

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 26, 2018

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Cliff Morris, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from October 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Olson shared that social media posts were showing some concern about not closing campus today for inclement weather. As she noted by looking outside, Pittsburg's immediate area was spared any snow or winter weather concerns. She hoped that students and faculty alike understood the text alerts that were sent out on Sunday evening were allowing individuals to make the choice based on the weather situation where they live on if traveling to campus was wise. She stressed the importance of working with our students if they had to miss classes today due to bad weather in the surrounding area.

PSU/KNEA – Grant Moss, President

Grant Moss spoke of the 2019 negotiation team being fully formed and good turnouts at the November mixer and coffee. Invitations for these events are posted to Canvas and he reminded the group that you do not need to be a paid member to attend. It will be important to watch for these announcement as they start up again in the Spring semester.

Student Senate – Seth George, Representative

Representative Cole York spoke of the continuation of work on TEDx and a high school student council retreat to take place on the PSU campus. The admission office is also assisting with the retreat. President Frank and Seth George are continuing to work on OERs and have met with the OER committee to discuss what the student body would like to see happen in this regard.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Lindell Haverstic, President

No report.

University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President

Mr. Woodrum advised that a survey was being developed at the state level for USS and UPS employees. Five of the 6 regent institutions are participating, with the exclusion of KU.

Faculty Senate President – Cliff Morris, President

Mr. Morris indicated that the most recent BOR meeting was held at Emporia State. At that meeting the Faculty Senate Presidents voiced their disfavor with the KU/JCCC proposal to lower the credit hours needed at a 4-year institution from 60 hours to 45 for a baccalaureate degree. None of the group were in favor of such a change. At end of the week will submit to KBOR the Consensual Romantic Relationships response. PSU completed their policy in early November and an email was sent to all committee chairs. Looking for a response by end of next week to prepare for December's meeting.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum – Nico Prelogar, Chair

Dr. Kevin Bracker referred to the items provided in the agenda. There was no discussion and passed unanimously.

Online and Distance Learning – Liz Mascher, Chair

Gail Yarick provided the committee report summarizing what was attached in November's agenda.

Honors College – Rebeca Book, Chair

Rebeca Book noted there was a meeting scheduled for November 27th to review the rubric used to review applications for Honors College. Will also be discussing legislating a new course for honors college students to reflect the extra work/projects done by honor students.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Marc Daczewitz, Chair

Nora Hatton referred to the minutes of the committee's meeting on November 13th that were included in today's agenda.

Faculty Affairs – Tatiana Goris, Chair

Andrea Kent-McConaughy noted that 6 faculty have been approved by the Provost for Sabbatical leave for next year and that approximately \$55,000 out of \$100,000 remain in the travel expense funds. As noted in the agenda, faculty can apply multiple times for assistance as long as a \$1000 personal allowance per year is not exceeded (\$1250 maximum for international travel).

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson asked senators to reflect on the form presented on the overhead for requesting course approval into Pitt State Pathway. He explained by counting backwards the weeks between when the new general education package needs to be released for the Fall class schedule and now. Stating our new freshman class enrollment is primarily in June but begins in April. Thus necessitating the courses must be approved by the February Faculty Senate meeting. He stressed that this gives departments until January 7th to have submitted their courses for approval and the General Education committee until February 19 to have the courses in the agenda for the February 25th Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. Johnson described the form as click and tap and thus providing ease in selecting the core or essential elements classifications and if applicable a companion element. This would also include the level of student achievement to be reached on the rubric. It was discussed that any changes in title or more than a word or 2 in the course description would require 'revision to course' legislation and could not go through the initial priority for consideration. The committee will review submissions in a pre-determined priority for consideration level:

- 1) Current general education courses
- 2) Current PSU courses which are not current gen ed and align/"fit" with Pathway criteria
- 3) Current PSU courses which are not current gen ed and not obvious match to Pathway criteria

No new courses needing to be legislated and approved by curriculum committees and the senate can be considered this year. Simply no time for legislation process to meet deadline for the Fall 2019 schedule, subsequent enrollment and 2019-20 catalog.

Questions presented:

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| Q. Will current gen ed courses need to be re-submitted? | A. Yes, to be reviewed for current "fit" |
| Q. Are chairs aware of this process and form? | A. This is the first announcement, more info to follow. |
| Q. Concern on ability to obtain curriculum chair signature. | A. Do away with signature line & ask chair cc' others? |
| Q. Form will go directly to Gen Ed committee? | A. Directed to signature page and suggested changes. |
| Q. Where to find the form? | A. Approved form to be emailed to senators and posted on Faculty Senate webpage by end of week. |
| Q. If not currently a gen ed course, are there changes to the process and form? | A. Another form is being reviewed by Nora Hatton and will be presented at the December meeting in 2 weeks. |
| Q. Would changes to course description be allowed? | A. Registrar should review if only a word or 2 for clarity changed. Otherwise, recommend Do NOT make course description changes and thus no need to say Yes on "I" on the form. A re-write of description would be a revision to the course and not able to be accomplished at this time. Keep in mind it may be the syllabus that will need revised, not the course description. If in fact adding new content to the course that would change the course description (not just syllabus), then it is revised and would go through standard curriculum committee process. |
| Q. What if Gen Ed committee has questions on what is initially presented on the form? | A. Would send back to department for clarification. Depending on timing, could be pushed back to consideration for next year (2020-21). |
| Q. Why the form, why not just review current gen ed? | A. Need a paper trail of what is presented, how it meets criteria and should not assume that just because it is currently gen ed that it will be approved for Pathway. |

After reviewing the form line by line and a great deal of Q&A, a motion was made to approve the form with the revision proposed (removal of signature lines that could delay the form submission to the Gen Ed Committee). There was one vote against and all other votes voiced approval.

Academic Honesty Committee – Kevin Bracker, Chair

One submission received into Maxient for tracking purposes.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

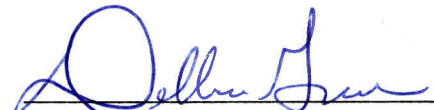
None

Open Forum

Jorge Leon noted that the Axe Library will start extended hours beginning the week of December 2nd. Sunday through Thursday of dead week hours are until 1:00 a.m. and Sunday through Wednesday of Finals week the library is open until 1:00 a.m. Refreshments will also be available.

Dr. Ananda Jayawardhana thanked the General Education committee.

Meeting Adjourned Motion to adjourn was approved at 4:08 p.m.


Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2018-2019)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Bailey, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Book, (At-Large)		X	X						
Bracker, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)	X	X	X						
Carlson, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X						
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X						
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X							
Covert-Miller, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Dainty, (At-Large)	X	X							
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Sciences)	X	X	X						
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X						
Fogliasso, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X						
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	X	X						
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X*		X						
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)	X	X	X*						
Hite, (Past-President)	X	X	X						
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Huffman, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)	X		X						
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Jones, Jon, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X	X							
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X						
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X						
Maxwell, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X						
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
McConnaughey, (Graphics & Imaging Tech)	X	X	X						
Moots, (English & Modern Languages)	X	X	X*						
Morris, (President)	X	X	X						
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Munguia, (Music)	X	X	X						
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X	X						
Philipp, (School of Construction)	X	X	X						
Shay, (Military Science)	X	X							
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X						
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X						
Tayo, (Physics)	X	X	X						
Thompson, Kyle, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X						
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X						
Tseng, (Art)	X	X	X						
Whitney, (Biology)	X	X	X						
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X						
Zepernick, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
University Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X	X						
Unclassified Professional Senate Representative	X	X							
Student Government Representative	X	X							

*Khamis Siam substituted for Ram Krishna Gupta at the September meeting. Amber Tankersley substituted for Shawnee Hendershot and Grant Moss substituted for Brian Moots at the November meeting.