

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
May 6, 2024

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024 with Norm Philipp, President-Elect, presiding.

**Past Minutes**

Minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting were approved.

**Announcements**

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Howard Smith*

Provost Smith shared that PSU presented the AY24 Program Review to BAASC on April 30<sup>th</sup> and felt it went well. KU and KSU also presented. PSU has three programs in discussion; Physics and Polymer Chemistry have been recommended for action plans and International Business has been recommended for phase out. The Gorilla Rising project site will move approximately two blocks south from the original location due to lease and cost restrictions. Other facility projects include the new soccer field, the underground tunnels and work at the Bicknell. Progress is also being made to the HW Smith Student Success Center. Provost Smith expressed what an honor and privilege it's been to serve as Provost and work with Faculty Senate. Dr. Susan Bon will start on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

*PSU/KNEA –Amy Hite, President*

Kyle Thompson reported as the incoming President that the last social of the year was on May 2<sup>nd</sup> where they recognized Provost Smith. Meet and Confer is meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussions for the next contract will be focused on salaries.

*Student Senate – Jaben Parnell, Representative*

No report.

*Unclassified Professional Senate – Greg Belcher, President*

UPS and USS have voted to merge. Academic year 2025 will serve as a transition year with the merger complete for Academic year 2026.

*University Support Staff – Cindy VanBecelaere, President*

No report.

*Faculty Senate President – Rebeca Book, President*

President-Elect Norm Philipp provided an update as President Book was at a conference. It was reported that PSU presented to BAASC the AY 24 Program Review update. The update is available in Canvas. There is also information in Canvas regarding the new SIS implementation. See attached for details.

**Committee Reports**

*Academic Affairs – Norm Philipp, Chair*

It was reported that the committee will continue discussions regarding syllabus guidelines into next year.

*Undergraduate Curriculum – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair*

All submissions up for review were passed and recommended for approval by Faculty Senate. See agenda for details, including notes that were provided to several programs.

All curriculum items recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee were approved.

*Library Services/Learning Resources – Chris Labuda, Chair*

No report.

*Online and Distance Learning – Kelly Woestman, Chair*  
No report.

*Academic Honors – Jamie Wood, Chair*  
No report.

*Honors College – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair*  
No report.

*Writing Across the Curriculum – Lydia Bechtel, Chair*  
No report.

*Diversity and Multicultural Affairs – Laura Washburn, Chair*  
No report.

*Student-Faculty – David Weaver, Chair*  
It was reported that the committee will meet next fall to discuss priority enrollment, specifically including the Cheer and Dance teams in the athlete category.

*All University Committee – Anna Beth Gilmore, Chair*  
No report.

*Faculty Affairs – Jonathan Dresner, Chair*  
No report.

*Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*  
It was reported that next year, the committee will review the Faculty Senate and KBOR position terms for alignment.

*General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*  
No report

*Budget Committee – Mary Jo Goedeke, Chair*  
No report.

*Academic Honesty – Norm Philipp, Chair*  
It was reported that next year the committee will review the Academic Misconduct policy, specifically the listed sanctions, to provide additional clarity/definition for each sanction.

### **Unfinished Business**

In unfinished business, Christine Brodsky and Kristen Livingston were selected as PSU's KBOR Faculty of the Year awardees. Their names will be forwarded to KBOR for review. Awardees will be recognized at the September KBOR meeting. PSU will provide the recipients a stipend for travel. Committees were reminded to submit their Faculty Senate Annual Reports.

### **New Business**

Pittsburg State will be hosting KBOR next spring in April.

### **Open Forum**

Faculty were reminded that Commencement will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned Monday, May 6, 2024, at 3:26 p.m.

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

Melinda Roelfs, Recording Secretary

## **Updates:**

### **From the Kansas Board of Regents:**

#### **1. April 30th KBOR Meeting – Program Review -**

**Howard Smith presented with Mary Carol**

**Pomatto,**

**Bobbie Winters, Tim Flood, Chris Childers**

**and Melinda**

**Roelfs in attendance for backup. Next PSU**

**Presentation**

**will be June 4th when decisions will be made by board.**

**(Information is on Faculty Senate Canvas Community.)**

### **From On Campus:**

#### **1. New Student Information System replacing**

**"Classic" Gus (Information is on Canvas)**

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP (2023-2024)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Rebeca Book, (President)	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	X
Norm Philipp, (President Elect)	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	X
Jordan Backs, TWL	X	X	X	X					X
Tim Bailey, HPSS	X		X		X		X		X
David Boffey, HHRP		X	X					X	X
Paige Boydston, PSYCH		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Susan Carlson, At-Large									
Heather Carter, TCHL						X	X	X	
Marcus Daczewitz, TCHL	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Jonathan Dresner, HPSS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kristi Frisbee, At-Large		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Andrew George, BIOL	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Beth Hendrickson, Library	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Casie Hermansson, ENGML	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Ashleigh Heter, NURS	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Amy Hite, At-Large	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Ananda Jayawardhana, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Karen Johnson, NURS	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Mark Johnson, At-Large	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Myriam Krepps, ENGML	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X
Joseph Labuda, MIL		X							
Kris Lawson, At-Large	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Janet Lewis, ART	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kristen Livingston, COMM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kristen Maceli, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dan Maxwell, ETECH	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Barbara McClaskey, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ruth Monnier, At-Large	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clifford Morris, At-Large	X	X	X	*	X	X	X		X
David Pearson, PHYS	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Steve Polley, AUTO	X	X	X	*	X	X	X		X
Jason Reid, TWL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Ross, MUSIC	X	X							
Kent Runyan, At-Large	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Ashley Shaw, TCHL	X	X			X		X	X	X
Kyle Thompson, WGS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott Thuong, MATH									
David Weaver, KUSB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gail Yarick, At-Large	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Irene Zegar, CHEM			X	X	X	X	*	X	
USS Senate Representative		X							
UPS Senate Representative			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Student Government Representative			X						
Student				X					

\*Substitutes: 12/11/23, Brian Welch/Clifford Morris, Dave Ferguson/Steve Polley; 1/29/24, Myriam Krepps replaced by Eric Rojas; 3/25/24, Irene Zegar replaced by Ram Gupta