

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 27, 2017

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

Past Minutes

Minutes for January 30, 2017 meeting approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Olson shared a reminder that the search for the next Dean of the College of Education is open and should be completed next fiscal year.

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

Mr. McNew highlighted suggestions from meetings the committee had held recently with each college and what was learned by attending a conference in Phoenix pertaining to revising of General Education curriculum. The group learned a great deal about other college gen ed programs including integrating micro-credentials like MS Office within Gen Ed, having gen ed courses from freshman to senior year, and how other Gen Ed Review committees fulfilled their obligations. He thanks Trish Peak for making all the arrangements.

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam announced the annual meeting to be held March 10th, elections and focus group to discuss contracts.

Student Senate Remarks – Nathan Diddle, Senator

Mr. Diddle's topics included: grant applications, outstanding faculty announcement planned for March 7th and ALICE training and gun policy meeting to be held in near future. There is a new printer in the SGA office as well as free Scantrons. Election for SGA board members will be from March 23 until April 10th via GUS.

Unclassified Senate Remarks – Erin Sullivan, President

Ms. Sullivan spoke of general election of senators and speakers at the March 1 meeting were Dr. Howard Smith and members of the General Education Review Committee.

University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President

Mr. Woodrum announced focus group still working to identify incentives and free parking was a popular request. The results of submissions is in the early stage of review. Elections are planned for April.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Janice Jewett, President

Dr. Jewett began recapping the continuing topic of Credit by Exam scores noting that there still was not agreement on Chemistry, Biology and Psychology. KU would like for the test score to be dependent on the student's major and a higher score required for majors in those test areas or in the case of Chemistry a score of 3 acceptable for first Chemistry class and a score of 4 or 5 for 2nd course. Also, at this point all Regent institutions have passed resolutions on conceal/carry. Jamie Brooksher, campus attorney, was present at the meeting to answer any questions when this topic is discussed under Unfinished Business.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee – Jorge Leon, Chair

Committee presented Registrar's Office Submission for Revisions document for a first read. The document consisted of 6 items.

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.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Julie Samuels, Chair

Dr. Samuels advised that she had submitted constitution changes to the constitution committee.

Departmental Academic Honors – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

Deadline for edits was February 24th.

Honors College – Susan Schreiner, Chair

There were 42 students interviewed for Honors College. Ms. Schreiner added there were excellent candidates.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Laura Covert, Chair

Sondra Cox reported committee reviewing rubric and obtaining feedback.

Faculty Affairs – Susan Schreiner, Chair

Advised that only \$2,300 remain as not allocated which is lower than usual at this point of time. Can still take more applications for the Faculty Development fund. Dr. Jewett reminded those present that the fund comes from the foundation and very grateful for the contribution.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Jewett reminded group to send constitution changes to Dr. Johnson and the committee.

Academic Honesty Committee – Amy Hite, Chair

Dr. Hite advised there were two pending hearings.

Unfinished Business

Faculty Senate Executive board reviewed other Kansas college objections to concealed weapons on campus and composed such a resolution for Pittsburg State University. Copies of what were submitted by other colleges as well as the draft for PSU are part of the agenda. Dr. Jewett opened up the floor for discussion of what was presented. Gil Cooper motioned to accept as written. Dr. Neil Snow spoke to his colleagues in Biology and faculty were supportive and found it to be in agreement with what others had submitted. Jamie Brooksher agreed that the document aligned with others. There was discussion on this effort being somewhat symbolic and uncertain of the impact. Dr. Jewett encouraged using personal time and resources to contact legislators. Bob Kehle suggested that the document be sent to our local representatives. Dr. Brooksher recommend having an article in the newspaper and talk with Shawn Naccarato as our Director of Government and Community and seek his assistance in promoting. Sandra Cox indicated she had spoken with Jake LaTurner and he seemed receptive to having such a document. Dr. Brooksher indicated a town hall in the near future would also be an option to discuss further. Dr. Siam suggested that we ask a senator and representative to read the document from the floor. A vote was taken with 32 in favor and none voting as opposed.

Dr. Jewett agreed to follow up on suggestions of how to share the document going forward. Dr. Brooksher added that it is okay to identify yourself as a PSU employee as you reach out to our representatives, but not to do so during work hours or from your work email.

Dr. Kris Lawson asked about the Faculty Climate survey. Dr. Olson shared that the Hanover Research Group and faculty produced the survey and she had asked the same committee to review and identify elements. Dr. Shirley Drew chaired the committee. Dr. Olson hopes to have a first look at the committee's report and hopes for lots of comments. Committee has asked that there be an analysis by Hanover and that document was returned just a couple of weeks ago. Local committee will make decision on distribution of raw results so everyone can see the response.

New Business

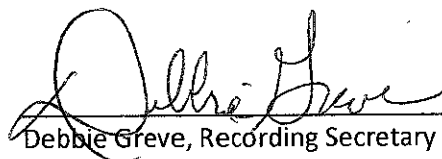
None

Open Forum Mr. Kehle encouraged anyone who had not already subscribed to Daily Media Review to do so. He described it as a good resource on local, area, and national news published by University Marketing as an online newsletter.

Dr. Hite shared that over 100 PSU employees attended the Budget meeting and advised that the Survey Monkey was open until Wednesday for more input.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:37 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			
Bowman, (Art)	X	X	X*	X	X	X			
Butler, (Physics)	X	X	X		X	X			
Clanton, (Music)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X	X			
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Daley, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Elliott, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X			X		X			
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X	X					
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X		X	X			
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)		X	X	X	X	X*			
Herring, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Hite, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X		X		X	X			
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X				X				
Jewett, (President)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Kehle, (At-Large)		X	X	X	X	X			
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X*	X	X	X	X			
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Livingston, (Communication)		X	X	X	X	X			
Maceli, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
McKinnis, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)		X	X		X	X			
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	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			
Samuels, (Past President)	X			X	X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X				
Shay, (Military Science)						X			
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X	X	X				
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Snow, (Biology)	X		X	X	X	X			
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Univ Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Unclassified Senate Representative					X	X			
Student Government Representative	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.