

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 27, 2017

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Janice Jewett, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes for February 27, 2017 meeting approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Olson shared that she had been invited by the finance committee to their May meeting. The committee oversees Foundation funds which support Professional Development monies. It would be helpful if faculty who benefited from the funds in recent years would contact her to share the wonderful stories that highlight some of the use of the funds. She would also like to gather visuals and learn more about some of the presentations done by PSU faculty. The \$90,000 provided to Professional Development is singularly one of the largest amounts distributed by this fund each year and they want to understand how it is used.

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

Mr. McNew advised they would be meeting with SGA and had met with Unclassified and Support Staff senate meetings prior to spring break. Foundation board will be developing pillars and outcomes along with objectives for the initial courses.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam announced the annual meeting was held on March 10th with a good turnout. Presently need ballots returned and new officers will take office first of May. Friday, March 31 there will be a negotiations meeting. He is also planning two more happy hours between now and the end of the semester.

Student Senate Remarks – Nathan Diddle, Senator

Mr. Diddle spoke of Q&A with college reps going well and finalizing elections with new officers to take over by mid-April.

University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President

Mr. Woodrum noted that most of the group's last meeting was spent with the General Education Focus Group and believed there was good feedback and appreciated having this opportunity. Still reviewing low cost incentives being proposed, but seeing a lot of good ideas thus far. Elections will start next month for USS.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Janice Jewett, President

Dr. Jewett stated she had sent out requests to departments to name their representative. The May meeting will be the meeting that new members start.

KBOR met the week before spring break. Dr. Amy Hite attended on behalf of Dr. Jewett. The agenda included AP scores with a wrap-up of minimum score of 3 effective July 1, 2017. Specific subject areas with a higher than 3 score must be defended by each college and would include Art History (4), Algebra based Physics (4) and Calculus based Physics (5). An initial review after one year and thereafter every 3-5 years. Additional discussion is possible. There was also discussion to allow GED scores to provide college credit. Lots of questions being asked and will be more discussion. Also discussed was the Conceal and Carry and Faculty Senate Presidents prepared a press release regarding the resolutions passed by each of the Kansas universities. Dr. Jewett also spoke of a Collegio interview of local state legislators on the subject.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee – Jorge Leon, Chair

Committee presented Registrar's Office Submission for Revisions document for a second read. Opened the floor for questions. There were none.

Undergraduate Curriculum – James McBain, Chair

Dr. McBain submitted curriculum items as a complete packet noting that all corrections had been made to meet committee approval. There was no discussion and all items passed.

Honors College – Susan Schreiner, Chair

Committee work has been completed and awaiting responses from student applicants.

Faculty Affairs – Susan Schreiner, Chair

Ms. Schreiner advised that all \$90,000 of the funds had now been spent. If travelling the last of the semester she suggested going ahead and sending in your requests so the committee would have an idea of unmet need. Dr. Siam asked if there can be something for those who travel at the end of the year. Dr. Jewett suggested that as soon as you become aware of your traveling plans that include confirmation of an approved presenter, go ahead and submit request. Dr. Siam stated that because of the approval process and how it was structured, often these approvals to present do not occur until the funds are depleted or nearly depleted for end of year conferences.

Dr. Olson proposed because of the ebb and flow of travel needs that a decision needs to be made if wish to have additional people able to secure funds by reducing amount able to fund each individual or keep the amount and be more competitive. In past years she had been able to backfill the late requests, but not this year. Dr. Olson indicated it is always a year-to-year decision depending on if there will be any funds available from her accounts to utilize.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson noted that only one proposal for constitutional amendment had been received, that being from the Library Committee. Deadline to send any proposed amendments needs to be by early April in order to be reviewed and presented to Faculty Senate by April and May meetings.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Committee to meet on March 28 and thus far have reviewed all but 3 reports turned in this year for review.

Academic Honesty Committee – Amy Hite, Chair

Dr. Hite advised there were 2 student complaints and the committee met on March 3rd. The results of that review were turned over to the Provost's Office.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Leon made the recommendation to vote on the 6 revisions proposed by the Registrar's Office citing that most were corrections in language and alignment with other institution's policies. Asked again for question, there were none. Motion was made and approved with no changes or votes of dissent.

New Business

Dr. Siam spoke to the election process for Faculty Senate's Executive Committee. He felt the last few years it had been done incorrectly. He stated that new incoming senators should vote on executive committee and elect their own officers. He recommended that for clarification this be documented and memorialized somewhere for future reference. Dr. Jewett referred to the desire to always follow the constitution.

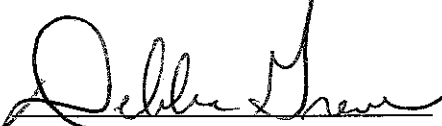
Open Forum

Rion Huffman announced the Crimson Creative award ceremony with items on display for student entries. There were 102 submissions and 86 students from all over campus represented in this year's competition. A ceremony is planned from 6:00-8:00 on Wednesday, April 5th.

Dr. Johnson congratulated Senator Gail Yarrick on her recent honor of Outstanding Faculty for 2017.

Dr. Jewett reminded the group of two more meetings this year. April 24th and May 8th.

Meeting Adjourned Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:36 p.m.


Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2016-2017)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Book, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Bowman, (Art)	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X		
Butler, (Physics)	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Clanton, (Music)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X			
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Daley, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Elliott, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X			X		X	X		
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X	X			X		
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X		X	X			
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)		X	X	X	X	X*	X		
Herring, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hite, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X		X		X	X	X		
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X				X		X		
Jewett, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Kehle, (At-Large)		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X		
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Livingston, (Communication)		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Maceli, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
McKinnis, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)		X	X		X	X			
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Paul, (At-Large) replaced Peterson Sp 17					X	X			
Peterson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Runyan, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Samuels, (Past President)	X			X	X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X		X		
Shay, (Military Science)						X			
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Snow, (Biology)	X		X	X	X	X			
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Univ Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Unclassified Senate Representative					X	X			
Student Government Representative	X	X	X		X	X	X		

*Brian Moots substituted for Myriam Krepps at the October meeting. Li-Lin Tseng substituted for Portico Bowman at the November meeting. Amber Tankersley substituted for Shawnee Hendershot at the February meeting.

Susan Schreiner attended the October meeting. Lindsey Taggart attended the October and December meeting. Eric Harris attended the December meeting.