**FACULTY ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Monday, 27 October 27 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – Reed 117**

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

I. Call to Order and Approval of minutes from Aug. 20th Faculty Organization Meeting

 - 8:00 called to order

 - D. Williams – motioned to approve; Amelia Payne (SGA) second; approved

II. Introduction of the Vice Chair, Luciana Aronne and Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, Eva Kuttenberg

III. Summary of Gen-Ed Task Force Visit (Oct 15)

Chris Long visit –– D. Williams presented highlights of the Gen Ed proposal: maintain 45 credits general education; there are three options (see: http://gened.psu.edu). The options are open for review; comments about the wellness credits are especially welcomed.

IV. IT Computer Updates - Larry Kosin & Shawn Alexander

 - Changes were based on an internal audit conducted in June

 - Key change was made to administrative rights. The least privilege user rights was implemented

 - Passwords must meet PSU requirements

 - All screen systems are set to lock out after 30 minutes

 - License and software license and computer purchases must be documented

 - Security scans are conducted for outdated or unpatched software

 - Laptops are to be encrypted and security cables available – Rick Sawtelle will be scheduling appointments to set these up; These changes won’t affect regular performance – only affects when not logged in with password

 - Clarification – users are not pushed to one system (Mac vs Windows)

 - Q on approval of administrative rights – how long does approval hold? It is a one-time approval for a device – approved by direct supervisor and then implemented by Computer Center. This will be set up as a second log-in.

V. Updates from Behrend Committee Chairs

 Academic Computing, Athletics, Curricular Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Research,

 Scholarships and Awards, Student Life, Undergraduate Studies

 - no reports

VI. Report from the Faculty Senate

 - Bill Lasher – Gen Ed. Major point of discussion report on Grade Point drop when students transfer to UP ; Behrend’s drop is least of the campuses; differences in practices, e.g., UP has more courses with single grade, more multiple choices; 6 year graduation rate same whether transfer or not

 - AD 47 revisions will impact everyone – ethics policy will be expanded beyond faculty to include staff and students

VII. College Update – Don Birx

 - Sea Grant – Behrend is hosting NOAA this week. To determine whether become a full Sea Grant university;

 - Open House – went well; first choice applications are up

 - Planetarium Show – 1st one is soon

 - Nick Jones and Madelyn Hanes visiting on Tu. 10/28 – focus on how to keep Behrend great

 - 2014-15 commencement speakers - will have an external speaker US Ambassador at Large HIV on health (Dr. Birx’s sister); J. Hall will be spring speaker

 - Women faculty – a group that will link with the IEDC – will involve mentoring; other groups may be developed in future

 - New web page coming online – should be live today – menus and footers changed

 - Ken Miller – changes to Erie Hall – student facility fee – priority is a new rec center – Health and Wellness also needs to be expanded and will include an x-ray facility; coaches for several sports will move to Erie Hall and possibly add more sports, such as wrestling; still in early stages of planning –

VIII. New Business

- Rebooting the IEDC committee - established in 2006 – morphed into a broader committee including faculty and staff – will be reactivated with appointments this year, with elections starting in the spring

- Administering SRTEs at Behrend; meeting planned with SGA for November – discussion about opening to a 3-week period; desire to increase participation rates; question raised about returning to paper when had 80% participation rate; suggestion of developing a phone/PDA app to allow for administration in class;

- Faculty Organization Constitution undergoing revisions led by the Faculty Council leadership team – D. Williams, V. Kazmerski, L. Aronne, D. Blasko

 - 2015 “Constitution Day” (Sep. 15 annually) activities under consideration

Voter registration drives, “An Evening with Three Judges” Oct. 22 R. Speel, K. Miller, & D. Williams

 - Finding a “Common Hour” for Faculty Governance meetings and celebrations

IX. Comments and Announcements

- Dr. Nick Jones and Dr. Madelyn Hanes visit Behrend October 28

- Wintergreen Gorge Development meeting 6:00 p.m. Oct. 28, Reed 117

- Faculty Council meeting at Behrend 8:00-9:30 a.m. Nov. 17

- Faculty Senate meeting at University Park Dec. 9

- Faculty Organization meeting at Behrend 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Reed 117

X. Adjournment

 A motion adjourn was made by B. Lasher, L. Aronne seconded.

 The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am.