

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES September 30, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024 with Norm Philipp, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

Minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting were approved.

### Announcements

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

Provost Bon started by sharing preliminary 20<sup>th</sup> day numbers. PSU 20<sup>th</sup> day enrollment was 5774, up from 5732 in Fall 2023. In President's Cabinet, an enrollment goal between 6,200 to 6,800 has been discussed. Provost Bon has started meeting with academic departments/schools along with Shawn Naccarato and Karl Stumo to learn and explore opportunities across campus.

The three regionals have asked for KBOR's support to increase funding by \$21 million. Budget research revealed that the regionals are receiving less funding per student than most of the other institution types in the state.

The College of Technology and College of Arts and Sciences Dean searches will be posted today. The goal is to have candidates on campus the first week of December.

There has been discussion to suspend the Writing to Learn program, possibly beginning Fall 2025. It is often difficult to complete the WL sequence without going over 120 credit hours resulting in frequent waivers. The current funding for WL would be repositioned to assist with co-requisite developmental course work in Math and English.

Provost Bon announced that she will be unveiling a new program soon for those who teach Gen Ed courses. The program is designed to spark engaging teaching practices and encourage the use of OER. The program will provide innovation grants to those who commit to building high impact practices into their courses. The first round will include 10 grants at a maximum of \$2,200 each. Additional information will be available the first of November.

Lastly, Provost Bon encouraged faculty to utilize the Maxient system to report concerning behavior and noted that discussions will take place in an effort to better define the role of mentor versus advisor. Provost Bon welcomed any feedback from faculty.

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

KNEA held their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. Guest speakers included Steve Scott and Rusty Jones. The negotiating team is in place with Laura Washburn serving as lead negotiator. This year the full contract will be negotiated. This process will begin in November.

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

No report.

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

UPS and USS are working on merging the two senates. A PD Day designed for staff will be held in the spring. Details are being discussed. The Docking Survey will be conducted this year.

#### *University Support Staff – Michelle Hensley, President*

No report.

#### *Faculty Senate President – Norman Philipp, President*

President Philipp gave several KBOR updates. See attached for details. The First 15 is a new initiative being discussed that would provide means for high school students to graduate with 15 credit hours at little to no cost to the student. The budget proposal from the Regional institutions is being supported by the chart included in the attachment. A question was raised regarding the cost for hiring a firm to handle the dean searches.

## Committee Reports

### *Academic Affairs – Mark Diacopoulos, Chair*

The committee met on August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss syllabus best practices. 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 upon the committee meeting quorum.

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

No report.

### *Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair*

No report.

### *Academic Honors – TBD, Chair*

No report.

### *Honors College – Randy Winzer, Chair*

The committee met on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Moots gave an update as the Honors College Director on this year's application and process. See agenda for details.

### *Writing Across the Curriculum – Ashley Shaw, Chair*

The committee will begin reviewing Best Practice applications soon. (The deadline for submission has passed.) There will need to be discussion regarding the future of this committee if the Writing to Learn program is suspended.

### *Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Dennis Audo, Chair*

No report.

### *Student-Faculty – Serif Uran, Chair*

The committee met on August 29<sup>th</sup>. No business to report at this time.

### *All University Committee – Kristen Maceli, Chair*

No report.

### *Faculty Affairs – TBD, Chair*

The first round of applications are being reviewed. The budget line is \$50,000. This is where the budget started last year as well. Faculty were encouraged to submit proposals.

### *Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

No report. The committee was asked by President Philipp to begin reviewing titles in the Constitution and By-Laws due to the many organizational changes over the last several years.

### *General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

An updated General Education form will be available soon on the Faculty Senate website. The committee will begin an assessment rotation beginning with a syllabus review of courses in Gen Ed Buckets 1, 2 and 4.

### *Budget Committee – Kent Runyan, Chair*

No report.

### *Academic Honesty – David Weaver, Chair*

No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

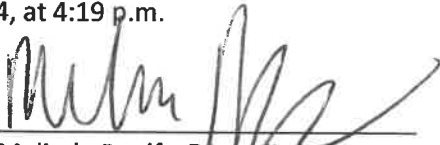
President Philipp reported that the KBOR Faculty of the Year Award will be reviewed due to concerns raised from several institutions. The result could be the broadening of definitions to include non-tenure track faculty and other categories, such as Library Services. It was also expressed that Faculty Senate needs to conduct an audit on the membership to make sure membership is being constructed accurately after the many organizational changes that have taken place over the last several years.

### **Open Forum**

Mark Johnson announced that A Few Good Men will be presented by the Pittsburg Community Theater on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, on October 5<sup>th</sup> is Rumble in the Jungle and the College of Technology renaming to the Crossland College of Technology.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned Monday, September 30, 2024, at 4:19 p.m.

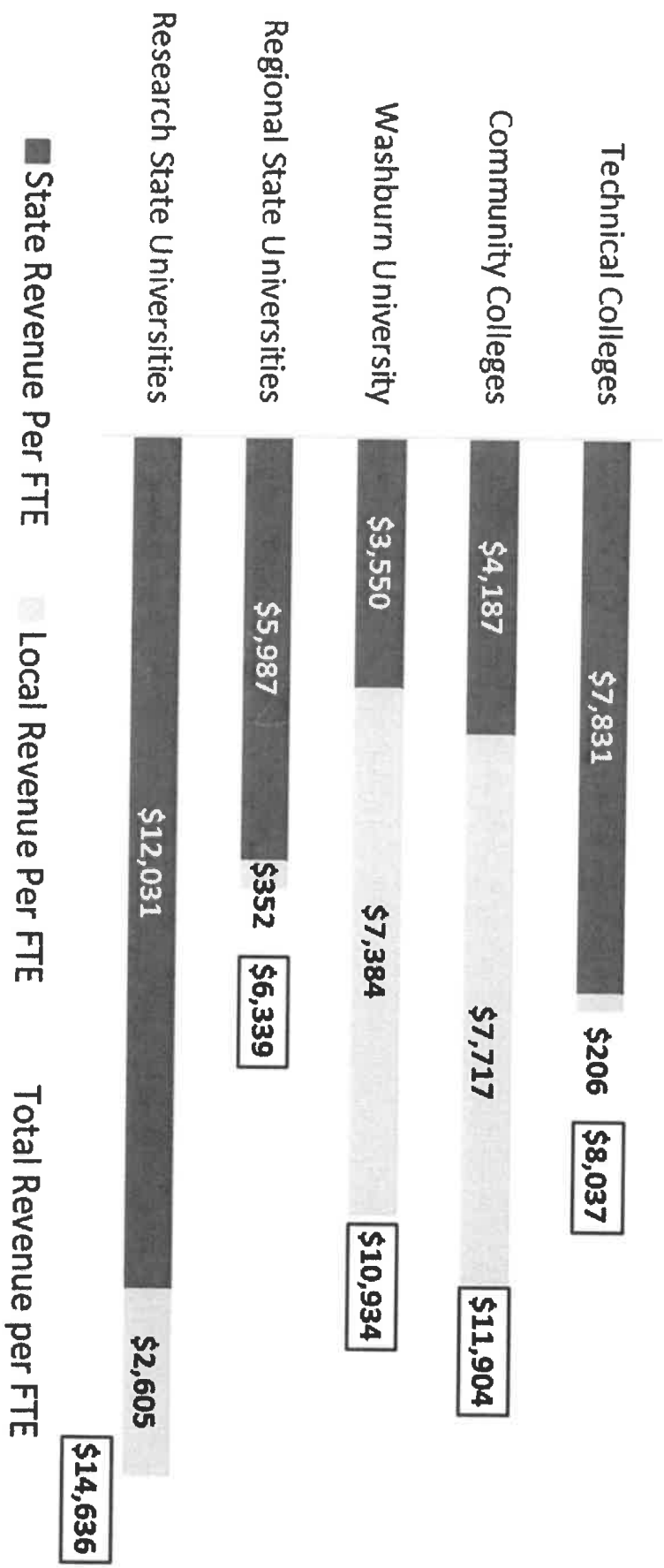


Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

## Faculty Senate President Report – Sept 2024

- KBOR Faculty of the Year Award
- First 15
- Program Review Process – dynamic
  - PSU, ESU, FHSU – 2026-2027
- Math Pathways – training for Math Pathways instructors
- Budget Proposal

## FY 2022 State and Local Revenue per FTE Student



# Announcements

- COAS & COT Dean Searches
  - Listening Sessions
  - Nominations
- ????

