

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Thursday, August 20, 2020
1:00 PM – Zoom

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

- I. Call to Order – Emily Cassano, Faculty Senate Chair
- II. Approval of minutes from April Faculty Senate Meeting
 - a. Lisa Eliot and Inkyu Kang
- III. Welcome and Comments from the Chair
 - a. Instruction Guide posted.
 - b. Link
<https://pennstateoffice365.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/KeepTeachingSupportDocuments/EZ7-QymnhHVOn86qV-smVsEB1FQfSAAyg0MUgNhMflmKug?e=abHfOX&wdLOR=c383223C7-9D7F-6249-8105-504A0770EF9B>
 - c. New Education Equity Scholarships available
 - i. Contact Kevin Moore if interested
- IV. Introduction of the Members of the Faculty Council
Emily Cassano, Chair
Ed Evans, Vice Chair
Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Past Chair
Susan Daigle, Secretary
Matt Ciszek, Parliamentarian
Pam Silver, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Ivor Knight, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
Janis Filbeck, Part-Time Faculty Representatives
Lena Surzhko-Harned and Fred Nitterright (Alternate), Ombuds

Committee Chairs:
Inkyu Kang, Academic Computing Joshua Shaw, Research
Carol Putman, Athletics Joel Hunt, Scholarships & Awards
Lisa Elliott, Curricular Affairs Phil Stuczynski, Student Life
Brian Boscaljon, Faculty Affairs
Carrie Payne, Institutional, Educational, & Diversity
Sam Nutile and Jalaa Hoblos, Undergraduate Studies
- V. Introduction of the College Ombudsperson Lena Surzhko-Harned and Alternate Fred Nitterright
- VI. Ralph Ford, Chancellor
 - a. Chancellor’s Report
 - i. Arrivals for first year students has begun
 - ii. Pre-arrival testing is happening at Erie Hall
 - iii. Mask Up or Pack Up campaign is underway
 1. We are all in this together

2. Recommend using the Penn State Go App, especially the daily symptom tracker, which is anonymous
- iv. Surveillance Testing
 1. Goal is 1% per day
 2. Includes faculty, students, and staff
 3. Starts Monday, August 24
 4. If you are contacted by a contact tracer, please take the call, this is very important
 5. Super Spreader Events
 - a. UP had an event which involved a fraternity
 - b. Behrend and the local universities are coordinating with each other
 - c. Our community, our responsibility
- v. Faculty Town Hall will continue throughout the fall semester as needed
- vi. Diversity Equity Scholarship
 1. A matching endowment program
- vii. Questions and Answers for the Chancellor
 1. Q: Will we have multi-purpose content that we can share about the scholarship? Can we set up a direct campaign for funds (like Facebook)?
A: Chancellor Ford will get back to us.
 2. Q: How many students are living on campus this fall?
A: 1250-1300 (usually around 1900)
 3. Q: How will the faculty be informed of the Covid-19 test results and trends?
A: TBD. We are coordinating with UP

VII. Presentation of Faculty Awards

- a. Benjamin A Lane Outstanding Service Award
 - i. Jane Ingold
- b. Council of Fellows Excellence in Outreach Award
 - i. Jill Johnson
- c. Council of Fellows Excellence in Teaching Award
 - i. Shariffah Sheik Dawood
- d. Council of Fellows Faculty Research Award
 - i. Courtney Nagle
- e. Guy W. Wilson Excellence in Academic Advising Award
 - i. Lena Surzhko-Harned

VIII. Introduction of New Faculty by School Directors

- a. Eric Carty, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - i. Elisha Beshero-Bondar, Professor of Digital Humanities
 - ii. Michelle Cook, Lecturer in Special Education
 - iii. Justin Fanzo, Asst. Teaching Professor of Game Design
- b. Greg Filbeck, Black School of Business
 - i. Lin Li, Asst. Professor in Accounting
 - ii. Seth Powless, Asst. Teaching Professor in Accounting
 - iii. E.J. Han, Marketing Program
- c. Tim Kurzweg, School of Engineering
 - i. Hussein Abdeltawab , Asst. Professor of Engineering, ECET
 - ii. Fethi Belkhouche, Assoc. Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- d. Marty Kociolek, School of Science

- i. Jeremiah Keyes, Asst Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 - ii. Ashley Russell, Asst Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 - iii. Thomas Cameron, Cate Stiller, Asst. Teaching Professor in Nursing

- IX. Pam Silver, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
 - a. Important Things
 - i. Welcome to a challenging semester
 - ii. Guidance may be found on the Keep Teaching website
 - iii. Reach out to your director or to Pam
 - iv. Recognize that our reality is changing hourly
 - v. Be flexible, prepared (have contingency plans), compassionate (what is hard for us is harder for students), patient, and calm
 - vi. Report distressed students to the CARE team
 - 1. For academic issues: Pam Silver or Maggie Elmers
 - 2. For other issues: Terri Mando or Kelly Shroud
 - b. Belonging at Behrend
 - i. Program for fall first year students
 - ii. Remote synchronous peer mentoring
 - iii. Asynchronous modules
 - iv. Small cohorts with advisers
 - v. Not for credit
 - vi. “Wellness” checks

- X. Research, Ivor Knight, , Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
 - a. Summer 2020 Research
 - i. 32 students
 - ii. \$94,400
 - b. Gradually ramped up capabilities on campus
 - i. Covid plan developed
 - ii. Currently 80 people authorized to be back in research and 15 pending
 - iii. Form required
 - c. Fall Research
 - i. Priority given to students graduating before summer 2021 and to those students with a research requirement for graduation
 - d. COvid-19
 - i. Masking, social distancing, and symptomatic testing is very important
 - ii. Test, isolate, and quarantine will be the approach

- XI. Public Policy Fund, Lena Surzhko-Harned
 - a. New service
 - b. Looking for faculty affiliates
 - c. Any faculty doing any work with public policy please reach out to Lena at lms557@psu.edu

- XII. Introduction of Members of the Penn State University Faculty Senate

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| Terry Blakney (2024) | Kathy Noce (2021) |
| Ed Evans (2022) | Matt Swinarski (2024) |
| Jim Fairbank (2022) | Arpan Yagnik (2024) |
| Dave Kahl (2021) | Al Warner (2023) |
| Lisa Mangel (Secretary 2022) | |

XIII. Questions and Answers

- a. Q: Have there been any discussions on adjusting peoples workloads?
- b. A: The topic may be on a list of a committee. Chancellor Ford will follow up.

XIV. Motion to adjourn

- a. Lisa Eliot and Eva Kuttentberg