

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM – Burke 180

Faculty Council and Senate Website: <http://behrend.psu.edu/for-faculty-staff/committees/faculty-senate-and-council>

- I. Call to Order – Tim Krause, Faculty Council & Senate Chair 12:32 PM
- II. Approval of the minutes from the Faculty Senate Meeting on February 13, 2019  
Mike Naber and Mike Brown, passed with 1 abstention
- III. Welcome and Comments from the Chair
  - a. Committee Reports due to Melanie Hetzel-Riggin by May 10, 2019.
  - b. A Town Hall on Contract Lengths and Workload will be held next academic year. Tim Krause, Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Pam Silver, and Ralph Ford will meet soon to plan the Town Hall. Please bring any topics for discussion at the Town Hall to Tim or Melanie.
  - c. Faculty Affairs Committee will have a new charge to investigate faculty workload and contract lengths across Penn State campuses and peer institutions. Faculty Affairs will perform benchmarking and data analysis and report back their findings in the next academic year.
  - d. The Faculty Council website will be updated over the summer.
  - e. The schedule for Faculty Senate meetings next year will be retooled so that they do not conflict with University faculty Senate to allow our senators to travel to University Park.
- IV. Special Presentation – Behrend Honors Program, Mike Brown
  - a. Mike presented an update on the Honors Program. Power Point Presentation attached to minutes.
- V. Report from the Chancellor, Ralph Ford (See email attachment for more info)
  - a. Federal House Project – Information was presented on the Federal House Project, a \$6.9M project to renovate and expand the Federal House as the new home for CORE.
  - b. Erie Hall – Architects have been selected for the Erie Hall renovation/rebuild and this project should be gearing up soon.
  - c. Campaign for a Greater Penn State – The campaign just exceeded the \$1B mark of a goal of \$1.6B across all Penn State Campuses. Behrend has raised \$38M of the goal of \$52M and is 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> among development units in the University. Included in the campaign are the Federal House Project, the Erie Insurance Accelerator (\$1.5M), and other projects.
  - d. Nursing Lab Expansion – The nursing simulation lab expansion is now complete and can result in 40% increase in enrollment in the nursing program.
  - e. Non-tenure Line Faculty Promotions/Contract Lengths – Behrend had 13 of 15 eligible faculty go up for promotion at the first level and 8 of 9 eligible faculty go up at the second level last year. In keeping with University guidelines, contracts were standardized to three-year lengths. A Town hall Meeting will take place next academic year to solicit feedback from the faculty and discuss this further.
  - f. Vision for Behrend Graduate Education – A group will be convened to discuss the vision for graduate education at the campus.
  - g. Strategic Planning – Efforts will commence over the summer to “refresh” the Behrend Campus Strategic Plan as we are moving into a new phase of strategic planning at the University.
  - h. Ralph thanked faculty governance leadership for their work this year.
- VI. Report from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Pam Silver (See email attachment for more info)
  - a. Count Me In – Making progress on coordinating feedback and assigning this to various departments on campus.

- b. New Director of E-Learning – Dr. Jonathan Gunnell has been hired as the Director of the Center for eLearning Initiatives and comes to Behrend from Pitt where he managed online programs for the University.
- c. PASSS Program – The program has grown over the last few years and now includes a math and English skills academy for PASSS students.
- d. Articulation Agreements – The University is in the final steps of negotiating articulation agreements with Jamestown Community College in nearby Jamestown, NY and with the campuses and Penn State Law.
- e. Academic Integrity – Academic Integrity violations will become “partially centralized” in the upcoming year with more responsibility for the process residing at University Park.
- f. Prerequisites Enforcement – Plans are in place for automatic prerequisite enforcement in Lion Path for courses in the School of Science with either HSS or Engineering to follow.
- g. Spark Program – The University Fellowships Office and the University Libraries have created a program to assist students in applying for fellowships and grants at the undergrad level. Ruth Pflueger in the LRC and Matt Cizek in the Library will be working in the fall to kick this off in Spring 2020.
- h. Vision for the DAA’s Office – Pam provided some talking points on her vision for the office, including:
  - i. Exploring faculty workloads and benchmarking with peer campuses/institutions
  - ii. Revamping the advising program
  - iii. Creating an online presence for the office
  - iv. Faculty and staff development and mentoring
  - v. Creation of new learning spaces

VII. Report from the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Ivor Knight

- a. New Grad Programs – Four new graduate programs will be started, including a Master of Public Administration commencing in the Fall.
- b. Research Funding – In the first quarter of 2019, Behrend received \$1.3M in research funding.
- c. Grant Writing – The Commonwealth Campus Grant Writing Workshop will take place next week.
- d. Seed Grants – A recent memo was circulated by his office regarding seed grants. Please let him know if there are any questions.
- e. Undergrad Research Grants – Eighteen undergrad students received grants to perform research in the summer.

VIII. Report from University Senator - Jim Warren

- a. Jim reminded Senate that the University Faculty Senate Minutes and recordings of the meetings are available on the UFS website at [senate.psu.edu](http://senate.psu.edu)
- b. Some highlights from the last UFS Meeting include:
  - i. President Barron discussing the Penn State 2025 initiative
  - ii. Faculty workload guidelines
  - iii. The Board of Trustees outlined some priorities for the upcoming year, including:
    - 1. Research
    - 2. Faculty Hiring
    - 3. Diversity
    - 4. Investment in the Medical School
  - iv. \$1B has already been raised in the capital campaign with \$927M in research grants
  - v. Penn State has one of the best athlete graduation rates in the Big Ten at 90%

- IX. Reports from Committee Chairs and Representative Updates – N/A
- X. Old Business – N/A
- XI. New Business – N/A
- XII. Announcements
  - a. Tim gave some farewell words and thanked everyone for a great year as Senate Chair.
- XIII. Adjournment – 1:40 PM
  - a. Motion by Tracy Hami and Jason Bennett