**BEHREND FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Monday April 25th, 2016**

**4:30-5:30 pm. – Reed Auditorium**

**Faculty Council Web site:** [**http://behrend.psu.edu/faculty/council/index.htm**](http://behrend.psu.edu/faculty/council/index.htm)

I. Call to Order and Approval of minutes from Dec 8th Faculty Senate Meeting and February 16th Faculty Senate Meeting.

* Meeting was called to order by L. Aronne at 4:30 pm

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec 8th Faculty Senate Meeting and February 16th Faculty Senate Meeting by Matt Swinarski which was seconded by Rob Weissbach. The minutes were approved.

II. Updates from Behrend Committee Chairs

* Athletics - Nicole Schoenberger
	+ Golf and Women’s Tennis made nationals
	+ Our athletes are doing well academically; over 100 students GPA 3.2 or higher
	+ Waiting for Ralph’s go ahead for wrestling
	Would like to hire a certified strength coach
	+ We are the only team in the conference that does not have women’s bowling so we are waiting for the go ahead to make it possible.
	+ Investigating a possible move men’s water polo to a new conference – west coast league, including Stanford – the league would pay our transportation fees for one year.
	+ summer projects: baseball bleachers – This is a self-funded project with no money from the University; It is 250 dollars if you would like to designate a seat. They will replace the floor in the gym for $330,000.
	+ DIII website has a video called “It’s on us” about sexual assault done by student athletes
	+ In legislation:
	+ Discussion of splitting policy 6700 into 6710 (DI), 6720 (DII), and 6730 (DIII) to allow for the different divisions to have separating athletic governing policies as UP’s needs are much different from PSBs
	+ (after the meeting, this passed the Senate)
* Curricular Affairs – Matt Swinarski
	+ Had 3 charges
	+ They continue to review proposals
	+ They have reviewed the curricular website
	+ They are setting up best practices, this will lead to new charge for next year for developing templates for the new system.
	+ E. Corty noted that administrative assistants are working on templates.
	+ M. Swinarski said they will be working on standard templates across the schools.
* **Faculty Affairs** – Luciana was given report from E. Kuttenberg
	+ Defining Engaged Scholarship –(undergraduate research, community based learning, service learning, internships, capstone experiences, study abroad, study away, and embedded course travel)
	+ Q from K. Wolfe: this definition doesn’t address the issue of engaged scholarship as research which needs to be addressed in addition to how engaged scholarship pertains to students and their learning. This is important in terms of how faculty are evaluated at annual review and in terms of tenure and promotion.
	+ Discussion of difference between student engaged learning and faculty scholarship. With student work – must be for credit even if not in class.
	+ Luciana will not mail out report – will discuss with E. Kuttenberg.
* Research Committee – Jay Amicangelo
	+ Reviewing the nominations for awards
* Scholarship and Awards – Courtney Nagle
	+ Awards were presented at the convocation a week ago
* No reports from Student Life or Undergraduate Studies
* L. Aronne –thanked all chairs for their service this year

III. College Update –

* Dawn Blasko
* What is going on this year: changes in general education: look at the new standards, all faculty should be putting the general education standards into the syllabus
* Completed the process to develop the “I” integrative courses. There will be some small grants to come up with collaborations to develop courses across two gen ed categories. The courses will meet both requirements. The new rule is that all students will have to have 2 of these. Behrend should have their own.
* 3/6/9 will be automatic in new system
* Faculty Development Day – May 12 – 2 sessions, one on assessment and second on writing “I” courses
* Q: is GQ not part of integration – No, these will not be included
* Q: new I courses can be part of the 3/6/9
* Q: the development will be work intensive; What happens if one person developing a course leaves? This indicates the need to develop general and not dependent on a specific person
* Q: Are there any courses that already fulfill it? R. Troester suggested that some courses may be able to be reworked to fulfil this. As process of reevaluating the gen ed courses, this may be looked at. DB added for example, STS courses may fall in this category that are already integrated.
* Committees working on transfer courses should note that there are bugs in the system: you must reply – if you get notification.
* prereq checking on lion path – some areas are piloting. There may be necessary to reevaluate the prereqs as more go in. Strong prereqs mean the students can’t get in without the prereq. System will need to be developed for who will approve any exceptions.
* Q: Has there been discussion of reinstituting placement exams in foreign languages? About 20 years ago – no placement exams. This has led to students not being prepared. A: this has been discussed, but at ACUE – they felt it was difficult to find a test for the whole university system
* Senate will be revising titles for Fixed Term faculty going through promotions. Send suggestions. This will take time. Constitutions and policies will all need to be changed to reflect new policies for FT.
* Independent studies -- 45 hours is required for 1 credit of work. This is a Federal guideline.
* Ralph Ford – Thanked everyone for feedback on sessions
* Will go forward next year to look at “What is a Behrend graduate?”
* Thanked Luciana for her work this year. She has been an advocate for the faculty. She has pushed hard for changes in the constitution and work for lecturers

IV. Comments and Questions

* L. Aronne – thanked Dawn Blasko for her work over past two years
* Q: How do we get more people involved?
* D. Parente – made an observation that most meetings are reporting, not discussing.

V. Introduction of new members of Faculty Council 2016-17

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| **Committee** | **Chair** |
| Academic Computing Committee Chair | Aaron Mauro |
| Athletics Committee Chair | Terry Blakney |
| Curricular Affairs Committee | Matthew Swinarski |
| Faculty Affairs Committee Chair | Michael Rutter |
| Research Committee Chair | Thomas Noyes |
| Scholarships & Awards Committee Chair | Joshua Shaw |
| Student Life Committee Chair | Charlotte de Vries |
| Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair | Joseph Previte |
| Faculty Council Part-Time Representatives | Renee Finnecy |
|  | Jennifer Mangus |
| Secretary | Jodie Styers |
| Faculty Council Vice-Chair | Laurie Urraro |
| Faculty Council Chair | Sharon Gallagher |

L. Aronne thank-you to all faculty and chairs.
Luciana introduced the new chair: Sharon Gallagher

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – L. Aronne.

Second – D. Blasko

Adjourned at 5:12 pm