

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 28, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

Minutes from the September 30, 2024 meeting were approved.

### Guest Speaker

Stu Hite shared a number of updates from University Police and Parking Services (UPPS). UPPS is now on the second floor of Horace Mann and will remain in Horace Mann until the new KBI building is done. KBI Special Agents are also occupying the second floor, East side of the building. It was also shared that an AED unit can now be found in every building on campus. In addition, NARCAN units can also be found with the AED units. It's important to identify where these units are in your primary building. The AED units are very easy to use. Step by step directions are provided on demand. NARCAN units include two doses of a nasal spray. No priming is required. There is no harm in given the medication to someone who has not overdosed. In person training is available by the CHC. A postcard was also passed out (see attached copy at the end of the minutes) discussing Fentanyl and included a QR code for a free kit and test strips. Faculty were encouraged to contact UPPS with any questions.

### Announcements

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

Provost Bon started by sharing the positive enrollment news for Fall 2024. Fall 2024 is the first time in awhile that we have seen a total increase in enrollment.

Provost Bon confirmed that the Writing to Learn (WL) program would be suspended effective Spring 2025. Stipends will still be paid to those faculty with WL courses on the Spring 2025 course schedule. Provost Bon is working on establishing an Innovative Academic Grant program that will focus on General Education courses. Other possible grant programs will be discussed as a possible way to reward faculty for using best practices in the classroom.

The Research and Sponsored Programs office will be moving from Block 22 to campus. This will provide a more direct line to Academic Affairs and increase flexibility. There have been discussions to increase faculty representation on the IRB. More information will be shared as decisions are made.

Provost Bon expressed the importance of interest-based bargaining as negotiations begin with KNEA. The goal is for all parties to be good partners and to consider what is in the best interest for all. Advising and mentoring has already been considered as a topic for discussion. Other ideas are welcome. Feel free to contact Provost Bon or President Philipp.

Lastly, Provost Bon shared that she spoke with President Philipp regarding the selection of faculty for the Academic Honors committee. It may be necessary to select committee members in the Spring to better align with the work of the committee. In addition, a training document would be helpful as committee members frequently rotate. Risk planning has been a recent topic discussed at President's Cabinet. These discussions are on-going. On May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a cybersecurity conference on campus. There is no charge to those who would like to participate.

#### *PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President*

Negotiations begin tomorrow, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Laura Lee Washburn is the lead negotiator. Faculty are urged to contact Dr. Siam with any contract interests. A KNEA dinner will be held in McPherson Hall on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. RSVPs are required by the 12<sup>th</sup>. All faculty are invited to attend.

#### *Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative*

No report.

#### *Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President*

UPS and USS are continuing to work on merging their constitutions. The PD Day designed for staff will be held in January. Programs will focus on issues relevant to staff. The Docking Survey will be conducted this year.

*University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President*

No report.

*Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President*

President Philipp shared that KBOR did not have a meeting in October. Instead, KBOR made a site visit to Wichita State. The Faculty Senate Presidents had no concerns on the updates to the KBOR Credit for Prior Learning handbook. He continues to meet monthly with university leadership and other constituent groups.

### **Committee Reports**

*Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair*

The committee met on October 15<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions on syllabus best practices and a new syllabus template. See agenda for details.

*Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair*

No report.

*Library Services/Learning Resources – Lora Winters, Chair*

No report.

*Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair*

No report.

*Academic Honors – TBD, Chair*

The committee does not yet have an identified chair or recorder. President Philipp has discussed with Provost Bon the potential need to build this committee in the Spring so that committee members are ready to review student submissions in early Fall. See agenda for details on College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences proposals.

*Honors College – Randy Winzer, Chair*

No report.

*Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair*

The committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup>. See agenda for details.

*Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – TBD, Chair*

No report. It was announced that the committee will need to elect a new chair and recorder.

*Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair*

No report.

*All University Committee – Kristen Maceli, Chair*

The committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup> to elect a chair and recorder. No other business to report.

*Faculty Affairs – David Sikolia, Chair*

See agenda for details on committee activities. There was a question regarding how to rate and rank sabbatical requests in addition to using the rubric. Previous committee members stated that the rubric and committee discussions are all that have been used in the past. Previous members also recommended in person meetings for these types of discussions.

*Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

No report.

*General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

The committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> to finalize and approve the new General Education Course Amendment Form. See agenda for details.

The new form was presented as a first reading. Due to the time sensitive nature of the form (deadline for submissions is December 1<sup>st</sup>), it was motioned and approved to allow for an online vote following the meeting once senators had time to review the form.

*Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair*  
No report.

*Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair*

There were no issues to report. The committee was asked to consider a definition for “Academic Probation” which is a possible action in cases of misconduct. Currently, there is no real explanation as to what this means.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was a question about the current status of the IRB. (Dr. Bon indicated in her comments that additional faculty representation was expressed as a need.) There are ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of including a member of Faculty Senate on the IRB or a faculty representative from each college.

### **New Business**

In new business, it was suggested that a guest speaker be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the Gorilla Rising project. In addition, a question was asked about the future of the swimming pool in the Weede. President Philipp will check with Facilities Planning.

### **Open Forum**

It was announced the Crossland College of Technology Open House is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome. In addition, there will be a Student Art Exhibit in Porter Hall on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. And, lastly, there is an Authors’ Reception scheduled in Axe Library on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** Meeting adjourned Monday, October 28, 2024, at 4:05 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary





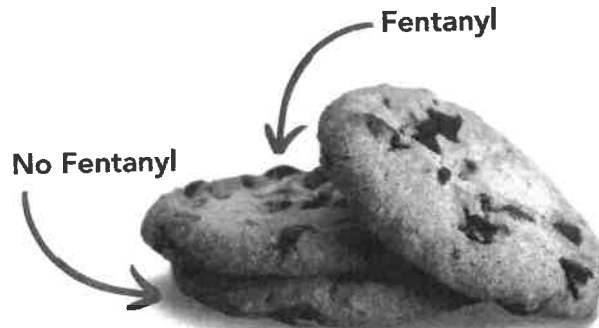
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## **The Chocolate Chip Cookie Effect**

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