FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 25, 2019

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Cliff Morris, President, presiding.

Past Minutes
Minutes from February 25, 2019 meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Lynette Olson
There was an attempt to have Bryan Setser, Principal of rpkGroup, provide an update on PSU’s Strategic Visioning, but due to technical difficulties Dr. Olson provided the update. Dr. Olson reported that there was over 80 ideas submitted in Canvas in the “SWARM.” There was a recent work session held where over 40 individuals including faculty, staff, and students worked through the ideas submitted after Brian had narrowed them into primary themes. From the 18 themes, 8 were identified that would move forward. There is a Steering Committee that will begin assigning volunteers to interest groups. On April 22 and 23 rpk will be back on campus and Brian will coach leaders to lead discussions. Plan on a 90-minute session to be schedule on each day.

Dr. Olson stressed that throughout this process individuals can provide insight and ideas. The project is not over until rpk provides their report in June and then there will be more work to do. There is a handbook on Canvas that provides a schedule of the 90 day work cycle.

Dr. Olson transitioned to her report on KBOR and the topic of redefining hours required for a baccalaureate degree from a 4-year institution. KU-Edwards and Johnson County concept of moving from 60 hours at a 4-year to 45 was vetted for months by SCOCAO. University Presidents recommended a 3-year beta test to help create data to substantiate the initiative. The BOR standing committee, which is composed of Regents, took to a board meeting, passed and tweaked a little. Each year there will be a report. Some Regents are very strong advocates of this concept and are encouraging discussion on each campus to begin immediately. There is a lot of momentum on the subject. PSU needs to start structuring how this discussion will go forward and Dr. Olson is soliciting suggestions.

PSU/KNEA – Grant Moss, President
Grant Moss made a call for people to serve and noted that voting was in the near future.

Student Senate – Seth George, Representative
Mr. George noted that this was his last meeting. SGA elections are to held on April 13. He also spoke of TedX and expressed the benefits of having such a program available in Pittsburg. President Morris thanked him for his attendance and sharing SGA activities.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Lindell Haverstic, President
Lindell Haverstic shared the following:

I. UPS met March 6th; next meeting is April 3rd
   a. In March we received an update from Dr. Jan Smith on Strategic Visioning; in April we will meet at B22 and have tour of Foundry.
   b. Election of senators to fill next round of two year appointments will take place April 3-12 by electronic ballot; 10 positions are open, five of which are in Academic Affairs.
   c. Our May meeting will be the last of the academic year; both newly elected senators and those rotating off will attend; senate resumes meeting in September with new officers and the newly elected senators.

II. UPS Council had teleconference March 8th; next is April 12th
   a. Focus of March teleconference was the Job Satisfaction Survey
   b. April agenda is not yet set
University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President
Mr. Woodrum stated that Dr. Olson gave an update on Strategic Visioning at the last USS meeting. It was much appreciated as an opportunity to learn and provide feedback. Survey went out last Monday and within the first 1 ½ days 17% had responded. Two Universities had difficulties with it being perceived as SPAM. Results are due on May 8 from Docking Institute and date collection goes through mid-April.

Campus Activities, Prevention and Wellness – Taylor Panczer
Ms. Panczer provided a handout and thanked those who had donated to the Gorilla Pantry. She offered to do workshops and training on any of the topics noted on the handout. (see attached)

Faculty Senate President – Cliff Morris, President
Mr. Morris noted that paid parental leave was on the March agenda, but was removed prior to the meeting for further review by Council of Business Officers. He still expects it will come to a vote this semester. Open Educational Resources still being discussed. Would like a response by April 8 on a recent OER proposal sent to all senators. He asks that senators discuss with peers and chairs. They are looking for system-wide ideas on Edwards/KU-JCCC as well.

Elections for PSU Faculty Senate officers will be held at the April meeting. President Morris also noted that at the last meeting he called for a vote on Academic Honors website revisions. He has since learned that since it the document was not included in the agenda, it was inappropriate to take a vote and to consider today to be a first reading of the proposed changes. Instead a vote will be taken at the April meeting.

Susan Carlson asked about 45 hour placement in major. Dr. Olson responded that we would need to accept more hours toward the baccalaureate from the community colleges.

Dr. Moss asked why there was not a first and second reading of Pitt State Pathway and where it was written in the constitution to explain the difference. Dr. Mark Johnson, Cliff Morris and others entered into the conversation in an attempt to explain the difference depending on the action needed and if a curricular matter. This is not believed to be noted in the FS Constitution, but much of legislative action is in Robert’s Rules. Rion Huffman explained that there were revisions still needed after the proposal was made at the February meeting, noting that it was caught that not all minors have an academic chairperson.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum – Nico Prelogar, Chair
Dr. Kevin Bracker referred to the curriculum items provided in the agenda and made a motion to approve. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously.

Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair
Rion Huffman discussed the modifications made to the Academic Honors FAQ website and reiterated that this was to be considered a first read to allow senators to take back to those they represent for discussion.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair
The committee reviewed the submissions for the Writing to Learn Best Practices grant and submitted them to the Provost.

Faculty Affairs – Tatiana Goris, Chair
Andrea Kent-McConnaughey advised there had been 85 applications approved for a total of $72,000 allocated and an approximate remaining balance of $27,000.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair
Dr. Johnson announced that the committee had reviewed three courses with name changes and they have been sent back to be approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Unfinished Business
None
New Business
None

Open Forum
Rion Huffman announced the 4th annual Crimson Creative Awards hosted by Gamma Epsilon Tau. Submission deadline is April 5th and the ceremony will be April 18th from 6:00-8:00 in Crimson and Gold Ballroom A. (see attached)

Mark Johnson advised there are still tickets available for Tedx and to come out and see Community Theatre production of M.A.S.H. this weekend.

Meeting Adjourned    Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:56 p.m.

Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary
Prevention and Wellness Presentations:

Responsible Decision Making (RDM):
This is an interactive workshop that covers general facts about alcohol, drugs, and safer sex practices. Additionally, there is a discussion on the consequences of high risk drinking and the available resources. This workshop takes approximately 45 minutes to facilitate.

Stress Management:
This workshop will define terms, help identify stressors, and teach techniques that can help manage stress. This workshop takes approximately 40 minutes to facilitate.

Sleep Management:
This workshop addresses myths and facts of sleeping, sleep deprivation, sleep cycles, and provides tips to help improve sleeping habits. This workshop takes approximately 40 minutes to facilitate.

Hazing Bystander Intervention:
This workshop is a 60-minute presentation on identifying hazing, how to be an active bystander in a hazing situation, and the resources to help.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs):
This workshop addresses the difference between sexually transmitted disease and sexually transmitted infections, the risk associated with unprotected sex, and preventative measures that can be taken to decrease your risk of STIs. This workshop takes 20 minutes to facilitate.

Alcohol:
This workshop includes activities that cover the standard drink size, BAC, signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, and some risks associated with drinking. This workshop takes 30 minutes to facilitate.

Substance Use-Opioids:
This workshop covers both illicit and prescribed opioids and impact these drugs can have on a person’s life. This workshop takes 15-20 minutes to facilitate.

Bystander Intervention:
This workshop is a 60-minute presentation on defining bystander intervention, how to be an active bystander in situations, and the resources to help.

Prevention and Wellness Trainings:

Safe Zone Training:
Safe Zone is a message to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Asexual + (LGBTIA+) and Ally students and colleagues that this is a safe place where one may be open about their identity without fear. This space hereby respects all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. If a person decides to display the Safe Zone placard, it signifies that the person has participated in a training workshop to increase awareness and sensitivity to LGBTI and Ally issues and is one who can serve as a referral/resource person.

Suicide Prevention Training:
The Suicide Prevention Training is designed to increase both skills and awareness concerning the emotional intensity of responding to suicidal college students. The two-and-half hour training culminates with a role play, which is an opportunity to practice the skills individuals are taught during the course of the training.

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April 18th Ceremony 6-8 PM
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