

Faculty Council Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2017

273 Chambers Bldg

2:30-4:30pm

Attendees: Dr.'s Letiticia Oseguera, Ashley Patterson, David Post, Liza Conyers, Marcela Borge, Julia Plummer, Mark Threeton, Gwen Lloyd, Karly Ford, Charles Hughes; and JinHee Choi (Grad Representative), Jess Heckler (UG Representative)

A quorum was reached to conduct business.

1. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting (*From February 16, 2017*) – *minutes unanimously approved.*

2. Announcements by the Chair

- 2.1. Reminder: Departments need to hold elections for FC representatives for 17/18. Each department needs to elect 1 faculty member to serve a 2-year term.
- 2.2. Reminder: Departments should also be electing a representative to serve on the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research Policy for 17/18. One representative from faculty council will serve, so that department will be represented by that individual. This means the person elected to this committee may not need to serve.
- 2.3. Reminder: Election for Ombuds and Ombuds alternate forthcoming.
- 2.4. University Graduate Council nomination request for 1 member and 1 alternate to serve a 2-year term forthcoming.
- 2.5. Reminder: Promotion & Tenure Committee Election – Two tenured faculty to be elected, and one Dean's appointee. Tenured faculty from each of the departments are eligible.

3. Communications to the Council

- 3.1. Undergraduate Student Council Updates (Jess Heckler)
 - 3.1.1. Alumni Student Networking event this Friday, March 17. To connect alumni with student council.
 - 3.1.2. PA Deputy Secretary of Post-secondary Education coming to campus April 7.
 - 3.1.3. Spring family carnival for April 9.
- 3.2. Graduate Student Council Updates (Jinhee Choi) – no report

4. Comments by the Dean of the College

- 4.1. Searches
 - 4.1.1. The candidate pools have been very impressive and we have succeeded at hiring our first choice in each of these searches. We have also been remarkably successful at addressing dual career needs. In some situations we are able to take

advantage of opportunities to make multiple hires when there is extraordinary strength in the pool and a compelling need. Many thanks go to all the members of the search committees. The efforts of these committees are paying handsome dividends.

- 4.1.2. College continues to make progress with tenure-line faculty searches. To date, we have six signed contracts from this year's search cycle and one from last year's search cycle. Our new tenure-line faculty colleagues include:
 - 4.1.2.1. **Lifelong Learning & Adult Education:** *Associate Professor John Holst* -- Assoc prof at U. of St. Thomas -- doctoral degree from U. of Northern Illinois -- August 2017 start. *Assistant Professor Rebecca Tarlau* -- post doc at Stanford -- doctoral degree from Berkeley -- January 2018 start.
 - 4.1.2.2. **Higher Education:** *Assistant Professor Royel Johnson* -- post doc at Ohio State -- doctoral degree from Ohio State -- August 2017 start. *Assistant Professor Kelly Rosinger* -- post doc at U of Virginia -- doctoral degree from U. Georgia -- August 2017 start.
 - 4.1.2.3. **Special Education:** *Assistant Professor Tracy Raulston* -- doctoral degree at the U. of Oregon expected Spring 2017 -- August 2017 start.
 - 4.1.2.4. **Educational Psychology:** *Assistant Professor Alexandra List* -- Assistant Professor at Ball State U. doctoral degree from U. of Maryland -- July 2017 start.
 - 4.1.2.5. **Workforce Education & Development:** *Prof Michael Harvey* -- immediate tenure review completed -- Professor at Ball State U. doctoral degree from Penn State -- from the 2015-2016 search cycle -- August 2017 start.
 - 4.1.2.6. **Pending Status: Social Studies Education, Organizational Change & Development, and Educational Leadership (Hoy Professorship)** -- *Hoy Professorship is not likely to be filled this year. The job description is being broadened.*
 - 4.1.2.7. We are making progress at developing a plan for the next round of searches. We hope to make decisions about these searches within the next few weeks so that we can get an early start of the searches and have most of the candidates visit campus before the winter break next year.
- 4.1.3. **Voluntary Retirement Program (VRP):** As a reminder, the retirement reception for the faculty and staff who are taking advantage of the VRP is June 8th and will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn.
- 4.1.4. **Review of the Office of the Associate Dean for Research, Outreach, and Technology:** The review is in progress and a survey along with a statement from Greg has been distributed. As a reminder the advisory committee for the review of Greg's office consists of Marcela Borge, Will Diehl, Gwen Lloyd, Bonnie Meyer, Paul Morgan, Kyle Peck, and Karen Pollack. We're encouraging members of the College to provide feedback.

- 4.1.5. **Promotion & Tenure Reviews:** The sixth year reviews along with the reviews of requests for promotions to the rank of professor have left the College and are now in the hands of the University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. The fourth year reviews are also now complete and the letters are being sent to the candidates. The second year reviews are still in progress.
- 4.1.6. **Expansion of SCOPE:** Plans are being made to broaden the Summer College Opportunity Program in Education (SCOPE) so that we provide an opportunity for last year's SCOPE students to come back between their junior and senior years in high school to spend some additional time at University Park. The existing program provides for a rising cohort of rising juniors in high school to spend 4 weeks of intensive study at University Park. This is an exciting pilot project that promises to build on the existing record of success we have seen in the SCOPE program.
- 4.1.7. **Making Connections for Those with the College with Young Children:** Seria Chatters, a faculty member in EPCSE, has asked if more could be done to help faculty, staff, and students in the College with young children to make connections with one another. This seems like a good goal and is something we can pursue to help build community in the College. One idea we're exploring involves making a connection to the Children's Carnival that the Education Student Council is organizing. This will take place on April 9th in front of Chambers Building. Please spread the word and encourage participation.
- 4.1.8. **Dr. Wil De Pilar Visit:** The Education Student Council is organizing a visit to the College for Dr. Wil Del Pilar on April 7th. Dr. Del Pilar earned his doctorate degree at Penn State in our Higher Education program and is currently serving as the Deputy Secretary for Post-Secondary Education in the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- 4.1.9. **Commencement Speaker:** There has been a change in our commencement speaker this spring. Our commencement speaker will be Tom Gentzel the Executive Director of the National Schools Boards Association. Tom is a Penn State graduate and previously served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Commencement will take place on May 7th. Please encourage your colleagues to participate. We are happy to provide regalia.

5. Reports of Standing Committees

5.1. Faculty, Staff, Student Concerns (Charlie Hughes)

- 5.1.1. Comments from FC that the process of nominating is onerous and deters people from nominating.
- 5.1.2. Charles will talk with committee and Wanda Wasilko regarding potentially reviewing the nomination process and requirements.
- 5.1.3. Where to IUG students fall in the award categories?

5.2. Curricular Affairs (Gwen Lloyd) – no report

5.3. Graduate Studies and Research Policy (Mark Threeton)

5.3.1. Committee reviewed and ranked nominations for the University Graduate Fellowship, Dean's Graduate Assistantship, and the newly created College of Education STEM/Learning Science Fellowship/Assistantship.

5.4. Technology (Marcela Borge)

5.4.1. Innovation in Technology proposals were awarded to 4 faculty members.

5.4.2. Update to Technology Audit. As of Jan 2017 all new computers will not need to be encrypted. Auditors didn't like that and want all data taken off old computers. Agreement made only to remove health data from old computers to reach compliance.

5.4.3. Michael Kunit is new PSU IT Director.

6. Reports of Special and Ad-Hoc Committees

7. News from the Faculty Senate (Julia Plummer)

7.1. Senate meeting postponed until next Tuesday 3/21/17 due to inclement weather resulting in closing of university.

8. Unfinished Legislative Business

8.1. Letitia mentioned they are still trying to arrange a Town Hall to discuss "P" and "R" status and how it's affected people. Having difficulty finding a moderator.

9. New Legislative Business

10. Forensic Business

11. Comments and recommendations for the good of the College

Next Faculty Council Meeting

April 20, 2:30-4:30 PM

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