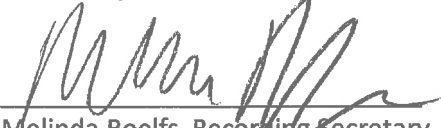
See agenda for details. It was motioned and passed for the Diversity and Multicultural Committee to recommend a name change for the committee. It was suggested to consider the new name being used for the previous DEI Office, Campus and Community Resource Center. President Weaver has formed a task force to review the current curriculum approval procedures to quicken the process. Regarding the review of Faculty Senate committees, it was noted that any recommendations would need to be to the Constitution Committee by February to implement any changes for Fall 2026. Lastly, the Student Faculty committee has been tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on the requests forwarded by Intercollegiate Athletics. There was an attempt last year to create a university-wide syllabus template, but accreditation requirements across various programs made it difficult.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, September 29, 2025, at 3:49 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMEBERSHIP (25-26) September 29 , 2025

Faculty Senators	Signature	Substitute (PRINT)
David Weaver, (President)		
Kristen Livingston, (President Elect)		
Bakke, Chris (HPASS)		
Barnaby, Michele (At-Large)	Michele Barnaby	
Benson, Christel (At-Large)		
Bertoncino, Denise (At-Large)		
Bird, Natalie (HHPR)	Natalie Bird	
Book, Rebeca (At-Large)	Rebecca Book	
Botello-Sampson, Darren (At-Large)		
Chung, Peter (BIOL)	Peter Chung	
Cook, Sheila (FCS)		
Coomes, Gena (NURS)	Gena Coomes	
Crain, Chad (CMCET)	CHAD CRAIN	
Daley, John (At-Large)	John Daley	
DeCaro, Sara (Library Svcs)	Sara DeCaro	
Elliott, Kevin (At-Large)	Kevin Elliott	
Ferguson, David (AUTO)	David Ferguson	
Fincher, Bridget (TCHL) (BRIDGETT)	Bridgette Fincher	
Frisbee, Kristi (At-Large)	Kristi Frisbee	
Jason, Malcolm (WGS)		
Johnson, Mark (At-Large)	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson
Jordan, Erin (At-Large)		
Krepps, Myriam (ENGML)	Myriam Krepps	
Lawson, Kris (HPASS)	Kris Lawson	
Leon, Jorge (At-Large)	Jorge Leon	
Livingston, Kristen (COMM)		
McClaskey, Barbara (At-Large)	Barbara McClaskey	
Phillips, Charlie (TWL)	Charlie Phillips	
Richardson, Jennifer (TCHL)		
Ross, John (MUSIC)		
Shay, Josh (MIL)	Josh Shay	
Sikola, David (KUSB)	David Sikola	
Spera, Chris (PSYCH)	Chris M. Spera	
Spielbusch, Dan (ENG)	Dan Spielbusch	
Stahl, Tracy (NURS)	Tracy Stahl	
Thuong, Scott (MATH)	Scott Thuong	
Timmons, Olivia (ART)	Olivia Timmons	
Uran, Serif (PHYS)	Serif Uran	
Younger, Doug (GC)	Doug Younger	
Zegar, Irene (CHEM)		
Zepernick, Janet (ENGML)	Janet Zepernick	
Zornes, Stephen (KUSB)	Stephen Zornes	Stephen Zornes
Univ Staff Senate Rep	Univ Staff Senate Rep	
Student Rep		
Student Government Rep		