

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 9, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024 with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests

Several representatives from Intercollegiate Athletics shared information regarding their new student success initiatives. Nicolle Murphy has filled a new position in Intercollegiate Athletics, Assistant Athletic Director/Student Success. Her position helps to connect athletes with faculty and staff. Nicolle is active in Navigate and encouraged faculty to share any concerns they have regarding athletes whether it's a grade issues or attendance. Nicolle also works with athletes on how to best communicate with faculty and staff when they need assistance. In addition, they hope to prepare athletes for life after college with resume and interviewing assistance. Nicolle encouraged faculty to reach out if they have any questions or concerns regarding student athletes.

Announcements

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

No report. Dr. Bon was in China for PSU visit.

PSU/KNEA –Khamis Siam, President

President Siam thanked those who attended the KNEA dinner. There will be more social events in the spring. Bargaining and negotiations are getting started. Processes and contract language will be discussed in addition to a student advisory group and tenure versus non-tenure line replacements.

Student Senate – Jonah Sandford, Representative

President Eckstein reported that SGA's goal to increase student engagement has been successful. They have seen an increase in volunteerism. In KBOR news, the SGA Presidents will be having breakfast with the Board next week. Higher Ed Day on the Hill is in February. There was one dead week violation reported which was quickly resolved. The SGA Presidents have been discussing OER current practices. Several faculty reported that quality OER is hard to find in their subject areas. Often, OER is not updated consistently and requires revision. Some faculty have utilized Library resources as a means of providing OER.

Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President

President Belcher reported that the PD Day is scheduled for January 10, 2025. Work continues on creating new bylaws. A vote is expected in the new year.

University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President

No report.

Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President

President Philipp shared numerous updates from KBOR. See agenda for details.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair

See agenda for details. A draft syllabus template was shared. A feedback section is included in the template providing students with information on when and how they can expect feedback. This was an important feature noted by students. There was concern regarding academic freedom if the use of this template is mandated. It was noted that the

template does not dictate how you manage your course, only what information needs to be provided to students regarding the course.

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.

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.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Joanne Britz, Chair

No report. (A new chair and recorder have been selected.)

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

The committee approved and recommended all seven General Education Course updates up for review. All updates were approved. Five new courses were approved and two existing courses were approved from moving to a different discipline area. Updates will be submitted to KBOR for review.

Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair

No report.

Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair

No report.

Unfinished Business

See agenda for details. Regarding the Honors College space discussion, Dr. Moots will suggest some possible locations.

New Business

See agenda for details. Review of constitution will start in 25/SP.

Open Forum

See agenda for details. The Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service is scheduled for January 20, 2025. Apple Day continues to be discussed. Apples will continue to be handed out to students. Event will likely take place in Gorilla Village. Reminder...Performance Appraisals are due January 27, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned Monday, December 9, 2024, at 4:12 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Roelfs', written over a horizontal line.

Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2024-2025)

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

*Substitutions: 12/9/24, Browyn Conrad