

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 29, 2018

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Amy Hite, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from December 11, 2017 meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Lynette Olson

Dr. Olson announced she had 3 things to share. She began with an update on the Academic Affairs Innovation Grant timeframe being off schedule due to changes. The plan is to have finalized by January 30. Secondly, an update on two programs going through KBOR. The Masters of Professional Accountancy (MPA) to go through in February. The Elementary Education Unified had considerable questions primarily about exceeding the 120 credit hour minimum and justifying dual certification courses required for licensure. Drs. Sagehorn, Hite and Smith were all present to answer questions. Uncertain at this point if an understanding will be reached or if there is more work to be done.

Lastly, Dr. Hite met with Dr. Olson to talk over the reorganization discussion going on around campus. Some colleges involved and others are not, but it all comes out of budget reduction goals and strategies. Past several years have tightened up as much as can. Even with reductions in OOE (operating funds) still coming up short in aligning budget with revenue. Dr. Olson stressed that PSU must get in a position where we are not spending more than we take in. Based on that all administrative costs being looked at by each college. She reminded the group that the College of Education combined departments a few years ago. Arts and Sciences has been discussing making changes for a long time. Each college is approaching addressing the deficit differently depending on their own focus. Dr. Olson asked that faculty attend any meetings called by Deans. These meetings will be a good opportunity to hear the vision of the Deans and where we could be going to achieve budget reductions, enhance synergy across disciplines while looking at most functional, perfected structure. Dr. Olson encouraged faculty involvement.

Dr. Dilip Paul asked if this was to be temporary. Dr. Olson responded that this will be a permanent change in the budget. It is to be a permanent reorganization. Stating that reorganization can be very disruptive, so we would not take large steps and involve Human Resources and Information Technology if not more permanent in nature. Arts and Sciences is looking on how this can be approached through partnership. Hopefully, enrollment will increase and we will be able to make other changes as monetary changes are addressed. In COB there has been discussion with a new model with the new building which could lead to new structure as well. Please go straight to the source with questions. Deans are the best source for information.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Laura Washburn, President

Ms. Washburn announced that the task force formed to review summer school will meet for the first time in February. She recently learned Activity Insight will be used for submission of tenure and promotion files next Fall. No change to format to document. It is a Word document and if you encounter problems speak to Dr. Pawan Kahol.

Ms. Washburn then went on to speak of unsettled times on campus and her desire for more transparency. She stated the message changes depending on who you talk to in the chain. She expressed that things would be clearer if more communications were written.

Student Senate – Nick Bartelli, President

Mr. Bartelli began by noting Professors Beyond the Classroom Grant proposals are due Friday, February, 9th at 4:30 PM. Forms can be found at <http://www.pittstate.edu/dotAsset/777d3538-def6-4a54-aa37-0e3a13919c7f.pdf>

Students Opportunity Grant will go live later this week, which allows \$2,000 in internship grants for students, and a link to the application will be made available on the SGA webpage.

Higher Ed Day is Wednesday, February 7th. If you would like to know which students are meeting with what professors and what we will be focused on, please contact Courtney Blankenship at sga_la@pittstate.edu

The TEDx website will be live for ticket sales later this month. There are only 100 tickets available for purchase. The event will be held in the Miller Theatre on March 27th. Dr. Mark Johnson added that there were 24 interviews

scheduled for 8 spots and 100 tickets would go on sale by mid-February. He shared a big thanks to Courtney Blankenship and SGA for doing a fantastic job.

The Senior Project division has selected an exciting new addition as a gift from the class of 2018. A legacy seat will be added to Carnie Smith Stadium to recognize an outstanding alumni or community member during the games.

General Education Review Committee – Phil McNew, Mike Carper, Steve Horner and Katherine Hooey

Phil McNew spoke of a roundup for assessment of Gen Ed classes and finding that student learning outcomes more difficult to assess than realized. Looking at the process with more detail and gaining better handle on where to go from here. In an effort to save money, instead of sending a couple of people to the AAUC conference, looking into bringing a speaker here to talk to a larger group.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Amy Hite, President

According to Dr. Hite, College Algebra is being discussed in Topeka. She asked if you know of students (past or present) having difficulty on our campus completing College Algebra, she would appreciate gaining insight from others across campus. She thought this might be more of a community college concern with students not prepared to pass Algebra. She has spoken to Tim Flood and the Provost but would like to hear from across campus in order to be prepared for next month's discussion. She believes this might be a topic that would continue on into next year as well.

PSU was approved a decrease in MBA tuition to be competitive with other schools, \$369 to \$365 per credit hour. Dr. Howard Smith is serving on the Concurrent Enrollment Task Force to represent PSU.

Dr. Hite recently appointed faculty representatives in standing campus committees. Shelly Grimes to Student Health Fee Council; Julie Samuels to Outstanding Senior and Gena Coomes to University Service Award Ceremony.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum – James McBain, Chair

Dr. McBain reported the committee met on the 15th and approved what is being presented to Faculty Senate. There was no discussion and curriculum items passed unanimously.

Honors College – James Green, Chair

Dr. Hite read from a written report provided that the committee had not met this semester, but were evaluating around 50 applications from incoming freshmen. Applications at this point are substantially lower than in the past by 20 or more applications. The committee will meet on February 11 to interview the top forty-two candidates.

Faculty Affairs – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

We learned that approximately \$67,900 had been spent leaving a little more than \$22,000 in the professional development fund.

Constitution – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson encouraged committees to review and make any changes in their constitution or by-laws. By Law changes would be approved by Faculty Senate and Constitution changes would go before the entire faculty.

General Education – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson indicated that 33 courses were to be reviewed making for a very busy semester for the committee.

Academic Dishonesty – Clifford Morris, Chair

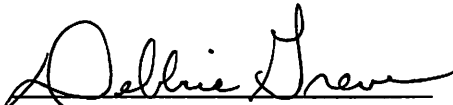
Dr. Morris advised there was a meeting on Friday, February 9th and nothing else at this time.

Unfinished Business None

New Business Sandra Cox announced lobbyist training on February 13th.

Open Forum Dr. John Franklin announced an Open Textbook presentation at CTLT on February 6.

Meeting Adjourned Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:37 p.m.



Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2017-2018)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X				
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X			X				
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X				
Daley, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X				
Elliott, (Technology & Workforce Learning)			X*	X	X				
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X	X	X				
Fogliasso, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X		X				
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X	X	X	X				
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X				
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hite, (President)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hollingsworth, (Military Science)									
Hudiburg, (At-Large)		X	X	X	X				
Jewett, (Past-President)	X	X	X	X	X				
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Kehle, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X	X	X				
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X	X				
Maxwell, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X	X				
McBain, James, (Hist, Philosophy & Soc Sci)	X	X		X	X				
McBain, Rhona, (Art)	X	X	X						
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
McConnaughey, (Graphics & Imaging Tech)	X	X	X	X	X				
McKinnis, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)	X	X	X						
Moots, (English & Modern Languages)	X	X	X	X	X				
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X				
Munguia, (Music)		X	X	X	X				
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X	X	X	X				
Paul, (At-Large)	X	X			X				
Peterson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Runyan, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)			X*		X				
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X	X	X				
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X	X				
Tayo, (Physics)	X	X	X		X				
Thompson, Kyle, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X	X				
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X		X				
Whitney, (Biology)	X	X	X	X	X				
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X	X	X				
University Support Staff Senate Rep	X	X							
Unclassified Professional Senate Rep	X		X		X				
Student Government Representative	X	X	X	X	X				

*Julie Dainty substituted for Kevin Elliott and Jennifer Harris substituted for Jan Schiefelbein at the November meeting.