Faculty Council Agenda  
November 18, 2021  
2:30-4:30pm  

Zoom link:  
https://psu.zoom.us/j/92906597824?pwd=Q0tHM2licUdXVXBHR096SFp5SFz0QT09  
Password: 567477  

Council Members in Attendance: Brian Belland (Chair), Julia Bryan (Past Chair), Elizabeth Prosek (Chair-Elect), David Post (EPS), Cristin Hall (EPCSE), Bill Rothwell (LPS), Bill Brendel (LPS), Joseph Valente (CI), Madeline Halkowski (Grad Student), Carmen Vanderhoof (CI), Kelly Rosinger (EPS), David McNaughton (EPCSE)  

Council Members Absent: Caroline Clontz (UG Student)  

In Attendance: Wendy Williams, Gary Thomas (ASL Interpreter), Kate Chen (ASL Interpreter), Kim Lawless (Dean), Gwen Lloyd (Faculty Affairs), Andrea McCloskey (Faculty Senate; CI), Terrance Jefferson (UG Student, attending for Caroline Clontz), Wendy Coduti (Faculty Senate; EPCSE), Ed Fuller (Faculty Senate; EPS), Lisa Mangel (Faculty Senate; Senate Secretary), Keith Shapiro (Faculty Senate; Senate Parliamentarian), Bonj Szycigiel (Faculty Senate; Senate Chair)  

1. Review and approval of minutes of the Last Meeting (October 21, 2021)  
   1.1 Hall moves to approve the minutes. McNaughton seconded the motion. Motion carried; minutes approved.  
2. Announcements by the Chair (Brian Belland)  
3. Communications to the Council  
   3.1 Undergraduate Student Council Updates (Terrance Jefferson)  
   3.2 Graduate Student Council Updates (Madeline Halkowski)  
4. Comments by the Dean of the College (Dean Kimberly Lawless)  
   4.1 Dean Lawless offered updates on the vaccination requirement (January 4) including proof of vaccination updated in the system (Salesforce Health Cloud). Faculty can also submit medical, disability, or religious exemptions. Faculty not in compliance on January 4 will be put on unpaid leave. Review of faculty not in compliance begins on December 15 in terms of making decisions for instructor replacements in the Spring semester.  
   4.2 Annual review of the COE strategic plan. Department heads may be reaching out to faculty to confirm work tasks associated with the plan.  
   4.3 Fall break is a remote work week in the COE.  
5. Reports of Standing Committees  
   5.1 Faculty, Staff, Student Concerns (Crissy Hall)
5.1.1 No report.

5.2 Curricular Affairs (Bill Rothwell)
   5.2.1 Rothwell reported the committee met.

5.3 Graduate Studies and Research Policy (Joe Valente)
   5.3.1 Valente reported the committee met.

5.4 Technology (David McNaughton)
   5.4.1 McNaughton reported there is progress in developing tutorials.

6. Reports of Special and Ad-Hoc Committees

6.1 Workload (David Post)
   6.1.1 Post reported that the committee met and will meet again prior to the end of the semester. The committee is determining the scope of workload.

7. News from the University Graduate Council (James Yao)
   7.1 No report.

8. News from the Faculty Senate (Andrea McCloskey)
   8.1 McCloskey reported the next caucus meeting is November 29.
   8.2 Faculty Senate are working on several items such as remote synchronous course discussions; outside business and private consultation activities; and micro-credentialing and badging.

9. Unfinished Legislative Business

10. New Legislative Business

11. Forensic Business

   Suggested viewing before this session:
   1. AAUP video on shared governance:
      https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wooc1DgRIVk
   2. This is a good video that talks about principles of shared governance, but note that it talks about shared governance across many universities with different policies and needs, and so should not be viewed as something that holds all answers for all universities and academic units

   Goals:
   1. To collaboratively envision/design shared governance in the College of Education.

   Facilitators:
   1. Kimberly Lawless, Dean, College of Education
   2. Bonj Szczygiel, Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture and Faculty Senate Chair

   11.1 A conversation about shared governance at Penn State.
11.1.1 Dean Lawless engaged with faculty regarding shared governance.

11.1.2 Visiting Faculty Senate members engaged with faculty regarding shared governance, including how goals are established and the role of the constitution as a sound governing document. Faculty Senate has a resource to help Faculty Council members review constitutions.

11.1.3 Visiting Faculty Senate members provided suggestions when revising a constitution: legislative functioning, procedural rules, and standing rules. The University Faculty Constitution for reference: https://senate.psu.edu/faculty/unit-constitutions/. Potential considerations: define shared governance in the Preamble; clear purpose of the Faculty Council; the scope of the constitution (rights, responsibilities, procedures); Faculty Council constitution is not a college constitution but more so a reflection of the rights of faculty and the procedure for how they will engage in the Council; promotion and tenure; and teaching methods.

11.1.4 Faculty Council members engaged with facilitators regarding shared governance. Discussion points included: what were the concerns of the 2018 constitution (specifically) that needs revision; and agreeing on a value system.

11.1.5 Post moved that Faculty Council members reflect on the conversation today and after watching the AAUP video they prepare a few thoughts to share with group. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Comments and recommendations for the good of the College

12.1 McNaughton moved to adjourn. Belland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Faculty Council Meeting:
December 16, 2021, 2:30-4:30 PM, Zoom meeting