

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 18, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024 with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the October 28, 2024 meeting were approved.

Announcements

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

Provost Bon shared that a task force is being developed to discuss the role of Faculty Mentors and how Faculty Mentors works alongside Academic Advisors. The task force will begin in February. Currently, five faculty have volunteered. All colleges are represented. Provost Bon stood for any questions. There was a question regarding the advising of transfer students in Teaching and Leadership. Provost Bon stated that the transition continues to evolve and that this may be by design as a few programs will continue to advise transfers. There was also a question about the selection criteria for Graduate Assistants. The current process varies across programs. Provost Bon mentioned that this may be a topic from Graduate Council. Lastly, Provost Bon announced that she will be in China for 12 days in December and that the Deans and President Shipp are available if needed.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

The KNEA dinner is tomorrow the 19th at 5:30pm in McPherson Hall. KNEA met with President Shipp and Provost Bon today to discuss editorial issues with the contract. Next semester, a representative from the Federal Mediation Board will provide training on Interest-Based Bargaining. It was noted that it would be helpful to have a trainer on campus who could provide training to all faculty. There will be listening sessions regarding the contract available to faculty at the CTLT in the spring.

Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative

Representative Sandford reported that throughout Fall Into Service month over 900 hours of service from student's was logged. In addition, around \$2,300 was donated by student organizations to a variety of charities. Lastly, Beyond the Classroom grant applications will be available next semester. Faculty were encouraged to apply.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President

President Belcher reported that the PD Day designed for staff will be held on January 10, 2025. Over 20 proposals were submitted for consideration. In addition, it was reported that the Docking Survey will be conducted in spring 2025.

University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President

President Philipp shared that the KBOR meetings are at K-State this week. In campus news, the future of Apple Day is being discussed. Participation has been low in many years. Lastly, there is discussion regarding the IRB reporting monthly to Faculty Senate. In addition, there is discussion regarding the addition of a Faculty Senate representative on the board. Contact President Philipp with any comments or questions.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair

The committee met on November 12th. A draft of a syllabus template is in progress. See agenda for details.

Undergraduate Curriculum – Byron McKay, Chair

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. See agenda for details.

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee were approved with the correction to the report for EDUC 531.

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. Dr. Moots, director of the Honors College, attended the meeting to request the Faculty Senate's support for dedicated space on campus for the Honors College. Dr. Moots explained that the Faculty Senate has authority over the Honors College. As an academic program, the Honors College currently does not have space for operations. In the past, the Honors College had space in the Axe Library; however, with the recent renovation, that space was lost. Without space, the student leadership is hindered in their ability to conduct business, meet with prospective Honors College students and to store materials. The location needs to be accessible to students.

Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair

No report. It was noted that faculty with a WL section for spring 2025 will be provided their stipend. Documentation will not be required. Faculty teaching a WL section for spring 2025 will not be held to the WL standards; however, they can continue with the course as planned if they choose. Beginning in Spring 2025, WL will no longer be a graduation requirement. Degree Checking will do automatic waivers until the degree audit is reprogrammed.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – TBD, 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. The committee continues to review requests.

Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair
No report.

General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair

Chair Johnson presented the General Education form for second reading and approval. It was motioned and approved to accept the form with no changes. The form will be posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair
No report.

Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair
No report. There may be an issue coming soon to the committee.

Unfinished Business

All unfinished business was discussed during committee reports.

New Business

Given the decision to suspend the WL program, it was discussed that the WAC Committee may need to be repurposed or eliminated. The committee was asked to bring a recommendation to the December meeting.

Regarding the request for on campus space for the Honors College, a motion was made and approved to endorse finding space for the Honors College similar to what they had in the past. Dr. Moots was asked to provide specs for the space needed.


There was concern raised regarding the use of the word "consensus" in the Pitt State Daily when describing the decision to suspend the WL program. A motion was made and approved to request that "presented" replace "consensus" in the archives.

President Philipp shared plans to develop an Ad Hoc committee to develop more robust policies around AI. (This is emerging as a hot topic at KBOR.) Currently there is brief mention of AI in the Academic Dishonest policy, but this may not be enough. There was discussion that AI has broad implications including outside the classroom and that there may be a need for two different groups. Jorge Leon, Janet Zepernick, Erin Jordan and Kristi Frisbee volunteered to participate. Please email President Philipp with any questions or comments.

Open Forum

It was announced that the PSU Holiday Reception will be at the Bicknell Center on December 12th. In addition, the Kiwanis Pancake Feed will take place on December 7th at Memorial Auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, November 18, 2024, at 3:53 p.m.



Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2024-2025)

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Norm Philipp, (President)	X	X	X						
David Weaver, (President Elect)	X	X	X						
Dennis Audo, At-Large	X		X						
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X						
Tim Bailey, HPSS			X						
Michele Barnaby, At-Large	X	X	X						
Denise Bertoncino, At-Large	X								
David Boffey, HHPR	X								
Rebeca Book, At-Large	X	X	X						
Paige Boydston, PSYCH	X	X	X						
Christine Brodsky, At-Large	X	X	X						
Heather Carter, TCHL	X	X							
Chad Crain, CMCET		X	X						
Barth Cox, COMM	X								
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X						
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS	X	X	X						
David Ferguson, AUTO	X								
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large	X	X	X						
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X						
Beth Hendrickson, Library	X	X	X						
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X	X	X						
Karen Johnson, NURS	X	X	X						
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X						
Erin Jordan, At-Large	X	X	X						
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X						
Joseph Labuda, MIL		X	X						
Jorge Leon, At-Large	X	X	X						
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X						
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X						
Dan Maxwell, ETECH		X	X						
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X						
Grant Moss, At-Large	X	X	X						
David Pearson, PHYS		X							
Jason Reid, TWL		X	X						
John Ross, MUSIC	X								
Ashley Shaw, TCHL		X	X						
Khamis Siam, At-Large	X	X	X						
Kyle Thompson, WGS		X							
Scott Thuong, MATH									
Irene Zegar, CHEM	X	X							
Janet Zepernick, ENGML	X	X	X						
USS Rep									
UPS Rep	X	X	X						
SGA Rep			X						