**Faculty Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday 26 January 2015 – Glenhill Farmhouse Memorial Room**

1. Call to Order – Darren Williams, Faculty Council Chair

Present: D. Williams, L. Aronne, V. Kazmerski, B. Lasher, B. Potter, G. Walters, E. Kuttenberg, T. Mastroberardino, T. Blakney, J. Bennett, K. Danvers, B. Light, D. Blasko, R. Ford

Called to order at 3:31- E. Kuttenberg motioned, L.Aronne seconded

1. Approval of minutes from last Faculty Council meeting on Monday November 17, 2014

 Motion to approve. By L. Aronne, E. Kuttenberg seconded

 Approved unanimously

1. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
	1. Officers
2. Faculty Council Chair - Darren Williams

- The ballot for Faculty Council executive and part-time positions and three Faculty Senators is active on Angel until January 30. All are reminded to vote.

ii. Faculty Council Vice Chair - Luciana Aronne

 - Raised an issue with health care benefits. The Faculty Senate committee has been discussing recent changes to the PPO Savings Plan that was offered this year at a low cost, but discussion at the Senate committee suggests that the prices will likely be raised soon . It appears that the prices are deceptive in their initial low cost for the savings plan. L. Aronne would like faculty to be able to know about the costs. The minutes of the Senate Committee are not yet available for the Oct. meeting where this was discussed in the committee. Behrend doesn’t have a rep on the committee. D. Blasko will check into making sure that the committee minutes are made available on line. D. Blasko reported that the committee voted to support the tiered costs to faculty and staff. The estimates of the savings plan seem low. The financial people at the committee meeting agreed that there is an incentive to shift people to the new plan. The new plan encourages people to do more comparison shopping and make more careful decisions. There was discussion about the plans and the pros and cons. J. Bennett suggested that once the minutes are available, they should be presented to Faculty Organization. D. Williams will contact members of the faculty senate benefits committee for further information.

 iii. Secretary - Vicki Kazmerski

 – requested that D. Williams check on date and time of the next Faculty Organization meeting Feb. 9. D. Williams is trying to change to 3:30 pm so that all members of the Executive board can attend.

* 1. Committees
1. Academic Computing - George Walters

– The committee met Dec. 3. Two charges were discussed: 1- The academic computing committee will cooperate with B. Potter and the Undergraduate Studies committee; 2 – Changes in faculty- administrative privileges on office computers are being implemented. There is a point of contact in each school whom faculty can contact to request administrative privileges. This is a university-wide initiative.

1. Athletics – Terry Blakney

- Chuck Brown attended the NCAA – Division 3 meeting . There was a proposal to reduce the number of games by 10% to cut costs; football was exempted from the cut. This is being investigated as they look for alternative cost-cutting measures.

B. Light noted that Behrend gets some subsidies for NCAA playoffs.

One change that was made is so that students who are in co-ops not in there majors can be on sports teams. There was a recommendation to have a signing day for D3 schools.

There was a general discussion on common time schedule that stemmed from the implications of athletes. T. Blakney will be meeting with the athletics committee coming up and will discuss this topic. Most present agreed that a course schedule should remain the same throughout the semester rather than changing at the discretion of the professor throughout the semester, although this was not formally voted on.

1. Curricular Affairs – Mike Lobaugh

-See Attached report that was emailed to the committee

iv. Faculty Affairs – Eva Kuttenberg

- The committee will meet Feb. 4. L. Aronne will attend the meeting to present non-tenure line. They will brainstorm on faculty engagement and shared governance.

v. Scholarship and Awards – Jason Bennett

– Nominations are due first week in February for student awards.

vii. Student Life – Kreag Danvers

– Progress was made in the last meeting pertaining to building culture for international students. One way is to provide teaching resources. Xi Dunsworth will provide a workshop. There will also be campus life support, including outings. One issue with international students is student retention to complete degree at Behernd. The Student Life committee is looking into providing information on a website, adding summer events and enhancing food availability in the summer. They are discussing the idea with Food services to make sure support is available. The summer food will also be discussed in coordination with College for Kids.

- There has beenno progress on Jordan Road issues.

viii. Undergraduate Studies – Beth Potter

– There will be a committee meeting next week. They last met in Novemeber. They will follow up on meeting with heads of technology and get information on current technology and make recommendations.

- D. Williams asked about use of “Top Hat” in lieu of clickers use cell phones or ipads. He is using it this semester and it seems to be working. It costs $20/semester or $38 lifelong fee, which is cheaper than the clickers.

* 1. Representatives
1. Part-Time Faculty Representative – Renee Finnecy – not present, no updates

ii. Senate Representative - Bill Lasher

 – The senators will be attending Tuesday’s Senate meeting virtually due to weather Bill mentioned several interesting reports that will be presented: A legislative report from the Gen Ed task force redefining the gen ed learning objectives; an Advisory report asking for resources to create a Gen Ed institute to share resources; There is also a Report from World Campus.

iii. Student Representatives - Amyelia Payne, SGA President – not present, no report

* 1. Administration
		1. Chancellor - Don Birx – not present – no report
		2. Senior Associate Dean - Bob Light

– A 3-year projected budget was submitted

- A question was raised about the new budget model – B. Light doesn’t see that as coming soon – UP is taking another 1% permanent dollars; L. Aronne suggested that D. Williams invite Madelyn Hanes again.

* + 1. Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs - Dawn Blasko - no report

IV. Unfinished Business

 - Implementing a Behrend “Common Hour” - issues late afternoon vs midday; impact on athletics;

1. New Business

– Campus-wide Faculty elections

1. Announcements

- Faculty Organization Meeting – February 9 – 3:30

- Faculty Council Meeting – March 2 – 3:30

1. Adjournment

D. Williams motioned to adjourn; Eva Kuttenberg seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.