

**Faculty Senate Minutes, Penn State Worthington Scranton
September 7, 2010
Dawson 10**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Dr. Parminder Parmar, Faculty Senate Chair

Approval of Minutes

Since there was no Faculty Senate Secretary during the spring 2010 semester, no minutes were prepared; therefore, the usual review of the last meeting's minutes did not take place.

Introduction of Interim DAA

Chancellor Dr. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen announced the appointment of the interim Director of Academic Affairs, Dr. Molly Wertheimer. Dr. Wertheimer briefly introduced herself.

Chancellor's Report

Enrollment:

Dr. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen reminded everyone that the numbers in the currently circulated enrollment projections may appear to be lower than last year's. However, the seemingly lower numbers are the result of new ways of calculating and projecting enrollment.

Housing Study:

A Housing Study had been conducted across the University College campuses. Worthington Scranton's application to have student housing was likely to be rejected at this point; however, student housing would be included in future re-applications and financial studies.

Student Success Center Opening:

Dr. Krogh-Jespersen reminded everyone to RSVP to Marie Killian regarding the October 6 opening of the SSC.

University Faculty Senate Report

Senator Dr. Dale Holen reported that the University Faculty Senate had met with the new Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses, Dr. Madlyn Hanes. Dr. Hanes discussed her intent to work on the following issues (not in order of importance): enrollment; competitiveness of the branch campuses; curricular reviews to make similar programs the same across the University College; possible elimination of programs; creating disciplinary communities; easier student transfer between campuses; and partnership with the World Campus.

Committee Reports

1) Diversity Committee:

Dr. Matthew Mutchler reminded the faculty that September 13 was Interdependence Day and that the campus was offering a noon-hour program.

Dr. Mutchler pointed out that "Rainbow Paws" were available to be displayed on office doors so that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students who may be seeking support could identify faculty or staff members to whom they could talk.

2) Honors Committee:

Dr. Margret Hatch stated that the Honors Committee would welcome faculty willing to teach a one-credit honors class or, alternatively, an honors section of an existing class. Dr. Hatch explained the difference between the options and also defined appropriate honors projects.

3) Search Committee for Instructional Designer:

The Director for Information Technology, Marilee Mulvey, introduced the new campus Instructional Designer, Kathleen Covey, and reminded faculty to complete the online survey on instructional technology needs.

New Business

Dr. Parmar called for nominations of faculty candidates for possible inclusion on the DAA Search Committee. Nominated were the following: Bishop, Renee; Casey, Russel; Dolis, John; Hart, James; Hatch, Margret; Holen, Dale; Holmes, Vanessa; Keating, Gail; Melnick, Janet; Mutchler, Matthew; Perrone, Paul; Peslak, Allan. The names were forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration, and she will select up to four faculty members to serve on the committee.

Unfinished Business

Nominations for Faculty Senate Secretary and Chair Elect

1) Faculty Senate Secretary:

Dr. Parmar announced that Dr. Éva Tettenborn had offered to run for the post of secretary. Faculty Senate moved (simultaneous motions by multiple members; seconded by multiple members) to vote on her candidacy for the position immediately. Dr. Tettenborn was unanimously approved as the new secretary for fall 2010 and spring 2011 and accepted the position.

2) Chair Elect:

Dr. Parmar asked that nominations for Chair Elect candidates be submitted to her via email for a future vote.

Other Business

1) Student Senate:

A member of the Student Government Association announced that there would now be a Student Senate on campus. The Senate would be composed of two senators per class and would serve as a liaison between the student body and the SGA. The Constitution would be amended accordingly.

2) Admissions:

Sandy Feather reported that the percentage of self-identifying non-white permanent residents on campus had risen from 3% to 8% this year. She announced that there would be a Multicultural Club to work on campus diversity with students, faculty, and staff, with the goal of hosting international students on our campus in the future. A club rush would take place on September 22, 2010.

3) Curricular Affairs:

The chair of the Curricular Affairs committee, Dr. David Byman, reminded faculty that the committee welcomed new ideas regarding the addition of majors and programs.

4) University College Council:

At Dr. Parmar's request for a report on the University College Council, Dr. Byman stated that Council had not met yet this semester.

5) Smoking on Campus:

Dr. Holen raised the question if the campus should become smoke free, especially since students were littering the campus with cigarette butts and smoking in front of building entrances.

The Director of Student and Enrollment Services, Bill Bryan, explained that he had met with the SGA to address the problem over the summer. The first step was the installation of new signs near some building entrances such as the SLC doors. There were plans to continue to work on this problem.

6) Recycling:

Dr. Byman asked faculty to remind students to recycle on campus and to use the provided bins.

7) Introduction of New Faculty Members:

Dr. Parmar introduced Dr. Asif Ud-Doula, Assistant Professor of Physics, and David Macdowell, Lecturer in Physics.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 pm.

Next Meeting

The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place on October 13, 2010, at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Éva Tettenborn
Faculty Senate Secretary