

## FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**1:15 PM to 2:15 PM**

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/99663858019>

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

- I. Call to Order – Melanie Hetzel-Riggin, Faculty Council & Senate Chair
- II. Approval of the minutes from previous the Faculty Council Meeting
  - a. Lisa Mangel and Jay Amicangelo
- III. Welcome and Comments from the Chair
- IV. Report from the Chancellor, Ralph Ford

Three main points:

- a. Tech Service employees who are not able to work remotely (about 40 of Behrend employees) May 4- June 30. University has negotiated with the Union and the final vote is taking place this week.
- b. 3% cut across all \$1.1 million dollars for the budget starting July 1. Behrend seems to be able to fulfill this primary due to not filling the vacant or vacated positions. Hiring will be reevaluated in Fall.
- c. What is happening in the Fall? Are we coming back? It is impossible to answer these questions right now. July might be the earliest we will know. University is considering several scenarios in a number of committees. Behrend has a “Back to Campus Task Force”

Questions: Will the back to campus be a university wide policy of regional? -- There will be likely a University wide policy on the back to campus.

How does the governor’s decision effect the “Back to campus” decision? —Unfortunately, no clear answer can be given at this point.

Please bring your questions to Behrend Townhall, Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am.

- V. Report from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Pam Silver

We are approaching the Finals. There is an extra week for grade submission and another week for students to decide about the grades. Half of the students are not registered for the fall. There is going to be need for advisors to be available through the summer.

NSO advising will be happening online.

Maymester and Summer One are remote. E-Learning Initiatives has reached out to all teaching in the summer to ensure that the online courses are supported.

Incoming freshman are required to be part of START.

PASS courses have to be approved by UP and Instructional design team will work with each instructor to develop these.

There will be Math and English Academy; there will be tutoring over the summer. These are being planned and developed.

We don't know what Fall might look like. This means that we have to be prepared to deliver courses in different modalities, switch between modalities, etc. Faculty should start thinking about making adjustments.

New Faculty Orientation this summer will be online.

Graduation is online. Honors and Awards will be taking place this coming weekend. Invitations have been sent to families and students by mail and the event will take place live.

Questions: for new faculty is there a contact person? -Kim Paris, Sarah Whitney.

#### VI. Report from the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Ivor Knight

Mapping out the gradual return to research on campus.

Questions:

What is the policy for remote research and hiring students? What is the process of hiring students with research money? – Reach out to HR, there should be a possibility for researchers working from home.

Internships for graduate students? – There is an opportunity for graduate students, which is different from undergrads, Ivor with check with graduate school.

#### VII. Report from University Senator, Lisa Mangel

- a. General University Senate webpage <https://senate.psu.edu>
- b. April 28, 2020 University Senate Agenda <https://senate.psu.edu/senators/agendas-records/april-28-2020-agenda/>
- c. April 28, 2020 full University Senate Agenda (pdf, 180 pages) [https://senate.psu.edu/files/2020/04/042820\\_full\\_senate\\_agenda3.pdf](https://senate.psu.edu/files/2020/04/042820_full_senate_agenda3.pdf)
- d. April 28, 2020 University Senate Informational Reports <https://senate.psu.edu/senators/agendas-records/april-28-2020-agenda/informational-reports-for-april-28-2020/>

#### VIII. Reports from Committee Chairs

- a. Academic Computer, Chuck Yeung
  - i. There is a plan to meet after finals week.
- b. Athletics, Blair Tuttle
  - i. All charges are complete
- c. Undergraduate Curricular Affairs, Lisa Elliott
  - i. The committee met today and the final report will be submitted later today.
- d. Faculty Affairs, Matt Swinarski

