

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM – Burke 180

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

- I. Call to Order – Tim Krause, Faculty Council & Senate Chair 10:33 AM
- II. Approval of the minutes from the Faculty Senate Meeting on November 12th, 2018
Luciana Aronne and Melanie Hetzel-Riggin
- III. Welcome and Comments from the Chair
 - a. Recycling Task Force update – Director of Sustainability – Sam Mason. Will join committee and they will meet soon.
 - b. Food Options in the Science Complex – A survey is going around please take a minute to fill out.
 - c. HR Town Hall – Feb 21 from 9-11 in McGarvey and 3:30 – 4:30 in Burke 180.
 - d. Elections for Behrend Committees – happening this month.
 - e. Election Results – Faculty Council – email went out last week.
 - f. Special Election – Graduate Affairs “at large” position and P/T Representative – election was held but there was an error. Will be corrected.
 - g. Faculty Member emailed yesterday – wanting to know about UP Senate. Was reading a newsletter and said something about how Aetna had come up at UP Senate Meeting. Wanted to know the concerns. Asked some senators – who then directed him to the fact that the Senate Meetings are recorded and available online.
<http://live.libraries.psu.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/Full/8376d4b24dd1457ea3bfe4cf9163feda21>
 - h. Finance students going on radio to talk about stocks – 107.1 FM twice a week.
 - i. Laurie asked Tim to share that Feb 19 is the last FAS chat – 5 PM in Metzgar.
- IV. Report from the Chancellor, Ralph Ford (See email attachment for more info)
 - a. Unprecedented to have two days off in a row due to weather. The students even ran online campaigns to make it happen.
 - i. Reminder that it is your personal decision, in the end, whether you can safely make it to campus.
 - b. Nursing Lab Open House – Had very good press and great turnout. We were able to bring in a million in gifts to create labs. This allows us increase incoming classes by 40%. Thanks to everyone who had a part in this.
 - c. Associate Dean for Academics Search is progressing nicely. The committee is getting close to announcing the slate of candidates. They are in the process of finding dates for them to visit campus.
 - d. One Penn State 2025 – an idea that has 5 pillars behind it – President Barron has presented this to Board of Trustees. https://www.psu.edu/ur/newsdocuments/One_Penn_State_2025.pdf
 - i. Provide a seamless student experience.
 - ii. Achieve curricular coherence. This essentially means that 80% of course content should be same and could reasonably transfer between programs/campuses.
 - iii. Design relevant and responsive programs.
 - iv. Engage learners over their entire lifetime.
 - v. Achieve highest level of efficiency of university resources.
 - University has employed Huron Consulting to determine how the University can continue to be more efficient: procurement (purchasing), health and benefit costs, information technology, world campus, and human resources.

- e. Related, a Strategic Budget Taskforce has been formed at University level. They are charged with developing a new budgeting model and approach across all of Penn State. Ralph is serving on this taskforce.
 - f. Update on Erie Hall Reconstruction – they are in the process of identifying who the architect will be. Will be selected by May 3.
 - g. Upcoming Town Halls – HR Transformation/Shared Services and Reimagining IT Initiative
 - h. Ralph’s Radio Show – WPSE – Once a month, interviewing people in Behrend community.
- V. Report from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Pam Silver (See email attachment for more info)
- a. Searching for Director of E-Learning – search is almost complete and they will make the announcement within the next month.
 - b. PASS – Academic success program that runs in summer and is increasing enrollments. PASS will also provide programming for new American students and ESL students.
 - c. An articulation agreement is in the works with Penn State Law – Will involve 3 years at Behrend and then students will go to Penn Law for next 3 years. This shortens the law school process by a year.
 - d. Pam will be sending out an update on “Count Me In” initiative via a video which will be dispersed in email.
 - i. Mary Ellen’s spreadsheet is available on Google Docs if you want to see the suggestions that were received and their progress. Feel free to contact Mary Ellen for access.
 - e. Behrend is holding their own regarding new student enrollments.
 - f. An Academic Integrity Committee/Policy will most likely be centralized at UP. This is still under review by committees.
 - g. Prerequisite Enforcement – Eberly College of Science and Smeal are working on theirs. Liberal Arts are next in line and Behrend is very close to having college-specific programs ready for enforced prerequisite checking. We need to be up on what is happening with this.
 - h. Academic Advising – ACPC provides essentials, training, and so on. It is very important that you understand policies, rules, and programs as you are doing your advising. Take advantage of training ACPC provides. We have lost students to bad advising or they get into sticky situations that are hard to resolve. Use Starfish to document what you have told students and reach out to them if they are struggling.
- VI. Report from the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Ivor Knight
- a. See email attachment.
- VII. Special Presentation - Overview of the Behrend Budget by Ken Miller, Senior Director of Administration and Student Affairs and Bill Samluk, Finance Officer
- a. Due to privacy concerns, content of presentation cannot be displayed. More will be shared at the Budget Town Hall (Rescheduled date TBA)
- VIII. Report from University Senator - Jim Warren
- a. Reminder that the proceedings of Faculty Senate are online (see link above).
 - b. The most recent meeting offered updates on Intercollegiate Athletics and the Director of Sustainability Institute.
 - c. Report from Faculty Benefits and Insurance – Faculty raised concerns about Aetna to Dr. Barron. Some concerns included out-of-pocket costs, being denied benefits when doctors ok treatments, and the amount of time people have to spend on the phone trying to resolve these cases. Dr. Barron suggests we work through Human Resources and WorkLion in order to document these problems. There seems to be unanimous discontent with new healthcare provider.

- d. Consortium to Combat Opioid Crisis – want to hire ten new TT faculty members over the next ten years. One idea is that we could put together an interdisciplinary course. If anyone is interested, contact Jim. <https://news.psu.edu/story/539359/2018/10/02/impact/penn-state-launches-new-consortium-combat-opioid-crisis>

- IX. Reports from Committee Chairs and Representative Updates – N/A
- X. Old Business – N/A
- XI. New Business – N/A
- XII. Announcements – N/A
- XIII. Adjournment – 11:36 AM
 - a. Motion by Luciana Aronne and Lucy Lenhardt