

## Faculty Council Meeting

April 17, 2019 at 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order – Tim Krause, Faculty Council & Senate Chair – 4:01 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Mike Naber and Melanie Hetzel-Riggin
- III. Welcome and Comments from Chair
  - a. Faculty Senate Meeting is next Thursday (April 25) at 12:30 PM in Burke 180.
  - b. Recycling Committee – Carol Putnam offered to take charge of committee and will run it next year.
  - c. Contract Lengths – Following the town hall meeting, information was gathered and a survey will go out to all faculty. It will be sent after Tim and Melanie meet with Ralph to discuss final content.
  - d. Faculty Affairs Committee – Added a new charge to study contract lengths at peer institutions (i.e. other PSU campuses, regional peers, and national peers).
  - e. Faculty Elections are finished, filled, and chaired.
- IV. Report from the Chancellor, Ralph Ford
  - a. Mentioned the announcement made this week regarding the new home being built for CORE. Should be up and running within two years. Will help CORE move out of their current suboptimal space.
  - b. Enrollment – We are not in a panic situation, but we are seeing the decline that is frequently mentioned on the news. Everyone is working to get us on track. Ralph recommends reaching out to struggling students to see if we can make a difference. We lose more students to attrition and to other universities than we do to UP. Ralph's sense is that those transferring make their decision based on success and cost.
- V. Report from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Pam Silver
  - a. Making progress on Count Me In initiatives. Mary Ellen asked those working on initiatives to get the spreadsheet updated by May 1, when the next report will come out.
  - b. Enrollment continues to be lower than we would like it to be. There are many things in the works to hopefully increase enrollment.
- VI. Report from the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Ivor Knight
  - a. Graduate Programs – The conversion of the Master of Professional Accounting to a hybrid format (75% online, 25% residential) is underway and has been approved by the Joint Graduate Curriculum Committee. On June 7 we will have approval to begin marketing the program, for part time enrollment in Fall 2019, at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township.
  - b. External funding. Awards in the first quarter of 2019 include:
    - i. Dr. Samuel Nutile and Dr. Adam Simpson were awarded \$11,105 from the PA Wine Marketing and Research Board for a project entitled "Residual Decline and Efficacy of Commonly Used Insecticides Against Spotted Wing Drosophila in Pennsylvania Wine Grapes".
    - ii. Anne Gohn and Brian Young were awarded \$12,383 from SAMTEC for a project entitled "Thermoplastic Composite Formulations - Phase I"

- iii. Dr. Ihab Ragi was awarded \$14,980 from Third Wave systems for a project entitled “Effect of Rapid Heating on Material Properties”
    - iv. Dr. Courtney Nagle, Jodie Steyers, Dr. Michael Rutter, Dr. Paul Becker, and Patrick Kelly were awarded \$1,012,553 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled “Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program”
    - v. Amy Bridger, Jacob Marsh, Dr. Timothy Kurzweg, and Dr. Greg Filbeck were awarded \$200,000 from the Erie County Revenue Gaming Authority for a project entitled “The MatchBox at Penn State Behrend: Industry-University Collaboration and Collocation”
  - c. On May 7-8, Behrend will host the annual Commonwealth Campus Grant Writing Workshop. Forty faculty members from Commonwealth Campuses, including 15 Behrend faculty will be participating.
  - d. Internal Research Fund Opportunities. Two competitive internal funding opportunities were recently concluded:
    - i. Seed Grants. The seed grant competition that was established last spring will occur again this year. Awards are \$7,500 for individual faculty proposals and \$15,000 for multi-faculty proposals. Eleven applications were received in response to the RFP and were reviewed by a faculty committee consisting of previous seed grant award grantees and Research Committee members. Three projects, with 6 faculty members participating were selected for funding, totaling \$37,200.
    - ii. Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research Grants. Twenty-six applications were received requesting a total of \$99,213. Each school reviewed their respective applications and submitted a ranked list and/or recommendation for awards. Eighteen students were awarded a total of \$64,431.
- VII. Report from University Senator, Jim Warren – At UP for a meeting.
- VIII. Reports from Committee Chairs
  - a. Athletic Committee – Met with head of Athletics to go over charges and any relevant issues.
  - b. Undergraduate Studies Committee – Faculty awards have been decided but not announced yet. Procedure on notifying Faculty is as follows: Faculty will get a letter, then it will be in the bulletin, and the awards will be given out physically in the Fall.
  - c. Faculty Affairs Committee – Finishing up reports. They have set up a SharePoint site to compare: Workload, Contract Lengths, and Annual Review procedures college-wide.
  - d. Curricular Affairs Committee – Working to make curriculum proposals more uniform among the schools. They have created a Box file and 3 out of 4 schools have uploaded their procedures. Evan is meeting with Lisa later this week to discuss her becoming chair.
  - e. **End of year committee reports are due to Melanie by May 10.**

IX. Old Business

a. Laurie Urraro asked:

- i. Are student reps coming to faculty committee meetings as well as faculty council and faculty senate meetings? She does not feel as if their presence has been seen this year as much as other years.
- ii. With regard to the Faculty Forum on Contract Lengths – will minutes be coming out? The notes taken at meeting will help inform the survey coming out.

X. New Business

- a. Emily asked if anyone knew why we were starting later in the Fall? Apparently, it shifts with Labor Day.

XI. Announcements

- a. Final FAS Chat of the semester is Wednesday, April 23 at 4 PM in Metzgar and will feature the Cooking Club

XII. Adjournment

- a. Matt Swinarski and Mike Naber – 4:34 PM