**BEHREND FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

**4:30 pm – Reed 117**

**Faculty Senate Web site:** [Faculty Senate and Council website](http://behrend.psu.edu/for-faculty-staff/committees/faculty-senate-and-council)

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting was called to order by Laurie Urraro at 4:32.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16th, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting by Eric Corty which was seconded by Luciana Aronne. The minutes were approved.

1. **Welcome and Comments from the Chair:**

* All committee chairs have met with Laurie and have been asked to generate ideas for charges.
* Student Life will work on the vision of the ideal Behrend graduate.
* Work will be done to ensure all of the new syllabi requirements are on the website.
* Will continue to attend College Advisory Council and College Leadership Team Meetings

1. **Officer Reports:**

* Tim Krause, Vice Chair: No Report.
* Sharon Gallagher, Past Chair: No Report.
* Jane Ingold, Secretary: No Report.

1. **Committee Chairs and Other Reports:**

* Robin Panda - Academic Computing: Not present.
* Carol Wilson – Athletics:
  + Will meet soon.
* Gary Smith - Curricular Affairs: Not present.
* Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag - Faculty Affairs:
  + Working with Undergraduate Studies on the Testing Center.
  + They are looking into the possibility of hiring a college-wide grant writer.
* Alicyn Rhoades- Research: Not present.
* Sarah Whitney - Scholarships & Awards: (update via Laurie)
  + University-wide call for student awards will happen soon. Our students are very competitive for these awards and have a good track record of winning, so please nominate them.
  + The call for nominations for Behrend awards will happen in December.
* Omar Ashour - Student Life: The Student Life Committee will be meeting on October 20th to look at their charges.
* Joseph Previte - Undergraduate Studies: (update via Laurie)
  + Working on testing center with Faculty Affairs.
* Nicole Shoenberger-Institutional Education Diversity:
  + The committee, which had been dormant, met with Andy to discuss what to tackle.
* Denise Divins – Part-Time Faculty Representative: Not Present.
* David Waples – Part-Time Faculty Representative: Not Present.
* Moustafa Elhadary – SGA President/ Student Representative:
  + Looking into willingness of students to park farther away (at Knowledge Park, for instance) in exchange for cheaper parking rates.
  + Helping to get student signatures to send emails on their behalf to the PA legislature regarding the budget.
  + Working with first year seminar professors to do presentations during class to try to get students more involved.
* Rod Troester - Faculty Senate Representative: Sent report to Laurie.
  + They are working on some advisor reports.
  + The next meetings are October 17th and December 5th.

1. **Student Presentation by Multi-Cultural Council:**

* Gave an overview of clubs.
* MCC meets each week (every Monday, 5:30 pm).
* Student organization liaisons and organizations reps from clubs meet weekly for updates/ information/ events.
* List of clubs (14 total clubs in MCC) can be found online.
* Allows underrepresented students to have a home away from home.
* Issued an invitation to Harambee dinner.

1. **Sue Daley, Personal Counselor:**

* Introduced Jim Dowds who has an informal outreach to students of concern and meets with them in Junker and Lawrence.
* Recent loss of Dave Falbo
* There is a role faculty can play in addressing loss in the classroom. It’s awkward and challenging, but do it.
* Coping with tragedy handout on handling stress and lists online resources on campus. (attached)
* Read a sample letter to use after tragedy. (attached)

1. **Pam Silver, Interim Associate Dean Academic Affairs:** Laurie read report

* NTT Task Force met once and will meet again on Monday.
* Gen Ed Director Maggie Slattery will be here October 18th.
* Barb Massey will be here October 22nd to discuss assessments.
* Course Leaf curriculum software changeover is in the works.
* Work to be done to build an honors culture on campus.

1. **Ralph Ford, Behrend Chancellor:**

* Eric Barron is concerned about state budget. They funded the preferred portion, but not PSU, Pitt, and Temple. Reach out to legislators.

**XIX. Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies**:

* Working with Ralph and others on strategy for research and graduate studies.
* Will increase capacity for graduate programs.
* Small committee has been tasked with looking at how we administer undergraduate research awards. First applications are due soon.
* Sabbatical applications are in.

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
3. **Announcements and Comments:**

* Faculty Forum on Civic and Community Engagement will be October, 11th at 12:05 pm in the Smith Chapel. Send ideas for other topics to Laurie.
* FAS Chat (featuring Trigon) will be October 25th at 5:15 pm.
* Faculty Council meets next on October 23rd at 3:30 pm.
* Faculty Senate meets November 28th, 4 pm
* Comment (Aronne): Reminders should be sent about forums and FAS Chats.
* Comment (Wolfe): Is the Faculty Forum on Civic Engagement related to students or faculty research (research in this context not appreciated)? Answer: It is about implementing civic engagement into courses in fulfillment of the Civic and Community Engagement Minor.
* Introduction of other SGA students in the audience. They meet Thursdays at 6 pm.

1. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Kazmerski and seconded by Sharon Gallagher. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.