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

**Date and Time:**  March 16, 2021 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Online Zoom meeting

**Attendees:** R. Bartell, Y. Botanov, J. Burkholder, W. Cantor, M. Casteel, M. Coyle, J. Crivaro, J. Downing, B. Eshbach, R. Foschia, S. Foster, G. Gawo, J. Giguere, S. Gill, A. Giorgioni, F. Haag, A. Harmon-Krtanjek,H. Hartman, C. Heydl-Cortinez,A. Kara, J. Kasten, A. Landis, M. Lorenz, M. Marcus, S. Molly May, S. Molloy, M. Muller, M. Nicholas, J. Owen, J. Petko, J. Price, H. Sarafian, A. Seidel, A. Siddiqui, J. Smeltzer, K. Trout, A. Vardo-Zalik, E. Wenk, S. Lentz, J. Pflaum, J. Royer, S. Ruch, R. Service, S. Simonds, L. Brewster, A. Caldwell, D. Christiansen, R. Farrell, H. Gumke, A. Lehman, R. Lehman, P. Bowen, and S. Shaffer.

**I. Approval of minutes from the February 25, 2021, Campus Senate Meeting**

**Approved**

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

A. Announcements from the Chancellor, Dr. Dave Christiansen

* Discussion regarding proposed experimental classroom project: Campus is considering applying for funding through the University to perform an expensive classroom upgrade. University Park would cover half the cost and York would cover the other half with carry over funds that are used for special projects like this. The plan is to create a room with moveable tables for flexible design and an environment that is rich in technology. The room would likely be MCB 206-207 with a M.S. Grumbacher Information Sciences and Technology classroom as an alternative. Several people endorse this via chat. Yevgeny Botanov points out the walls are thin, and sound carries to other classrooms. Holly Gumke – We are hiring an architect to soundproof this summer.

Amber Seidel - Requests 360 camera.

Anne Vardo-Zalik - Would this take away the classroom from a fall or spring semester?

Holly Gumke – No. It will most likely happen next summer.

Andrew Caldwell - Will soundproofing be done in offices also?

Holly Gumke - No.

Andrew Caldwell – Can hear what is going on in two offices away which is a confidentiality issue.

Holly Gumke – We were not aware of this and will look into it.

Fred Haag– Where does our money come from that we contribute? Will more outlets be added?

Dave Christiansen - Unspent dollars that we have to use for special projects. Yes, outlets will be added. Would like to work with interested parties from Campus Senate to hear what you want in the room.

* Commencement will be in person outdoors (indoors if inclement weather) on Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will be sn hour or less. Kevin Schreiber of the York County Economic Alliance (YCEA) will speak.

Joan Smeltzer: Who will be attending?

Dave Christiansen: Each student can bring up to eight guests. Families will sit in pods. Students and faculty will sit socially distanced. Stage will not seat faculty. Only two microphones will be available, so only two-three people talking.

Bill Cantor – What if it rains?

Dave Christiansen – Rain or shine.

Steve Lentz – Will we invite previous graduates who missed their graduation because of the pandemic?

Dave Christiansen - Not this time. Each campus will hold a special event at a later date.

Holly Gumke - Forthcoming information coming for faculty and staff on attending graduation. Will need to register for tickets for contact tracing.

* Suzanne Shaffer replacement: Final stage of getting deal set up to share instructional designer from another campus.

B. Announcements from the Dr. Bob Farrell, DAA

* Expecting to use classrooms at usual capacity in the fall. Will probably need to still wear masks. If conditions warrant this, the Romano 100 wing will reopen. If you would like to continue to do remote instruction, the University would like that in writing. There is also a form that will be filled out and handed in through Lindsay Shields. This will require some medical information. Requests will be seen by HR only and approved through University Park.
* Virtual Undergraduate Research fair will be Tuesday April 13. Information will be sent out by the end of the week.   
  Sukhdeep Gill - Students want to know how they will be presenting.   
  Bob Farrell and Barb Eshbach: Posters will be uploaded to Scholarsphere and the presentations will be on Zoom. Breakout rooms will be used to speak virtually with each student. Academic affairs will award $100 for each unit’s winners. Faculty from each unit will be judges.

C. Announcements from University Senators, Deirdre Folkers and Dr. Jennifer Nesbitt

D. Announcements from Senate Committee Chairs

Bob Bartell – Faculty Affairs - Faculty Colloquium Friday April 16 - Getniet Gawo and Abdul Siddiqui – “Mathematical modeling of flow in proximal tubule of kidney.”

Bill Cantor – Academic Advising Council – Advising award nominations are open. Please share this link with your students. Nominations are open until March 26. <https://york.psu.edu/faculty-staff/senate/advising-award>

Joe Kasten – ASIC will be disseminating judging rubrics and calling for judges for the research fair.

E. Announcements from Faculty Council Representatives, Drs. Joe Downing and Joy Giguere

Joy Giguere - University Senate approved revised constitution. University college level service opportunities were sent in an email. Reminder Penn State Laureate will speak this Friday at 12:15 p.m.

F. Announcements from Faculty

Barb Eschbach April 15at 12:15 p.m., Zoom retirement party for Suzanne Shaffer.

G. Announcement from Staff Advisory Council. Jane Pflaum, chair

Email coming later this week for upcoming events for remainder of March.

H. Announcements from Staff

Ryan Service-Manzo – Please make financial aid announcement in class to complete FASFA by May 1. The second Accepted Student Program (ASP) is this Friday.

Andrew Caldwell – Career Week is next week. Information was provided in an email. Please encourage attendance. Compressed advising timeline this semester, so be mindful that a flood of students will need advising.

H. Announcements from Student Governance, Khara James

I. Announcements from Senate Chair, Joan Smeltzer

Candidates for April 22 Campus Senate elections:

**Chair-Elect**: Bob Bartell

Maureen Muller-Kahle

**Secretary**: Eugene Botanov

Sonia Molloy

**Ombudsperson**: Fred Haag

Haiduke Sarafian

Noel Sloboda

Spring committee report April 16, drop box is available.

J. Announcements from Senate Chair-Elect, Dr. Anne Vardo-Zalik

**III. Unfinished Business**

**Motion from Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee**

The Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee of the York Campus Senate moves that the Constitution be amended to remove the committee from the jurisdiction of the Campus Senate.  It is proposed that a new committee be formed under the auspices of the Chancellor's Office that would have equal membership comprised of faculty, staff and students.

**Rationale:**

The charge of the Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee as outlined in the Campus Senate Constitution By-Laws is as follows:

This committee works to enhance intellectual and cultural opportunities and to develop a nurturing campus environment for all people. By addressing issues of concern to racial, ethnic, and other minority groups, the committee endeavors to make the campus more accessible to all people in the campus’ service area. The committee encourages interaction with all appropriate groups and agencies in the larger community and oversees cultural programming for the campus. The CEO and the DSES are ex officio members.

This charge statement makes clear the intent that CDE be a committee that serves and is represented by all members of the campus community. By removing the Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee as a Campus Senate standing committee and allowing for the creation of a new committee that would report to the chancellor, the intent and work of this committee will be more completely met.

**34/50 87 percent yes**

**2/50 5 percent no**

**3/50 6 percent abstain.**

**Motion Passes**

**IV. New Business**

**Motion from Curricular Affairs**

The Curricular Affairs Committee moves that the Penn State York Campus Senate express its support for the search for an FT1 faculty member in Science. Pending administrative approval, this search would be conducted immediately, with a successful candidate beginning spring 2022.

*Rationale:*

*This faculty member will teach biology courses to support a growing major at Penn State York. He or she will be responsible for teaching introductory-level major's classes and upper-division offerings in their specialty. The biology major at York has been growing strong, graduating more than 12 students each year for the past 3 years. Our biology classes also support a large number of students in the 2+2 programs (headed for Eberly or the College of Agricultural Sciences, mostly). Without this FT1 position, the campus would not be able to teach the required courses for the Biology/Science major (local adjunct pool for biology major level-classes is very limited). As the two other biology faculty (2 tenure-line) already teach full loads (overloads typical) with added research/mentoring responsibilities, the filling of this FT1 position is a must for the success of our campus’ Science degree programs.*

Megan Lorenz – This motion is being brought forward in response to a need because of retirement of Judy Owen at the end of 2021.

**Votes**

**40/50 80 percent yes  
No 0**

**1/50 2 percent**

**Motion Passes**

**V. Forensic Business**

**VI. Adjournment**

**VII. Next Meeting:** April 22, 2021, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Proposals for new business by committees must be distributed to all members at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at which they are to be discussed. Except as otherwise provided, all meeting notices and agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours in advance. Please send materials to the secretary in time for distribution.