

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 27, 2025

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025 with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting were approved.

Announcements

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Susan Bon

Provost Bon started by shared current enrollment numbers for Spring 2025. We are down 54 students from this time last year. The 20th Day headcount is February 17th. The COT and COAS Dean searches are progressing with candidates on campus. Please provide feedback on the interviews. There is a committee working on the next campus master plan. An updated plan is required by KBOR and due in Fall 2025. Academic facilities is one area to be reviewed. A group is touring a number of academic buildings on campus and have discovered unused equipment and space that could potentially be utilized more efficiently. Later in the process an outside consultant will likely be hired to help shape findings. Provost Bon also noted that she is working on an academic plan and enrollment management plan in collaboration with Dr. Stumo and Dr. Naccarato. Feedback from visiting programs has been compiled and will be provided to each unit. Lastly, Provost Bon stated that a mentorship committee has been formed to clarify roles, feedback is being gathered on IRB policy/process pinch points, ten Academic Innovation grants have been awarded and interest based bargaining training will take place in February.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

President Siam reminded faculty that performance appraisals are due today.

Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative

No report.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President

President Belcher reported that the PD Day was a success with over 100 attendees. The bylaws combining USS and UPS have been approved.

University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President

No report.

Graduate College – Provost Bon shared that a subcommittee has been formed to review graduate faculty credentials. In addition, graduate recruitment goals are being discussed. Programs have been encouraged to share success stories.

Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President

President Philipp shared numerous updates from KBOR. See agenda for details. Provost Bon mentioned that the System Presidents all expressed interest in HLC 90.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair

No report.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate with exception of the BS and BA in Psychology. (The Psychology proposals were sent back to the program for clarification.) See agenda for details.

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

Library Services/Learning Resources – Lora Winters, Chair

No report.

Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair

No report.

Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair

No report.

Honors College – Randy Winzer, Chair

No report.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair

No report. Discussions needed to determine committee's future.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Joanne Britz, Chair

No report.

Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair

No report.

All University Committee – Kristen Maceli, Chair

No report.

Faculty Affairs – David Sikolia, Chair

No report.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

No report.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

No report.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

An ad hoc AI committee needs to be formed. Grant Moss and Jorge Leon agreed to co-chair. A survey will be sent out soon to gauge the climate on campus. In addition, a symposium will be scheduled to discuss the topic and begin looking at how to develop a policy. Interested faculty may contact President Philipp. See agenda for details.

New Business


See agenda for details. Faculty interested in handing out apples should contact President Philipp.

Open Forum

See agenda for details.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned Monday, January 27, 2025, at 4:01 p.m.

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Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMEBERSHIP (24-25) January 27, 2024

Faculty Senators	Signature	Substitute (Print)
Norm Philipp, (President)		
David Weaver, (President Elect)	<i>David Weaver</i>	
Dennis Audo, At-Large	<i>Dennis Audo</i>	
Jordan Backs, TWL		
Tim Bailey, HPSS	<i>Tim Bailey</i>	
Michele Barnaby, At-Large		
Denise Bertoncino, At-Large		
David Boffey, HHPR	<i>David Boffey</i>	
Rebeca Book, At-Large	<i>Rebeca Book</i>	
Paige Boydston, PSYCH	<i>Paige Boydston</i> I HAVE CLASS @ 4:00!	
Christine Brodsky, At-Large	<i>Christine Brodsky</i>	
Heather Carter, TCHL		
Chad Crain, CMCET	<i>Chad Crain</i>	
Barth Cox, COMM	<i>Barth Cox</i>	
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	<i>Marcus Daczewitz</i>	
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS		
David Ferguson, AUTO	<i>David Ferguson</i>	
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large	<i>Kristi Frisbee</i>	
Andrew George, BIOL	<i>Andrew George</i>	
Beth Hendrickson, Library	<i>Beth Hendrickson</i>	
Ashleigh Heter, NURS		
Karen Johnson, NURS		
Mark Johnson, At-Large	<i>Mark Johnson</i>	
Erin Jordan, At-Large	<i>Erin Jordan</i>	
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	<i>Myriam Krepps</i>	
Joseph Labuda, MIL		
Jorge Leon, At-Large	<i>Jorge Leon</i>	
Janet Lewis, ART		
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	<i>Kristen Maceli</i>	
Dan Maxwell, ETECH	<i>Dan Maxwell</i>	
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	<i>Barbara McClaskey</i>	
Grant Moss, At-Large	<i>Grant Moss</i>	
David Pearson, PHYS	<i>David Pearson</i>	
Jason Reid, TWL		
John Ross, MUSIC		
Ashley Shaw, TCHL		
Khamis Siam, At-Large	<i>Khamis Siam</i>	
Kyle Thompson, WGS <i>Braelyn Conrad</i>	<i>Braelyn Conrad</i>	
Scott Thuong, MATH	<i>Scott Thuong</i>	
Irene Zegar, CHEM	<i>Irene Zegar</i>	
Janet Zepernick, ENGML	<i>Janet Zepernick</i>	
USS Senate Representative		
UPS Senate Representative	<i>UPS Representative</i>	
Student Government Representative		
Student		

