

Penn State Behrend Faculty Council

Wednesday, March 28th

4 pm Reed 113

In attendance: Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Tim Krause, Robin Panda, Rod Troester, Joseph Previte, Jane Ingold, Sharon Gallagher, Luciana Aronne, Laurie Urraro, Pam Silver, Ralph Ford, David Waples, Omar Ashour, Sarah Whitney, Moustafa Elhadary, Samantha Oliver.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Urraro at 4:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes from February 21st, 2018 meeting: Ralph Ford moved that the minutes be accepted as approved. Rod Troester seconded. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers:

Laurie Urraro, Chair:

Exams outside of normal class hours cannot tie into Lionpath. There is a university-wide policy. Speak to the department chair if there is an issue. It is incumbent upon the student to know there will be a conflict. Ralph read Senate Policy 44-30:

44-30 Non-Final Examinations

Evening Examinations. The holding of evening examinations in courses not normally scheduled in the evening shall be permitted only when all the following conditions are fulfilled:

Consent of the dean of the college in which the course is taught is obtained.

Not more than four such examinations are scheduled in any one semester in any course.

The evening examinations are scheduled in advance with the University registrar at University Park or the academic affairs officer at other locations and announced to the students during the first week of the semester.

F-5 Evening Examinations

Revised: 1/31/84

Revised: 2/28/84

Revised: 4/18/89

Other students are affected if they are doing group work. The student should apply for exam conflict resolution. Pam will talk to Ed Evans about it as the classes appear to be in

Engineering. The professor scheduling the test outside of class time should put it in the class syllabus.

Tim Krause, Vice Chair:

Fixed-term faculty have different needs that are not being met by Faculty Affairs. Should there be a subcommittee for fixed-term faculty? If so, what happens if there is something that affects everyone? Do we need to make sure membership is equal between the two? Subcommittees of each would make decisions that apply to them. Maybe we should have a college-wide faculty meeting. There has been no conversation about that model. Tim received only 14 responses to the call for comments. There was some discussion about whether to add extra members to Faculty Affairs and which issues Faculty Affairs has tackled in the past. Council voted on what would be on the ballot.

Jane Ingold, Secretary. No report.

Sharon Gallagher, Past Chair:

She wonders if Faculty Affairs can look at English 004 students who may have learning disabilities. They require daily work one on one. Tutors are not disability specialists. Some are not documented. Will bring it up at the Faculty Senate meeting where Stacey Walbridge will be presenting.

Luciana Aronne, Parliamentarian. No report.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Committees

Robin Panda, Chair of Academic Computing: The new model for computing labs will be messy for those in the summer. There will be a website by fall to request what you need.

Carol Wilson, Chair of Athletics: Planning a meeting soon (via Laurie)

Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Chair of Curricular Affairs: The draft guidelines for the condensed course development and implementation are almost complete. They will review them with Pam's office and the whole committee after which they will disseminate to the faculty.

Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Chair of Faculty Affairs: Nothing new to report.

Alicyn Rhoades, Chair of Research: Not present, no report.

Sarah Whitney, Chair of Scholarship & Awards: Complete tasks for the year. They selected semifinalists, conducted interviews, and selected award winners.

Omar Ashour, Chair of Student Life: He introduced a draft of the vision for Behrend Graduate. He shared the results of the State Day survey. Many wanted Behrend in the name of the event.

Joseph Previte, Chair of Undergraduate Studies: They are working on awards and the posting and availability of grades. Some discussion of requiring faculty to use Canvas.

Nicole Shoenberger, Chair of Institutional Education Diversity: Not present, no report.

Representatives

David Waples and Denise Divins (not present) Part-Time Faculty

Representatives: Nothing to report.

Rod Troester, University Senate Faculty Representative: The only interesting report is the University Budget report which is on the UP Senate agenda.

Moustafa Elhadary, Student/Senate Representative: Nothing to report.

Reports of Administrators:

Dr. Ralph Ford, Chancellor: Thanks for the tremendous amount of progress with NTT and twelve ad-hoc cases. PA Senator Guy Reschenthaler was presented the university-wide Outstanding Alumni Award and spoke passionately about Behrend in front of the group. He called out professors such as Celise Schneider, Rob Speel, and John Gamble.

Dr. Pam Silver, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: Left before her turn.

Dr. Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies: Not present, no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Announcements

A. Behrend meetings

- Faculty Council: TBD
- Faculty Senate: Wednesday, April 4th, 4 pm, Burke 180

B. University Senate Meetings (UP)

- April 24th, 2018

Adjournment: Luciana Aronne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sharon Gallagher seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.