

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
September 24, 2018

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Cliff Morris, President, presiding.

**Past Minutes**

Minutes from May 7, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Announcements**

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Lynette Olson*

Dr. Olson shared that this year PSU leads all councils and that as reports are given at BOR they are given by our PSU representatives. She noted she was very proud of the excellent job each of our leaders are doing in this role. Noteworthy actions at last week's SCOCAO meetings include: 1) KU and Johnson County Community College have presented a proposal to lower the number of hours required to graduate from a 4-year institution from 60 to 45. This will be discussed further at the November meeting. 2) There is a new 'program proposal' form created by the BOR which must be the form submitted to KBOR for consideration of a new program of study. The link to this form is found on the Request for New Major a document on the PSU Faculty Senate webpage under *Legislative Process for Undergraduate Curriculum*. Use this form for all new program submissions to Faculty Senate. The KBOR form is also found at [http://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/new\\_program\\_approval](http://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/new_program_approval)

*PSU/KNEA –Grant Moss, President*

Grant Moss spoke of a recent message sent to faculty on ratification of contract by KNEA and BOR. There was a welcome back dinner and Happy Hour dates have yet to be decided.

*Student Senate – Seth George, Representative*

Mr. George indicated that Open Resource is the topic at SGA representation at BOR this year as well as an effort for students attending Kansas colleges to graduate in four-years. He announced that planning is also underway with Dr. Mark Johnson for the next PSU TEDx event.

*Unclassified Professional Senate – Lindell Haverstic, President*

Mr. Haverstic advised that UPS met on September 5<sup>th</sup> and at the BOR meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> restoration of the base funding continued to be addressed as well as the cost of health care. It is planned for UPS and USS to present a unified front on these concerns.

*University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President*

Mr. Woodrum reiterated the focus on base funding restoration and insurance costs. The statewide group has been actively discussing plans for the focus this year.

*Faculty Senate President – Cliff Morris, President*

Mr. Morris began by encouraging individuals to speak loudly so they can be heard. He then reviewed recent activities that included: 1) meetings on College of Business restructure and how those changes are reflected in senator representation. It was decided that this year senators would complete their elected term and will be addressed by the Constitution Committee by the end of the year. 2) Council of Faculty Senate Presidents will need to provide feedback at the November meeting on the Proposal to Enhance Student Transfer Pathways and Collaborations between Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and the University of Kansas (KU). The November meeting to be held in Emporia. 3) There continues to be a standing agenda item pertaining to the 120 credit hour policy. 4) Amy Hite continues to work on the required campus policy on Consensual Romantic Relationships and Safety/Security that must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Before moving onto committee reports Mr. Morris asked that Mark Johnson, as Parliamentarian, review proper procedures.

Dr. Johnson reminded those present that when work is done by a committee, the chair makes a motion to accept and it does not need a second. Today, for the presentation of the general education package, is not a debate day. Today

is for clarification and questions. Rules allow for debate only by voting members. Anyone can attend faculty senate, they are open meetings, but if not a senator cannot participate unless senators open for discussion. So today is to ask questions, go back and talk to constituents in your departments, suggest changes and come back to the October meeting and make recommendations.

Also, each person gets to speak twice before anyone else and only 10 minutes and then must move on. Keep comments precise and know in advance what you plan to say. Recommend keeping it cordial and concise.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Library Services – Chris Childers, Chair*

Minutes from committee's September 11 meeting are part of the agenda.

#### *Academic Honors – Rion Huffman, Chair*

It was noted that most applications are accounted for and feel new process went smoothly. This is the first semester with the new timelines and everyone seemed able to comply. Mr. Huffman welcomed any questions. There were none.

#### *Honors College – Rebeca Book, Chair*

Michelle Hudiburg reported initial startup going smoothly. Application processing will start very soon and encouraged anyone present, who knew of new students for Fall 2019 who might qualify, let them know to apply.

#### *Writing Across the Curriculum – Alex Binder, Chair*

Dr. Zepernick reported that the WAC Committee met for the first time on September 18th. Alex Binder was elected chair, and the recorder will be Jessica Jorgenson Borchert. A review of documentation submitted for the WL Best Practices stipend has begun.

#### *Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Marc Daczewitz, Chair*

The mission was discussed by the committee along with how the group can help the Faculty Senate. One idea was to investigate all that is being accomplished in the arena of diversity across campus within courses. If this would be helpful they would be willing to explore and would like to hear from others. The committee elected Yasmina Vallejos as the recorder.

#### *Faculty Affairs – Tatiana Goris, Chair*

Andrea Kent-McConnaughey reported that there was \$10,000 added to the professional development fund making the total \$100,000. This announcement was met with a round of applause. It was noted that 15 to 20 applications have been presented thus far. Applicants should apply when they submit to present at a conference and it could be a national, international or regional conference. The deadline to apply for sabbatical is October 5. The committee will evaluate and present to the Provost by October 19. Additional information can be found in the September agenda.

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

Dr. Johnson moved to adopt the recommendation of the committee as submitted and in the agenda. The floor then opened for questions.

Gil Cooper indicated he had submitted verbiage changes under non-verbal and creative expression for the Communication component and he wasn't seeing it incorporated in the document provided. Phil McNew replied that the committee still needed to correct the language.

Li-Lin Tseng asked about the repetition of some of the wording in the mission statement and core making it difficult to read. Dr. Kathleen Hooey indicated the repetition was intentional, but would take suggestions on re-wording at the October meeting.

Dr. Johnson again encouraged senators to go back and have discussions within their departments. Noting that there will not be a start-over in re-writing the document at this point as we are conscious of critical timelines we must meet for KBOR. Adding that there can be multiple amendments to a motion. Amendments happen during the debate and can propose, seconded, debate, vote to amend or approve, but there should be one amendment at a time. This could result in multiple votes on every amendment and then a vote on the main issue. If there is no final conclusion at the

October meeting it can be postponed for a vote at the November meeting. There is the caveat that we are looking at a 2 to 3 month process for finalizing the package as the remainder of the time will be needed for proposing general education classes by the Fall 2019 semester.

Dr. Julie Dainty asked if there was a Plan B if the package does not get passed. Mr. Morris replied that departments would immediately have to start cutting major program hours for revision legislation to take place during the spring semester. Dr. Olson reiterated that PSU had negotiated a delay in reducing our hours to 120 with KBOR until Fall 2019 on the premise that general education changes would accomplish this reduction in hours. All other institutions with the exception of FHSU is also looking at general education changes. She stressed that KBOR will not approve a program for more than 120 hours if another university has already gained approval of the same major at their institution for 120 hours.

Mr. Cooper asked why the emphasis on relying on general education instead of program hours. Dr. Olson replied that taking hours out of general education seemed logical and the easiest way.

Dr. Hudiburg summarized what she believed was the action going forward that in October there would be discussion and if needed could carryover until November. If general education is not approved, all departments must review their majors and will be reducing the hours to 120 hours through legislation in the spring.

*Academic Honesty – Kevin Bracker, Chair*

Dr. Bracker noted the committee has met and heard two cases regarding academic misconduct. See his report in the agenda.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Dr. Johnson made the following recommendation:

To assist with the discussion at October's meeting submit your written amendments to Cliff Morris (email) the week prior to the meeting. That way the amendments can be displayed overhead while being reviewed. As executive council president, Andrea Kent-McConnaughey suggested that she could revise the documents as they were being amended and take live notes. Dr. Johnson noted that won't record discussion, just transitional items.

**Open Forum**

Rion Huffman announced the images that were on display in the Bicknell Center will be on sale October 3 from 10:00-2:00 in the Sunflower room in the Student Center. The funds will assist with student professional development opportunities and scholarships.

Jorge Leon spoke of the banned book events on September 26 and 27. Look for emails.

Mark Johnson stated to save the date March 26, 2019 for the next TEDx. Auditions and planning committee members are needed. Contact him if interested in being a part of the second TEDx on our campus.

Kristen Larson announced plans to create a Pitt State Cookbook. Watch for emails to submit your recipes.

**Meeting Adjourned** Motion to adjourn was approved at 4:12 p.m.

  
Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP  
(2018-2019)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Bailey, (At-Large)	X								
Book, (At-Large)									
Bracker, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)	X								
Carlson, (English and Modern Languages)									
Childers, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X								
Cooper, (At-Large)	X								
Covert-Miller, (At-Large)	X								
Dainty, (At-Large)	X								
Daley, (History, Philosophy & Social Sciences)	X								
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X								
Fogliasso, (Management and Marketing)	X								
Frisbee, (Nursing)	X								
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X*								
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)	X								
Hite, (Past-President)	X								
Hollingsworth, (Military Science)									
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X								
Huffman, (At-Large)	X								
Jayawardhana, (At-Large)	X								
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X								
Jones, Jon, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X								
Leon, (Library Services)	X								
Livingston, (Communication)	X								
Maxwell, (Engineering Technology)	X								
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X								
McConnaughey, (Graphics & Imaging Tech)	X								
Moots, (English & Modern Languages)	X								
Morris, (President)	X								
Moss, (At-Large)	X								
Munguia, (Music)	X								
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X								
Philipp, (School of Construction)	X								
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X								
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X								
Tayo, (Physics)	X								
Thompson, Kyle, (Women's Studies)	X								
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X								
Tseng, (Art)	X								
Whitney, (Biology)	X								
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X								
Zepernick, (At-Large)	X								
University Support Staff Senate Representative	X								
Unclassified Professional Senate Representative	X								
Student Government Representative	X								

Khamis Siam substituted for Ram Krishna Gupta at the September meeting.