**Subject:** Agenda for Penn State York Campus Senate Meeting

**Date and Time:**  December 8, 2022, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Location: Room 3, John J. Romano Administration Building (Romano)**

**Attendees**: B. Bartell, E. Blanke, Y. Botanov, J. Burkholder, M. Coyle, J. Crivaro, B. Eshbach, A. Fetterman, S. Foster, A. Giorgioni, F. Haag, C. Heydl-Cortinez, A. Kara, F. (Andy) Landis, M. Lorenz, A. Majeske, J. Nesbitt, M. Nicholas, J. Petko, J. Price, M. Ritchey, J. Royer, H. Sarafian, A. Siddiqui, J. Siddique, N. Sloboda, K. Trout,A. Vardo-Zalik, E. Wenk, A. Caldwell, J. Livengood, K. Schwienteck, D. Christiansen, R. Farrell, H, Gumke, J. Gugino, S. Ruch, L. Service-Manzo, L. Shields, and S. Simonds.

**I. Approval of minutes from the November 1, 2022, Senate Meeting**

Motion to approve by Amber Majeske and second from Javed Siddique

**II. Communications from administration, faculty, and committees**

A. Announcements from the Chancellor, Dr. Dave Christiansen

Dr. Christiansen is still awaiting the budget from University Park, but it will likely not be higher than this year. Details about summer teaching compensation will be shared soon with a desire to increase pay when classes have higher enrollment.

B. Announcements from the DAA, Dr. Bob Farrell

Dr. Farrell reminded everyone about assignment policies at the end of the semester.

A. Kara: question about continuing fall semester commencement due to low numbers.

Dr. Farrell: Numerous people discussed the need to have student input before making decision.

Dr. Farrell provided update about regional research conference in April. Additional reminder that faculty no longer pay for supplies out of pocket and expect reimbursement. Purchases should go through academic affairs.

C. Announcements from University Senators, Dr. Jennifer Nesbitt and Joan Smeltzer

Jen Nesbitt: “Considerable consternation” from faculty University Senate about commonwealth budget model and it is a “regressive mode of operation.” University Senate is creating a report on test-optional admission and the result in student outcomes. Penn State admissions continues to monitor and calibrate for students that apply without test scores. Penn State President Neeli Bendapudi has proposed closing the law school at University Park.

Marcy Nicholas: Any talk about returning to requiring SAT?

Jen Nesbitt: No.

Marcy Nicholas: Highlighted the difficulty without tests because there is no evidence of writing ability for new students.

Ryan Service: Has heard that decision to return requiring tests for admission has been put off for a while. Similar universities are still test optional and he believes it is unlikely to come back. Perhaps there is a need to find additional methods of assessment aside from just grade-point average (GPA).

David Christiansen: Asked if we can we create a way to sort out writing ability

Robert Farrell: There have been some discussions about there are not a lot of other options outside ENGL 15.

Noel Sloboda: Discussed the need for more support (e.g., technology) to better assess writing ability of incoming students

Yevgeny. Botanov: Asked what percent of out incoming class has no test?

Ryan Service: “Vast majority.”

D. Announcements from Senate Committee Chairs

1. Brief summary of committee reports from standing committee chairs (ASIC, CAC, FAC, TLTAC)

Joel Burkholder from ASIC: Proposal for first-year seminar. Pilot is moving forward with currently ten students.

Mary Ritchie from Circular Affairs: repairs for the green house are going out for bid.

Bob Bartell from FAC: Faculty Colloquial series will resume this spring. Some faculty have already expressed interest.

Kip Trout from TLTAC: Encouraged faculty and staff to answer the questions on survey

E. Announcements from Faculty Council Representatives, Mary Ritchey and Sonia Molloy

Mary Ritchey: Still looking at diversity on campus committees. Looking for any insight or advice.

F. Announcements from Faculty

Ann Fetterman: April 23 is campus awards ceremony

Yevgeny Botanov: Faculty and staff vs students basketball game tomorrow

G. Announcement from Staff Advisory Council Chair, Jill Livengood

Dec 12 Skills Share event and looking for other people to present. Thanks to the SAC for the lovely luncheon.

H. Announcements from Staff

Joe Royer: No longer free unlimited Penn State affiliated google drive.

I. Announcements from Student Governance, Xiomara (“Mara”) Larkin

Not present

J. Announcements from Senate Chair, Bob Bartell

A spring campus senate meeting date was changed from April 25 to 27. A letter to the OVPCC was sent out and signatures will end December 12. Joan Smeltzer has been selected to represent teaching line faculty for listening sessions across campuses starting next Wednesday and will continue on a monthly basis. Please reach out to Smeltzer with feedback. Soon will have a date for the spring committee charge meeting

Anne Vardo-Zalik: She is representing tenure line faculty.

K. Announcements from Senate Chair-Elect, Amber Majeske

Please sign attendance sheet

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A.** Update on tracking clearance and training renewal due dates **–** Bob Farrell

Distinction between background checks, clearances, and trainings. Reminder to complete anything outstanding before the end of the semester.

Jen Nesbit: Question about BUILD.

Lindsay Shields: Not required but encouraged.

Barb. Eshbach: You should get a notification when anything is due.

Lindsay Shields: Recommend starting fingerprints early since it takes a while nowadays.

**IV. New Business**

none

**V. Forensic Business**

**A.** Penn State York Business Programs: Highlight of specific business majors/minors and dual degrees – Ali Kara and Megan Lorenz

Presentation for faculty about program details. Students can fulfill licensure requirement for CPA exam here at Penn State York. Penn State Harrisburg courses very similar to the courses we offer at York and have options for DLC and a shared program through Penn State Behrend. We also offer a dual degree in BSB and PSCM with no added credits. Have seen an increase in dual enrolled students.

Andy Landis: What is required for the business minor? Answered by Ali Kara.

David Christiansen: Interested in making more majors (e.g., accounting).

Discussion about misconception from students about what it takes to be an accountant.

Bob Farrell: Shared a similar example with the science major in the past.

Ali Kara: Will offer an first-year-seminar for business majors.

Jen Nesbit: Highlighted synergy between business major and English minor.

**B.** Managing Student-athletes in the classroom

Bob Bartell talked to numerous individuals and issues with student athletes will be discussed in ASIC.

Joel Burkholder: Will meet with Jeff Barkdoll to provide support and understand more details about issues with student athletes.

Bob Bartell: mentioned that Jeff Barkdoll is willing to speak to Campus Senate in the spring about any issues. He reports that there are 120 student athletes with a 3.23 average GPA.

David Christiansen: Is ASIC aware of policy on absence?

Marcy Nicholas: Do students know about their role in discussing absences with instructors, especially freshmen?

Ann Fetterman: Had a student that missed five night courses and student reported poor advising.

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion Andy Landis, second by Andrea Giorgioni. Meeting adjourned.

**VII. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Romano 003

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