

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Thursday, August 16, 2018
1:00 PM – Reed 117

Faculty Council Web site: <http://behrend.psu.edu/for-faculty-staff/committees/faculty-senate-and-council>

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Krause at 1:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2018 Meeting: Laurie Urraro moved that the minutes be approved as written and Jim Fairbank seconded. The motion passed.

- II. Welcome and Comments from the Chair: Tim, Krause

- Discussed the productive town hall meeting on recycling. Explained that Waste Management has changed their policies and procedures, making the process more difficult than before.
- Would like to hold “themed” senate meetings throughout the school year. During next month’s meeting, Randy Geering will present on the issue of campus safety.
- The new General Education requirements are now in play for anyone enrolling after Summer 2018.

- III. Introduced the Officers for the 2018-19 Faculty Council, including:

Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Vice-Chair
Laurie Urraro, Past Chair
Emily Cassano, Secretary
Matt Ciszek, Parliamentarian
David Waples and TBD, Part-Time Faculty Representatives
Jonathan Hall and Dave Dieteman (alternate), Ombudsman
J.P. Jerecki, SGA President/Student Representative

Tim also introduced the Committee Chairs for 2018-19, including:

Zhifeng Xiao, Academic Computing
Russ Hall, Research
Blair Tuttle, Athletics
Aimee Pogson, Scholarships & Awards
Evan Ringle, Curricular Affairs
Luciana Aronne, Student Life
Matt Swinarski, Faculty Affairs
Mike Naber, Undergraduate Studies
Naseem Ibrahim, Institutional Equity & Diversity

- IV. Introduced Members of the Penn State University Faculty Senate, including:

Mike Lobaugh (2019) Jim Warren (2019 – Caucus Leader)
Terry Blakney (2020) Rod Troester (2020)

Dave Kahl (2021) Kathy Noce (2021)
Ed Evans (2022) Jim Fairbank (2022)
Lisa Mangel (2022) Constantijn van der Wegen (2019)

- V. Ralph Ford, Chancellor:
- The new residence hall, Trippe Hall, is ready to go and will house the Global Borders Program.
 - John Champagne, faculty member here at Behrend, has been named the 2018-19 PSU Poet Laureate.
 - Introduced Tim Kurzweg, the new Director of the School of Engineering.
 - The RND Center in Knowledge Park will soon be home to Erie Insurance. Move-in date is tentatively set for September.
 - The Behrend Speaker Series, funded by the SAF, is bringing in a nice selection of “larger” names this year. Please advertise more in class and consider ways to engage your students and classes in regards to the speakers. The speakers include David Harbour (Actor, Stranger Things), General Michael Hayden (Former CIA Director and Former Director of the NSA), a debate between Elise Jordan and Howard Dean, Linda Bernardi (Technologist, Former Co-Lead of the Watson team at IBM), and Tarana Burke (Social Justice Activist and Founder of the “Me Too” Movement). The Hayden event, as well as the debate are being partially sponsored by the Jefferson Educational Society.
 - This year, Behrend is conducting a search for a new Academic Dean.
 - Penn State is in the middle of an accelerated Capital Campaign, which will run for five years. President Barron has an aggressive goal of 52 Million Dollars, most of which will be used for affordability and access (scholarships), the PASS Program, and a \$900,000 nursing lab upgrade. The campaign is at about 16-17 Million so far, which is right on track.
- VI. Chancellor Ford also presented four faculty members with awards: Faisal Aqlan (Faculty Research Award), Paul Lynch (Guy W. Wilson Academic Advising Award), Laurie Urraro (Council of Fellows Excellence in Outreach Award), and Sarah Whitney (Council of Fellows Excellence in Teaching Award).
- VII. Introduction of new faculty by School Directors:
- Eric Corty, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, introduced the school’s eight new faculty members.
 - Greg Filbeck, Black School of Business, introduced the school’s five new faculty members.
 - Tim Kurzweg, School of Engineering, introduced the school’s seven new faculty members.
 - Mike Rutter (for Marty Kociolek), School of Science, introduced the school’s ten new faculty members.
- VIII. Pam Silver, Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

- Encourages all of us to come to next faculty senate meeting!
- The big focus of this school year is on recruitment and retention of students and student success. As a reminder, the university staff is just as student-facing as faculty and have a different knowledge base. Therefore, faculty and staff should engage with each other, and with students, and with the college. The end goal is a two percent increase in enrollment.
- Make sure to engage with students and help them succeed.
- We should also focus on creating a positive campus culture, making Behrend into the kind of place we WANT to work at.
- Humanities Laureate – celebration of John Champagne’s award on Sept 6.

IX. Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

- Faculty and staff have amassed 4.9 Million in sponsored research awards, which is about even with the previous year.
- Some notable research awards and projects include the PA Sea Grant (an \$800,000 award from the US Fish and Wildlife Service), Leigh-Ann Bedal (summer program with students in Petra), Mike Campbell (Lake Erie Regional Grape Research and Extension Center), Alison Rhodes (Plastics Lab), and Faisal Aqlan (NSF RET Program).

X. Jane Brady, Registrar

- The New Gen Ed requirements are in play, and more information can be found at gened.psu.edu. Degree audits have been updated accordingly.
- “N” courses mean they are part of the new “inter-domain” courses.
- Making progress on pre-requisite checking university-wide.
- LionPath now includes class roster and student notification enhancements. You can follow the ongoing LionPath activities at lionpathsupport.psu.edu.
- Fall 2018 Final Exam Requests are due next week and you will also hear from us regarding a class census (in the case of no-show students).

XI. Chuck Brown, Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)

- Thanked Jane Brady for her help with reporting.
- Changes in NCAA Reporting are coming up.
- Yearly report demonstrates that Behrend has high quality students and fantastic athletes. 2/3 of all student athletes are carrying a 3.0 GPA or above.
- Athletics will continue to distribute forms when a student has to miss class due to an athletic event.
- If you have any concerns or questions regarding a student athlete, you may call Chuck or Brian Streeter.

XII. Jim Serafin, College IT Manager

- Technology enhancements include upgraded computers to Windows 10.
- Faculty may continue to request software in specific classrooms.

- Faculty should test software in rooms and make sure everything is working.
- Some important websites: behrend.psu.edu/IThelp, behrend.psu.edu/software, and cloud.bd.psu.edu.
- In order to create a more common classroom experience, your profile will now be roaming and will transfer between computers. However, it is limited to 500 MB. Due to this limit, Jim recommends storing on your P-Drive.
- The Office 365 Migration has not been completed and won't be until December.

XIII. Adjournment, Tim Krause

- As for the ongoing recycling issue, we are talking about forming a task force. If you are interested, you should let Tim know.
- Chancellor Ford added another update – that there has been a 10% enrollment growth over five years. The only local institutions who are growing are Behrend and Gannon. The number of high school graduates in this area are decreasing and this is projected to continue through 2022-23. Last year and this year both ticked down by about thirty students. In order to increase our graduation and retention rate, please take notice of student issue and intervene when possible.
- Melanie Ford handed out the 70th anniversary cups to those who had not yet received them.
- Announcements and Upcoming Events:
 - Faculty Council Meeting: Thursday, 9/6/18 at 4 PM in Reed 112 (has since been updated to Wednesday, 9/12/18 at 3 PM in Reed 112).
 - Faculty Senate Meeting: Thursday, 9/20/18 at 4 PM in Burke 180 (has since been updated to 3 PM).

Adjournment: Mike Nabor moved that the meeting adjourn and Matt Swinarski seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.