

# BEHREND FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

4:30 pm – Reed 117

Faculty Senate Web site: [Faculty Senate and Council website](#)

- I. 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.

**II. 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

**III. Officer Reports:**

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

#### **IV. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**V. 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.

**VI. 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)

**VII. 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 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Barb Massey will be here October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss assessments.
- Course Leaf curriculum software changeover is in the works.
- Work to be done to build an honors culture on campus.

**VIII. 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.

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Announcements and Comments:**

- Faculty Forum on Civic and Community Engagement will be October, 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:05 pm in the Smith Chapel. Send ideas for other topics to Laurie.
- FAS Chat (featuring Trigon) will be October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm.
- Faculty Council meets next on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm.
- Faculty Senate meets November 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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