

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 28, 2015

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Julie Samuels, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

The minutes for May 4, 2015 were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Lynette Olson advised that the banner on the PSU homepage was purposeful in that it provides special articles regarding faculty research, instruction and service. Dr. Olson asked that faculty make her office aware of accomplishments in order for University Marketing to highlight online. Other announcements included CTLT hosting Insight Workshops throughout the semester. Upcoming opportunities will be focused on advisement and skill development utilizing Canvas. Also, PSU will be hosting the KBOR on campus October 14-15 and the Tilford Conference the week of October 19th.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Tim Bailey, President

Dr. Bailey shared that faculty salary was ratified. He was disappointed in the number who voted (100 out of 235), but of those who voted 94% voted in favor. Of all the KBOR universities, PSU is the only one providing raises and he believes this is due to the bargaining team. Dr. Bailey advised that he had been contacted by a sister-institution in Kansas that is interested in what PSU has accomplished in value-shared governance.

Student Senate Remarks – Jackie Herring, Senator

No report. SGA represented by Marcus Clem.

Unclassified Senate Remarks – Ashley Wadell, President

Not present.

University Support Staff Remarks – Terri Blessent, President

Not present.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Julie Samuels

Dr. Samuels announced that the Faculty Senate website was up-to-date for 2015-16 and shared her appreciation for all that Jeanine Van Becelaere does in support of Faculty Senate. This sentiment was shared by others in the room. Dr. Samuels attended the KBOR meeting on September 16th. Details were shared of her September report (attached) as well as her appreciation to serve as president.

Dr. Samuels also shared the importance of faculty awareness of the critical part they play to attract students and represent PSU. She spoke of so many institutions all seeking students from the same pool that we are (i.e. Tulsa and Oklahoma City). Also a reminder that health insurance sign up was happening in October.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum subcommittee – Greg Murray, Chair

Dr. Murray referred those present to the agenda and the curriculum items from ART, ETECH, HPASS and MUSIC. There was unanimous approval when a vote was solicited for all curriculum items initially approved by the committee.

Academic Affairs – Andrea McConnaughey, Chair

Ms. McConnaughey advised there had been one meeting to elect her as chair.

Information Systems – Ram Gupta, Chair

Advised that no agenda item had been presented thus far.

Departmental Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair

Announced the committee had not met as yet, but that the COT subcommittee was meeting today. There was a plan to meet in the next 2-3 weeks to tackle issues that have arisen on composition of college level committees.

Dr. Samuels added that in April 2012 Faculty Senate voted to change the committee format for Departmental Academic Honors and should be updated in the constitution.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Andrea McConnaughey, Chair

Met to talk about streamlining the process. The committee will review documentation by October 1 and make any revisions by October 12 and finalize soon after.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Andrea McConnaughey, Chair

The committee had met to establish chair and recorder.

Student-Faculty – Julie Dainty, Chair

Dr. Dainty indicated the next meeting was scheduled for October 21st and that the primary charge would be Academic Misconduct policy review.

All University – Jim McBain, Chair

Met to establish the chair, per Dr. Jim McBain.

Faculty Affairs – Jan Schiefelbein, Chair

Dr. Schiefelbein advised that there had been a \$10,000 increase in Professional Development funds from last year and extended thanks to Dr. Olson for funding requests that were received after funds were depleted last year. She reminded those present that to apply need to include evidence of acceptance to present or that you have presented or else it results in delays a response and funding.

Constitution Committee – Neil Snow, Chair

Dr. Snow advised committee would be meeting to discuss Departmental Honors and changing method of amendment modification.

General Education- Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson shared that the workforce taskforce had developed a process to review and anticipated it to be a 3 year process of review of every general education course. Committee will be trained on review process with intent not to review every section, but by course. Phase II would cover "What should a gorilla know?" He then made a motion which read: "On behalf of the Faculty Senate General Education Committee, I move that the Faculty Senate initiate the process of examining our current General Education courses used at PSU in order to support the university's strategic plan."

Dr. Samuels added the desire to make certain that it was a faculty led choice on what general education looks like going forward. Dr. Johnson enthusiastically emphasized that group is looking for everybody's input. Motion carried.

Budget – Rebecca Butler, Chair

Dr. Butler reported the committee had voted for her to continue as chair and there was no further report.

Academic Honesty – Janice Jewett, Chair

Dr. Jewett reported there had been one submission, but the instance was resolved before committee met.

Unfinished Business

Noted Expedited Curriculum Legislation - Pending

New Business

There was some discussion on General Education process. Dr. Johnson spoke of working with Nora Hatton and briefly about extending the review over 3 years. Dr. Schiefelbein added her thoughts on grouping the current gen ed together and keeping it manageable.

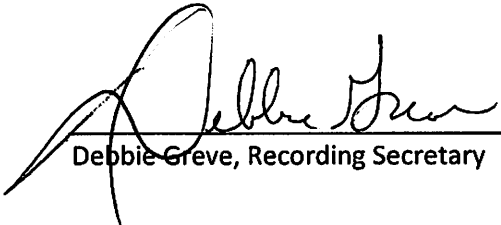
Open Forum

Marcus Clem introduced himself as attending as the SGA representative.

Dr. Jayawardhana shared about the Tilford Conference being held at PSU this year and next. Because of the scheduling conflict, HR has established an alternative 3:00 p.m. presentation in the Governors room of OSC on October 22 for those who will be attending a Tilford Conference session on the 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:38 p.m.



Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP
(2015-2016)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Anderson, (Family & Consumer Sciences)									
Bailey, (At-Large)	X								
Benson, (At-Large)	X								
Book, (Women's Studies)	X								
Bowman, (Art)	X								
Butler, (Physics)	X								
Clanton, (Music)	X								
Coltharp, (At-Large)	X								
Conrad, (At-Large)	X								
Cummings, (At-Large)									
Dainty, (Past President)	X								
Fay, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X								
Flynn, Gloria (At-Large)	X								
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)									
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X								
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X								
Hague, (Technology & Workforce Learning)									
Hooey, (At-Large)	X								
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X								
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)	X								
Jewett, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X								
Jones, Randy (Automotive Technology)									
Judd, (At-Large)	X								
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X								
Lal, (Economics, Finance, and Banking)	X								
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X								
Lee, (Management and Marketing)	X								
Leon, (Library Services)	X								
Letner, (Communication)									
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X								
McDaniel, (At-Large)									
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X								
Morris, (School of Construction)	X								
Moss, (At-Large)	X								
Petersen, Ann (At-Large)	X								
Samuels, (President)	X								
Shay, (Military Science)									
Snow, (Biology)	X								
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X								
Stuck, (Teaching and Leadership)	X								
Wade, (Mathematics)	X								
Classified Senate Representative									
University Support Staff Senate Rep									
Student Government Representative	X								

Mark Johnson, Andrea McConnaughey and Greg Murray attended the September meeting.

Faculty Senate President Report

September 2015

We believe the Faculty-Senate website is up-to-date. A BIG thanks to Jeanine in the Registrar's Office for all of the help.

We attended the KBOR meeting in Topeka, September 16th

- Community Perceptions of higher education and college faculty
- Weapons Awareness, July 1, 2017 all signage on the doors will come down. Discussion is occurring as to how to address Close Carry, Open Carry and Conceal and Carry on campuses in Kansas. At this time it does not appear that KBOR will create policy. Student Government Association Presidents are working with the Docking Institute to create a survey for students to gather data on students concerns to give to KBOR. As it is right now it appears that each institution will create their own policy.
- WSU has requested permission from KBOR to begin recruiting in the Tulsa and OKC area. This decision has not been made to date. It is important for us to be aware of recruitment and retention.
- KBOR will be traveling this year to four institutions. They will be on the campus of Pittsburg State University October 14th and 15th. PSU faculty will have the opportunity to visit with some of the regents at 2:15 in S102 of KTC and we highly encourage you to attend this meeting.
- Health Insurance Sign-Up
- Insight Workshops are scheduled throughout the fall semester the next one is Wednesday, September 30th from 2:00 – 2:50. There will be 10 more workshop sessions scheduled through December.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Samuels