

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 23, 2015

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Julie Samuels, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

The minutes for October 26, 2015 were approved.

Announcements

Dr. Samuels thanked everyone for adjusting their schedule to the earlier meeting time to allow for those who had tickets to former President Bill Clinton's speech in a few hours. There was a need to hold today's meeting to pass curriculum items, but looking at an abbreviated agenda. The next meeting will be December 7th, so there was a recommendation for anyone who could hold their report, to do so until the next meeting.

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

Dr. Lynette Olson deferred any comments until December

PSU/KNEA – Dr. Tim Bailey, President

Dr. Bailey addressed active shooter concerns and advised that there was a gun policy on the KNEA website. He personally had spoken to University Police officials about the active shooter/ALICE training planned and learned it was being scheduled through the Dean's office and would not be mandatory to attend. Dr. Bailey also advised to watch for an email from Dr. Kahol on Activity Insight and training to be offered to transition to this new database for archiving faculty achievement.

Student Senate Remarks – Marcus Clem, Senator

Not present.

Unclassified Senate Remarks – Ashley Wadell, President

Ms. Wadell spoke of a new program for staff recognition with a financial award of \$750 for Unclassified and University Support staff sponsored by VOYA. Information about nominating a candidate for this award is available on the Unclassified Senate webpage under forms and the deadline is Wednesday, December 2. The award will be presented in January at the All University Convocation.

University Support Staff Remarks – Terri Blessent, President

Ms. Blessent advised that the University Support Staff was also assisting with the promotion and awarding of the VOYA award as well as discussing conceal and carry concerns.

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Julie Samuels

Dr. Samuels indicated she would defer her report until the December meeting.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum subcommittee – Greg Murray, Chair

Dr. Murray presented the curriculum items as outlined in the minutes and noted that all had passed within the committee. He also asked that as individuals are completing the paperwork to watch closely for a section where you must answer Yes or No and then provide an explanation. Many were not providing an explanation, which delays the process while the committee reaches out for additional information. Based on Dr. Murray's motion there was unanimous approval of all curriculum items.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Andrea McConnaughey, Chair

Dr. Grant Moss advised that beginning in January, the committee will be discussing why the enrollment in lower division Writing to Learn courses is declining.

There was a general announcement to continue to apply for funds.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Ananda Jayawardhana asked about the continuation of “Expedited Curriculum Legislation – pending” remained on the agenda under Unfinished Business for the last several months. Dr. Olson explained the origin of such a process as being sought by the BOR. If a University could identify an immediate need in the economy or know if such curriculum items would be a long term commitment to meet a need within Kansas Regent Universities, that there be a mechanism created within the policy of each university to expedite curriculum through the campus approval process. She was unaware that any other regent university had created and/or was utilizing such a policy. A motion was made by Dr. Jayawardhana to remove this as a continuing agenda item until such time that it became necessary to address further. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

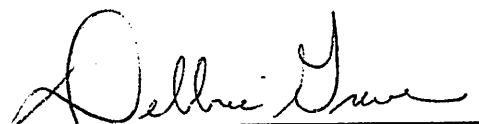
None

Open Forum

None

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was approved at 2:42 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	X	X						
Benson, (At-Large)	X								
Book, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X						
Bowman, (Art)	X	X*	X						
Butler, (Physics)	X	X	X						
Clanton, (Music)	X	X	X						
Coltharp, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Conrad, (At-Large)	X								
Cummings, (At-Large)									
Dainty, (Past President)	X	X	X						
Fay, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X								
Flynn, Gloria (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X						
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X	X*	X						
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X	X						
Hague, (Technology & Workforce Learning)									
Hooey, (At-Large)	X		X						
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X	X							
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)	X		X						
Jewett, (Health, Human Performance & Rec)	X	X	X						
Jones, Randy (Automotive Technology)		X	X						
Judd, (At-Large)	X	X							
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X	X						
Lal, (Economics, Finance, and Banking)	X	X							
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X						
Lee, (Management and Marketing)	X	X							
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X						
Letner, (Communication)		X	X						
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X						
McDaniel, (At-Large)		X							
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X		X						
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X	X						
Moss, (At-Large)	X	X	X						
Petersen, Ann (At-Large)	X								
Samuels, (President)	X	X	X						
Shay, (Military Science)									
Snow, (Biology)	X	X	X						
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X						
Stuck, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X						
Wade, (Mathematics)	X	X	X						
University Support Staff Senate Rep			X						
Unclassified Senate Representative			X						
Student Government Representative	X								

Mark Johnson, Andrea McConnaughey and Greg Murray attended the September meeting. Andrea McConnaughey attended the October meeting. Greg Murray attended the November meeting. *Li-Lin Tseng substituted for Portico Bowman and Jan Schiefelbein substituted for Kristi Frisbee at the October meeting.