

*Penn State Behrend Faculty Senate*

*Wednesday, April 26 2018*

*4 pm in Burke 180*

**Present:** Laurie Urraro, Jane Ingold, Tim Krause, Lucian Arrone, Sharon Gallagher, Jonathan Hall, Mike Naber, Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Alicyn Rhodes, Samantha Oliver, Ralph Ford, and Pam Silver.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Laurie Urraro at 4:07 pm.

**Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2018 meeting:** Mike Naber moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Jonathan Hall seconded. Motion passed.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:**

**Laurie Urraro, Chair:** The election was held for the Constitution changes. The vote passed in Council and was sent on to all members of the faculty senate, where it needed 51% majority vote to pass. The Constitution changes passed with a 51% majority on 4/20/18! Thanks to all those who voted! The Constitution will now be sent to UP for any final changes; after that, it will be ratified (once UP's suggestions are realized).

A special thank you to Margie Sargent in the Chancellor's Office for all of her help/ support/ dissemination of my many e-mails throughout the year. Thanks to Lisa Nelson for helping out as well. Thanks to the administrators for your collaboration and commitment to shared governance. Thanks to all committee chairs and those who worked on the committees for your service this year! Thanks also to the students (SGA)! A special thank you to my officers, without whom this year would not have been possible!

**Tim Krause, Vice Chair:** Grateful the election went well.

**Jane Ingold, Secretary:** No report.

**Sharon Gallagher, Past Chair:** No report.

**Luciana Aronne, Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Committees:**

**Robin Panda, Chair of Academic Computing:** Not present.

**Carol Wilson, Chair of Athletics:** Not present.

**Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Chair of Curricular Affairs:** Not present.

**Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Chair of Faculty Affairs:** They are working on a new charge.

**Alicyn Rhoades, Chair of Research:** A campus-wide research survey has gone out.

**Sarah Whitney, Chair of Scholarship & Awards:** Not present.

**Omar Ashour, Chair of Student Life:** Not present.

**Joseph Previte, Chair of Undergraduate Studies:** Not present.

**Nicole Shoenberger, Chair of Institutional Education Diversity:** Not present.

**Representatives:**

**Denise Divins and David Waples, Part-Time Faculty Representatives:** Not present.

**Rod Troester, University Senate Faculty Representative:** Not present.

**Administrators:**

**Sam Oliver, Student/Senate Representative:** budget appeals; inducted new board; survey they did earlier 80 page report

**Dr. Ralph Ford, Chancellor:** Ralph thanked everyone for a really good year, the constitutional changes being just one example.

**Dr. Pam Silver, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs:** She is also pleased with the year's progress.

**Dr. Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies:** Not present.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** Global Community for Academic Advising (NACADA) will have a one day advising conference, Cultivating the Vines of Success, here at Behrend on Thursday, May 17 (8 am – 4 pm). This is a great opportunity for faculty to polish or grow their advising skills. The full list of concurrent sessions can be found on the registration page <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nacada-region-2-western-pa-drive-in-tickets-39399232164>. The keynote speaker will be Fred Hodges, formerly of the Educational Equity and Diversity Office, now Director of Multicultural Student Services at Robert Morris University. Folks do not need to be a NACADA member to attend and the cost is only \$40 which includes all presentations, breakfast, lunch, and a few raffles. Contact ACPC for more information.

The last FAS Chat took place on 4/10 and featured the SGA Diversity Committee. The last Faculty Luncheon Forum of the semester took place on 4/20 and featured a local translation business.

Faculty Luncheon Forums will continue next academic year! Look for announcements!

Look for announcements in the fall for Behrend Faculty Council and Faculty Senate meetings!

The first UP Senate meeting next academic year is: 9/18/18.

**Adjournment:** Luciana moved the meeting adjourn. Vicki seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 4:23 pm.