Faculty Council Agenda
December 16, 2021
2:30-4:30pm

Zoom link:
https://psu.zoom.us/j/92906597824?pwd=Q0tHM2licUdXVXBHR096SF5SFSz8eqTQ9
Password: 567477

Council Members in Attendance: Brian Belland (Chair), David Post (EPS), Cristin Hall (EPCSE), Bill Rothwell (LPS), Bill Brendel (LPS), Joseph Valente (CI), Carmen Vanderhoof (CI), Kelly Rosinger (EPS), David McNaughton (EPCSE)

Council Members Absent: Julia Bryan (Past Chair), Elizabeth Prosek (Chair-Elect),

In Attendance: Wendy Williams, Kate Chen (ASL Interpreter), Cheyenne Atkins-Grant (ASL Interpreter), Kim Lawless (Dean), Gwen Lloyd (Faculty Affairs), Greg Kelly (Research), Jessica Snyder (Research), Kyle Fagan (Research), Nicole Spicer (Research), Caroline Clontz (UG Student), James Yao (University Graduate Council), Andrea McCloskey (Faculty Senate; CI)

1. Review and approval of minutes of the Last Meeting (November 18, 2021)
   1.1 Chrissie Hall moves to approve the minutes. David McNaughton seconded the motion. Motion carried; minutes approved.

2. Announcements by the Chair (Brian Belland)
   2.1 Nominations sought for University Graduate Council (one [1] representative for a three-year term, and at least one [1] alternate) and Alternate Ombudsperson (1). Email sent college-wide. Nominations should be received by January 11, 2022. Council members are asked to discuss with faculty members in their respective departments.

3. Communications to the Council
   3.1 Undergraduate Student Council Updates (Caroline Clontz) - Undergraduate Student Council made and distributed cookies for faculty and deans.
   3.2 Graduate Student Council Updates (Madeline Halkowski) - No report
   3.3 Developing better infrastructure to support procuring and managing grants (Greg Kelly and Jessica Snyder) - Handout provided.

4. Comments by the Dean of the College (Dean Kimberly Lawless)
   4.1 Dean Lawless recommends that everyone resist answering emails and working while on holiday break.
   4.2 University stance right now is moving forward with the mandate, knowing it might be lifted.
4.3 Vaccine compliance – If faculty have religious or medical accommodation, exception approval is needed before January 3, 2022.

4.4 Some faculty have been contacted regarding reporting of the strategic plan. If you received the email, please answer before going on break.

4.5 Funding available for professional development on personal identities, how we interact with each other and see the world.

4.6 Week of January 9, 2022, University will be welcoming students back on campus and into the classrooms.

5. Reports of Standing Committees

5.1 Faculty, Staff, Student Concerns (Crissy Hall)
   5.1.1 Nothing to report.

5.2 Curricular Affairs (Bill Rothwell)
   5.2.1 Meeting was cancelled for this month. Question was asked about the number of committee members, and how are members selected/elected. (Structure of Curricular Affairs Committee)

5.3 Graduate Studies and Research Policy (Joe Valente)
   5.3.1 Nothing to report.

5.4 Technology (David McNaughton)
   5.4.1 Nothing to report

6. Reports of Special and Ad-Hoc Committees

6.1 Workload (David Post)
   6.1.1 Committee met on December 6. The focus on policy comprising teaching response broadly conceived and including equity as a value. Use existing reports of information about the distribution of teaching assignments.

7. News from the University Graduate Council (James Yao)

7.1 Met December 15, 2021. Briefly discussed the need for nominations to the University Graduate Faculty and what the time commitment would be.

8. News from the Faculty Senate (Andrea McCloskey)

8.1 Announcement will be sent about the top three items that of each of the University Senate’s subcommittees have been working on.

8.2 Reviewed just over 100 proposals and approved 100 in the last month.

9. Unfinished Legislative Business

10. New Legislative Business

11. Forensic Business
11.1 Continuation of exploration of what shared governance means for the college of education. Council members shared principles of shared governance that they distilled from last meeting’s conversation and from watching the AAUP video on shared governance.

11.2 William Brendel lead a discussion on the principles of shared governance and a process for developing a shared vision of shared governance.

11.3 Next step – Council members take the PowerPoint slide shared by William Brendel to departments to get input from department faculty.

12. Comments and recommendations for the good of the College - None

13. Adjournment

13.1 At 4:30, council did not have a quorum to vote. By mutual consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Faculty Council Meeting:
January 20, 2022, 2:30-4:30 PM, Zoom meeting