

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 10, 2018

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Cliff Morris, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from November 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Olson posed the question if senators would like a regular update on the process of the Strategic Vision Project (SVP). The response was a resounding yes. Dr. Olson shared that thus far there have been department meetings and MrBulkes. Continuing to look for a consultant. The consultant review committee is anticipated to be made of different volunteers than the Steering Committee, which will be in place in January. Expect a very dynamic next several months.

PSU/KNEA –Grant Moss, President

Grant Moss made 3 announcements: 1) Linden Dalecki, Tim Thomas have agreed to be part of the Negotiating Team along with Khamis Siam who will continue to serve as Chief Negotiator, 2) bonus checks should have gone out and 3) he has been named as a member of the Provost search committee. Watch for information on Happy Hour on January 24th, Coffee to be held on January 30th. Continue to seek input on evaluation process and Activity Insight. Adding an FYI, that he is also a senator-at-large as well as KNEA president.

Student Senate – Seth George, Representative

Representation was present, but there was no report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Lindell Haverstic, President

UPS met on December 5 to discuss continuation on professional development opportunities, efforts to host a casual welcome gathering for new unclassified professionals each semester, nomination of officers at January meeting. There was also discussion on UPS joining majority of its KBOR USS and UPS counterparts in a job satisfaction survey. Currently all KBOR campuses with the exception of KU are reportedly participating.

The next UPS Council meeting will be on December 12 in Topeka and plan to work on January BOR report. Report is slated to focus on two requests and all expression of appreciation. Request continued advocacy for restoration and improved funding to address salary compression and erosion of benefits and maintain health coverage competitive with private business. Also to request BOR advocacy for State to do better job negotiating healthcare coverage and be more fiscally responsible in maintaining reserve pool. Also plan to thank BOR for their efforts to research and adopt a parental leave policy.

University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President

Mr. Woodrum was present, but had no report.

Campus Safety and Security Taskforce – Shawn Naccarato, Chief Strategy Officer and Sydney Anselmi, Director of Community Engagement

Shawn Naccarato began by denoting that the conceal and carry policy discussion of a few years ago brought about safety concerns and Dr. Scott wanted to acknowledge and know that concerns are addressed. Mr. Naccarato went on to describe the mission and accomplishments of the task force. The committee focus was identified as natural disasters, human caused disasters and mass trauma (i.e. infectious disease). The task force has been collecting information and has identified some common themes. They will be hosting forums and focus groups and circulating a survey in the future and encourage attendance and input.

Dr. Mark Johnson stated there was a need for professional development for faculty as first responders. Dr. Andrea Kent-McConnaughey added cell phone service in the COT is unpredictable and often need to be standing near a window to make a call. In case of an emergency need to be able to call out. Jorge Leon spoke of late hours at the library when smaller staff on campus requires consideration as well. Susan Carlson voiced a concern if a student has a seizure or medical emergency it would be helpful to know how to respond.

Faculty Senate President – Cliff Morris, President

Mr. Morris advised that the next KBOR meeting was scheduled as a 2 day meeting including breakfast with regents for Q&A.

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.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Chris Childers, Chair

Announcement made on third phase of library remodel having begun with more information to be shared in near future.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder Chair

Dr. Janet Zepernick gave a brief report recapping what was included in the agenda.

Student-Faculty Committee – Barbara McClaskey, Chair

Dr. McClaskey reported that a finals week violation had been reported to SGA. Dr. McClaskey contacted the faculty member and committee members. The faculty member acknowledged the violation and resolved the issue. The student agreed to the resolution and the committee did not need to meet.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson addressed moderate and necessary changes to the Pathway submission form and that the needed information was available on the Faculty Senate webpage. Dr. Johnson also provided answers to some of the questions he had been receiving as he ran down the criteria for the form. He reiterated that January 7th was the deadline for current gen ed courses to be submitted for Pathway review. February 7 will be the deadline for current courses that are not categorized as general education to be reviewed for Pathway. Check Canvas for more information and expect a complete list of submitted courses for review to accompany the February Faculty Senate agenda.

Follow-up questions pertained to changes in the form and Freshman Experience instructor qualifications once the course changes to Gorilla Gateway and a Pathway/Gen Ed course. Dr. Olson responded that a group had met to discuss FE subject matter changes and looking for balance with heavier content. Credentials for teaching will not change based on subject content, teachers can largely be from the same selection process.

Dr. Kent-McConnaughey voiced her concern on a March 4th deadline to make curriculum revisions to majors being so near to the timeline when we would know the Pathway courses. If curriculum changes are needed in order to obtain 120 hour majors, this does not allow adequate time for review, writing up major curriculum change forms and presenting to college curriculum committees. This is a legitimate concern that departments need to consider and monitor as Pathway courses are being identified.

A vote was taken on acceptance of the updated form. There was only one descending vote, the form was approved.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Chris Childers proposed that F.S. ask BOR to consider adding higher education employees to the parental leave act recently presented by Governor Colyer. President Morris noted that he would research and discuss further with Faculty Senate presidents. Dr. Olson agreed that BOR approval of this inclusion would be helpful and supportive. She added that she knew that Dr. Scott was supportive of the policy and has already corresponded with CEO of BOR.

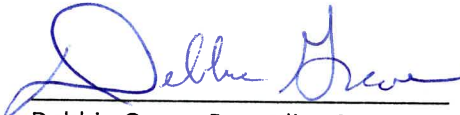
Open Forum

Dr. Jayawardhana asked when the Satisfaction Survey was to go out. Mr. Haverstic indicated this spring.

Dr. Olson announced and congratulated Senator Jon Jones had completed his doctorate.

Dr. Johnson announced the next Pechakucha would be on Wednesday, January 16 at T.J. Lelands and would be held every other month until May.

Meeting Adjourned Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:56 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	X					
Carlson, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X	X					
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X					
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X		X					
Covert-Miller, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Dainty, (At-Large)	X	X							
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Sciences)	X	X	X	X					
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X	X					
Fogliasso, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X	X					
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X					
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X*		X						
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)	X	X	X*						
Hite, (Past-President)	X	X	X	X					
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Huffman, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)	X		X	X					
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Jones, Jon, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X	X		X					
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X	X					
Livingston, (Communication)	X	X	X	X					
Maxwell, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X					
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
McConnaughey, (Graphics & Imaging Tech)	X	X	X	X					
Moots, (English & Modern Languages)	X	X	X*	X					
Morris, (President)	X	X	X	X					
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Munguia, (Music)	X	X	X	X					
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X	X	X					
Philipp, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X					
Shay, (Military Science)	X	X							
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X	X					
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X					
Tayo, (Physics)	X	X	X						
Thompson, Kyle, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X						
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X					
Tseng, (Art)	X	X	X	X					
Whitney, (Biology)	X	X	X	X					
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X						
Zepernick, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
University Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X	X	X					
Unclassified Professional Senate Representative	X	X		X					
Student Government Representative	X	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.