

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 24, 2016

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Janice Jewett, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

The minutes for September 26, 2016 were approved with two typographical corrections noted as needed.

### Announcements

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

Dr. Olson sent Dr. Howard Smith to the BOR meeting in October as she was attending HLC peer review training. She went on to make the following announcements; program review process is underway with some external reviews again this year, Retention Performance Management (RPM) has faculty participating and there will be reports from this group in the future. The RPM survey is important and answers will provide a broad understanding of our data. Dr. Olson added that as an off-shoot of the RPM there is a group (Karla Childs, Mary Kay Wachter and Julie Samuels) who are each reviewing an introductory math course for the purpose to improve retention. Effective immediately Dr. Mary Carol Pomatto has been named Dean of Arts and Sciences after serving as interim for the last several months.

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

Mr. McNew advised that focus groups would be starting soon and a conference call was scheduled with consultant.

*PSU/KNEA – Dr. Khamis Siam, President*

Dr. Siam indicated plans to start a coffee hour early in the morning. New contracts are starting next spring and looking for any suggestions as negotiations have begun. Dr. Olson added that she too is inviting faculty and staff to coffee. An email has gone out indicating the 3 dates and times and she encourages everyone to stop by for a visit.

*Student Senate Remarks – Nathan Diddle, Senator*

According to Mr. Diddle SGA continues to work to assist students and faculty transition into a concealed weapon campus and how to implement. He also shared that Scantrons distribution has increased this year with 10,000 being passed out within past month and 17,000 for the year thus far. Last year there was 30,000 for the entire year. He reminded the group to consider other options for some assessments. Other SGA initiatives included: forming a transportation committee to look into bike racks, parking, GusBus, voter registration, and Discount Cards with additional opportunities to provide students discounts, which are listed on the SGA website. Research is underway to start a grant encouraging faculty to take the curriculum beyond the classroom. The grants would be \$200-\$500 each per year. Ideas can be sent to [sga\\_aa@pittstate.edu](mailto:sga_aa@pittstate.edu) on how you would use this grant. Suggestions should be submitted by November 28 (next SGA meeting). The submitted ideas will provide basis for going forward with the grant and determining how many grants would be offered each year.

*University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President*

Mr. Woodrum shared what was being discussed at the state level with colleagues from Kansas colleges including immolating PSU's flexible workweek in the summer and gun policy enforcement. He also spoke of VOYA initiative of a \$750 award to one USS and one faculty position. Watch for an opportunity to submit a proposal to VOYA for these awards.

*Faculty Senate President – Dr. Janice Jewett, President*

Dr. Jewett advised that the October BOR meeting was held in Fort Hays and discussion included:

- 1) Weapon policy noting that Emporia State prepared a stance against the policy.
- 2) Block 22 proposal for 4<sup>th</sup> and Broadway which Regents approved
- 3) Credit by Exam policy looking for collective agreement at each college on how AP and CLEP scores would be accepted. PSU is in agreement that a score of 3 is acceptable. Also looking at approving additional credit for military experience.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Undergraduate Curriculum – James McBain, Chair*

Curricular items, as found in the agenda, included a course addition from History and 2 course revisions from Math. All approved by committee and submitted as a package for senate vote. Passed unanimously. Dr. McBain added that there will be a large number of curricular items in coming months. Reminded senators to look ahead and take advantage of 10 day viewing to compile any questions or concerns.

### *Departmental Academic Honors – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair*

Dr. Jewett read from a prepared email that departmental academic honor applications had all been reviewed and should wrap up this week.

### *Honors College – Susan Schreiner, Chair*

Ms. Schreiner advised that the application deadline was January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *Faculty Affairs – Susan Schreiner, Chair*

Reported that there was \$90,000 and fund is now down to \$37,000.

### *Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

Per Dr. Johnson committee has not met yet, but asks that others look at constitution and make certain it is up-to-date and provide feedback.

### *General Education – Mark Johnson, Chair*

Dr. Johnson shared that each committee member is collecting data and looking for ways to improve process.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

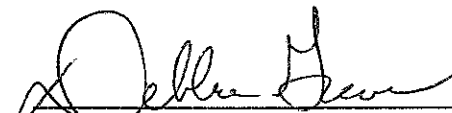
Dr. Siam voiced his thoughts on having KU Medical Center, as a state agency, provide treatment and waive co-pay/deductible. He recalls this was true years ago and because of increasing insurance and medical costs, this would be a benefit to lobby for with the help of KNEA and others.

## **Open Forum**

Dr. Olson reminded group of a climate survey being done by Hanover Research Group which was done as part of the University Strategic Plan. The survey is about to launch and she encourages participation and feedback. Hanover will gather the data and provide the report with no local hands having access to the survey responses.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:40 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							
Bowman, (Art)	X	X							
Butler, (Physics)	X	X							
Clanton, (Music)	X	X							
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X							
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X							
Daley, (At-Large)	X	X							
Elliott, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X								
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X							
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)		X							
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X							
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)		X							
Herring, (At-Large)	X	X							
Hite, (Nursing)	X	X							
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X								
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X								
Jewett, (President)	X	X							
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X							
Kehle, (At-Large)		X							
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X*							
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X							
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X							
Livingston, (Communication)		X							
Maceli, (Management and Marketing)	X	X							
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X							
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X							
McKinnis, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)		X							
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X	X							
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X							
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X							
Peterson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X							
Runyan, (At-Large)	X	X							
Samuels, (Past President)	X								
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X							
Shay, (Military Science)									
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X							
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X							
Snow, (Biology)	X								
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X							
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X							
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X							
Univ Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X							
Unclassified Senate Representative									
Student Government Representative	X	X							

\*Brian Moots substituted for Myriam Krepps at the October meeting.  
Lindsey Taggart and Susan Schreiner attended the October meeting.