

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
May 3, 2021

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021, with Cole Shewmake, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Dr. Smith thanked Dr. Shewmake, Dr. Siam and Dr. Spelman for their leadership with faculty and extended thanks to all those who participated in Commencement. Dr. Smith shared that President's Council has decided based on the survey responses received that Fall Break will be moved to the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week beginning Fall 2021 and beyond. The Administration is also considering relaxing the mask policy. Crawford County has already started this process. There are only two counties in Kansas now with a mask mandate: Wyandotte and Douglas. Lastly, Dr. Smith thanked everyone for a rewarding year and having the flexibility to do things we didn't think we could do.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

Dr. Siam shared that the class action lawsuit with Blue Cross Blue Shield is legitimate. You may have received a notice regarding the lawsuit in the mail. KNEA is continuing to push forward the proposal to provide a one-time \$1,000 to faculty. The proposal was sent to the Administration. The proposal was discussed on April 30th amongst the teams and seemed to be met with resistance. Dr. Smith talked further with Dr. Siam on May 3rd and the plan is to continue moving the proposal through the proper channels including KBOR.

Student Senate – Bella L'Heureux, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Jason Kegler, President

No report.

University Support Staff – Terri Blessent, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Cole Shewmake, President

Dr. Shewmake reported that KBOR is hosting two additional webinars on proctoring options, May 7th and May 21st both at 1pm via Zoom. Contact Dr. Shewmake for more information. The Faculty Senate Presidents are watching legislation that would lower the conceal and carry age to 18.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Steve Cox, Chair

See agenda for Annual Report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair

Dr. Hendershot reported three clerical edits to the legislation for the BIS: 1) under the core – GEOG 301 should be GEOG 302, 2) under Geography emphasis GEOG 301 should be Intro to Urban Geography, and 3) under Geography emphasis GEOG 405 should be GEOG 305.

All curriculum items, including the clerical edits, were approved by the committee and were recommended for approval by Faculty Senate.

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee were approved.

Library Services/Learning Resources – Stella Hasting, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Online and Distance Learning – Krissy Lewis, Chair
Dr. Shewmake reported that the committee met the morning of May 3rd. See agenda for Annual Report.

Academic Honors – John Daley, Chair
See agenda in Annual Report.

Honors College – Michael Davidsson, Chair
No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Laura Covert-Miller, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Jessica Jorgenson-Borchert, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Student-Faculty – Gail Yarick, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

All University Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Faculty Affairs – Trina Larery, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report. Dr. Shewmake confirmed that the letter requesting funding from the Foundation has been sent. A response is expected in June.

Constitution Committee – James Whitney, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Pitt State Pathway Committee – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report. The proposal planned to present in May will be delayed to fall 2021.

Budget Committee – Tatiana Goris, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Academic Honesty – Shawnee Hendershot, Chair
See agenda for Annual Report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

A motion was made, seconded and approved to thank Cole Shewmake for his leadership the past academic year.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, May 3, 2021 at 3:20 p.m.


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary