

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 27, 2020

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Kevin Bracker, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

Announcements

Prior to announcements ITS gave a brief demonstration of the new schedule of classes, degree audit and roadmap. Committee members were introduced. The committee includes members of ITS and Academic Affairs. The new schedule of classes includes an advanced search feature. The degree audit includes a listing of courses completed and how they satisfy degree requirements, a list of courses left to complete, the ability to print of a pdf and other advanced features. The degree audit will be available to all advisors and students beginning June 1st. A working model of the roadmap has been developed. Eventually the roadmap should help with the schedule of classes (courses needed, capacity needed). All of the programs above will provide for easy navigation.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Howard Smith

Dr. Smith introduced Doug Ball, Chief Financial Officer, to give an update on the financial information that was presented by RPK for the Strategic Visioning process. (Dr. Bracker provided the powerpoint that was shared by Doug Ball. The powerpoint is also located on the Strategic Visioning CANVAS site.) Mr. Ball described the net revenue model explaining the direct revenue and expenses and indirect revenue and expenses that were assigned to programs for analysis. Some expenses (services shared across all units) were allocated based on credit hour production. All credit hours were treated the same. When building the analysis with RPK, a delivery approach was selected versus a transcript approach. The delivery approach considers all credit hours produced, not just those hours produced by the program majors. When using the transcript approach, credit hours are considered if they are a part of the degree program. (Auxiliary units were excluded in the analysis.) Dr. Smith noted that the analysis is being used to assist with the budgeting process.

PSU/KNEA – Grant Moss, President

Dr. Moss reported that there was an open negotiating meeting held last Tuesday. They will continue to work on the contract in the coming months. KNEA will be voting soon on members for the Executive Committee for next year. Please let Dr. Moss know if you are interested in serving. The ad hoc committees are still continuing (Tenure and Promotion and Constitution). Be sure to turn in activities for performance review – due today.

Student Senate – Alexis Houser, Representative

Dr. Bracker reported that SGA has sworn in their new diversity director, Kelly Chapman.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Brad Stefanoni, President

No report.

University Support Staff – Terry Pierce, President

Dr. Bracker reported that USS is accepting nominations for the Voya Employee Recognition Award for support staff. Email nominations to Mr. Pierce by February 5th.

Faculty Senate President – Kevin Bracker, President

Dr. Bracker reported that Spring Convocation will be held on January 30th at 1:30pm at the Bicknell Center. In addition Apple Day is March 2nd. If you are interested in volunteering to help hand out apples during Apple Day, let Dr. Bracker know. Lastly, Dr. Lee is having a book drive for Africa University. If you'd like to donate books, please deliver to 110 Kelce.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Steve Cox, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Nico Prelogar, Chair

Mr. Prelogar reported that the committee approved and recommends all curriculum items (see agenda).

The motion to approve the curriculum items passed unanimously.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Gail Yarick, Chair

Ms. Yarick shared that the committee will next meet on January 31st at 10am.

Online and Distance Learning – Krissy Lewis, Chair

No report.

Academic Honors – Janice Jewett, Chair

Mr. Morris reminded faculty and students to review closely the guidelines on the website (Registrar's Office webpage). Applications for academic honors need to be submitted to the Registrar's Office by February 3rd.

Honors College – Rebeca Book, Chair

Dr. Book shared that the committee is reviewing applications now. Over 55+ applications were submitted. This is similar in numbers to last year. February 9th is the interview process.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair

No report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Jason Reid, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Daniel Maxwell, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Jennifer Harris, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – Andrea Kent-McConnaughey, Chair

No report.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Dr. Johnson encouraged committee chairs to review their sections in the constitution to determine if any changes need to be made this year.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair

No report.

Budget Committee – Linden Dalecki, Chair

Dr. Dalecki reported that he reached out to Doug Ball regarding the Faculty Senate inquiry on budget allocations. For FY 2020, there were salary increases of \$1.1M; \$719K designated from the state for salary increases, but the state allocation didn't cover it all.

Academic Honesty – Cole Shewmake, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

None.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was approved at 4:07 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

