

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**  
**4:00 p.m. – Burke 180**

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

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by Chair Laurie Urraro.

**Minutes:** Luciana Aronne motioned that the corrected minutes be accepted and Sharon Gallagher seconded. Motion passed.

**Reports**

**Chair:** We will be overhauling the Constitution. Vice-chair Tim Krause will chair a committee which includes members all schools and a combination of NTT and Tenure-Track faculty including David Dieteman, Jay Amicangelo, Gabby Dietrich, and Jalaa Hoblos. She will ask faculty to propose amendments that will improve the constitution. We need 2/3 vote from Council electronically then it goes to Behrend Senate within 15 working days where we need 51% of the Senate to vote in secret and anonymously. If it passes it goes to UP for review and it should return with revisions within 4-6 weeks.

She continues to attend CAC and CLT.

The NTT committee met on 11/17.

Items have been stolen recently from classrooms and offices. Classrooms can't be locked, but lock your office.

Several people have approached her about having a common hour.

John Champagne is chairing the Global Language Initiative to discuss the importance on fluency in a second language. Two forums were held with faculty to brainstorm how to increase students opportunities to develop global competencies and how that would bolster their marketability.

**Vice-Chair:** Bill Gonda has outlined new procedure for having changes made to the website.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Past-Chair:** No report.

**Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Academic Computing:** No report.

**Athletics:** Had a general meeting on November 14.

**Curricular Affairs:** Not in attendance.

**Faculty Affairs:** Laurie read a report from Ozgun: They are continuing to work on charges. She has charged them with looking into the common hour.

**Research Committee:** Not in attendance.

**Scholarship and Awards:** Laurie read a report from Sarah: the deadline is December 4 at midnight to submit nominations for university-wide student awards. An email will go out soon.

**Student Life:** Not in attendance. Laurie has charged them with looking into student suggestions of adopting a 'State Day' at Behrend.

**Undergraduate Studies:** Laurie read from their report that the announcement for faculty research and advising awards will go out this week. She has charged them with looking into an issue about posting grades/ returning graded material in a timely manner.

**Institutional Education and Diversity:** Not in attendance.

**Part-time Faculty:** Not in attendance.

**Faculty Senate Representative:** Laurie read Rod's updates. There are some important items coming up from the Senate:

There is now a department of radiation oncology.

There are revisions to various constitutions in the Penn State system.

The 2018-2019 calendar has been approved.

There are changes to Policy 02-50 which regards conditional enrollment.

There are clarifications as to the definition of voting member.

A report is available on changes to attendance policy.

A report is available on new insurance.

An informational report is available on the switch to Office 365.

The Development and Alumni Relationships report is available.

An update on the implementation of the University strategic plan is available.

An advisory consultative report on AC 21, the provision of multi-year contracts is available.

Please let your senators know of any issues that need to be addressed.

**Student Representative:** Moustafa Elhadary and Tyler Dulaney gave a presentation about SGA priorities and activities:

Working on an SGA website which will include their constitution, minutes, SGA-related events, and more.

Student Affairs committee started a petition for affordable tuition. 1000 students filled out the form. They also asked about parking options.

Have been attending Freshmen Seminars to talk about on student engagement and are working on a video to be shown in classes next semester.

They are actively meeting with state and local reps and went to Jordan Road meeting at Harborcreek Township.

Diversity committee, International Student Organization and the Order of Omega raised \$600 for hurricane relief.

They approved six new clubs and have twelve pending and made improvements to their constitution.

President's Roundtable on Wednesdays: presidents and vice-presidents of all clubs network and generate ideas.

They passed out the Council legislation to start State Day. This mimics Hurst Day at Mercyhurst. It would be a day to celebrate Behrend and would also be a day of advising day. Discussion about this idea followed. Discussion with faculty followed.

University-wide initiative in favor of online availability of grades. Students not using tools. Grades are not being posted in Canvas. Council of Commonwealth Student Governments have already passed legislation on it. Lengthy discussion with faculty followed.

Faculty Appreciation Breakfast in December.

**Ralph Ford:** Praised Moustafa and Tyler for their work and that of the other students. They are bringing forth issues that have never before been addressed.

**Laurie:** She has asked Student Life and Undergraduate studies respectively to look into the issues of State Day and the prompt availability of graded materials.

**Pam Silver:**

NTT Task Force will meet Friday.

CourseLeaf is coming. Please submit information by January 19<sup>th</sup> or your course will not be listed. If you are asked for information **PLEASE** return it promptly.

**Ivor Knight:** Not in attendance.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Discussion about common hour tabled until next meeting due to lack of time.

**Announcements:**

FAS Chat resumes in February.

Faculty Forums will be renamed Faculty Luncheon Forums for the spring.

Date and times for next Faculty Council and Senate meetings have yet to be determined.

University Faculty Senate (at UP) meets December 5 and January 23.

**Adjournment:** Sharon Gallagher moved that the meeting be adjourned and Luciana Aronne seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.