

Penn State Behrend Faculty Council

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

4 pm, Reed 113

Present: Laurie Urraro, Jane Ingold, Luciana Aronne, Pam Silver, Carol Wilson, Sarah Whitney, Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Steve Strom, Ivor Knight, Tim Krause, Samantha Oliver.

Call to order by Chair: Meeting was called to order at 4:07pm by Chair Laurie Urraro.

Approval of Minutes from March 18th, 2018 meeting: Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag moved that the minutes be approved as written. Tim Krause seconded. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Laurie Urraro, Chair:

The election was held for the Constitution changes. The election was done for the Faculty Council voting members first. In order to move on to the membership of the Senate, the suggested amendments needed a 2/3 majority vote at the Council level. This was achieved! Thanks to everyone's efforts. The vote has now been forwarded to the Senate.

New legislative report from UP Faculty Senate making minor changes to Constitutions possible. See this report: <http://senate.psu.edu/senators/agendas-records/april-24-2018-agenda/appendix-g/>. Other potential important UP Senate items: Aligning policies to promote student academic recovery and success (may affect athletes, worth a read); Changes to term limits of executive Senate committee; salary and buyout reports. Entire Senate agenda is at <http://senate.psu.edu/senators/agendas-records/april-24-2018-agenda>.

End of the year reports are due to Tim Krause by May 15th. She will be sending a suggested template to you if you so choose to use it. Thank you all SO very much for your service this academic year! It has been a pleasure to work with you!

Tim Krause, Vice Chair: We need 147 yes votes and so far, we have 100.

Jane Ingold, Secretary: No report.

Sharon Gallagher, Past Chair: Not present.

Luciana Aronne, Parliamentarian: No report.

Robin Panda, Chair of Academic Computing: Not present.

Carol Wilson, Chair of Athletics: They have been struggling to find a time. They will meet the first week of May. Chuck Brown will be giving them a report.

Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Chair of Curricular Affairs: Melanie and Evan Ringle attended a meeting with Pam to clarify the process for proposing new programs and courses. All courses have to be seen at the ADA level first. Only Pam can input new programs.

Ozgun Caliskan-Demirag, Chair of Faculty Affairs: They have been busy with the workload charge. The titles change has made it more difficult. They will make recommendations for all their charges in their report.

Alicyn Rhoades, Chair of Research: Not present

Sarah Whitney, Chair of Scholarship & Awards: They are finished this year.

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.

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

Rod Troester, University Senate Faculty Representative: Not present.

Moustafa Elhadary, Student/Senate Representative: Not present. Samantha Oliver reported that elections are over and they passed a new club called MEAT for students who like to eat meat.

Dr. Ralph Ford, Chancellor: Not present.

Dr. Pam Silver, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: She is busy with end of year wrap up including honors ceremony and the honors and awards on Sunday.

Dr. Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies: Western PA and Sigma Xi conferences took place on Saturday and they went well. Psychology rotates hosting with other colleges. We discussed if Behrend students should stay and get their awards. The Seed Grant program email went out yesterday. Tim asked if the grants could be used to buy data sets. Ivor said yes. Next year the cycle will start earlier.

Old Business:

When Luciana was chair she asked Faculty Affairs to look into rates of promotion to full. The report was never given to the chair of Senate or shared.

New Business:

Sam talked to Dr. Previte about posting grades in general. The SGA survey 99% wanted to see them posted on Canvas or another web service. Tyler Delaney may send an email encouraging faculty to post grades. They should be able to figure out their grade based on

what has been handed back. The bigger issue is not getting their grade back at all. Need to understand the extent of it. The council wondered how widespread this is and when and where it happens. Carol suggested a group that studies it. There are reports that there is a professor who never gave out a syllabus for the class.

Announcements:

The last FAS Chat took place on 4/10 and featured the SGA Diversity Committee

The last Faculty Luncheon Forum of the semester will take place on Friday, April 20th, around noon, in the Smith Chapel, and will feature a local translation business. Owners Matthew Reichert and Ramzi Zinnekeh will discuss the importance of multi-culturalism and how it has enabled them to create Linguistic Solutions. Please consider stopping by if your schedule permits!

The next Faculty Senate is on Thursday, April 26th, 4 pm, Burke 180.

The next University Senate Meeting (UP) is April 24th, 2018.

Adjournment: Luciana moved that the meeting adjourn and Tim seconded it. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.