

CAPITAL COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
October 28, 2010

**Attendees:**

*Capital College Senators:* S. Agili, N. Bayraktar, R. Gray, J. Harris, G. McGuigan, B. Ran, M. Strickland, J. Wilburne, S. Winch, D. Witwer, and S. Wolpert

*Academic Council:* G. Crawford, S. Peterson, K. Robinson, J. Shoup, C. Surra, M. Walters

*Administrators Present:* M. Kulkarni, O. Ansary

*Absent:* M. Wilson, J. Ruiz

Seth Wolpert, Faculty Senate President opened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

**A. Minutes Approval for Faculty Senate Meeting**

1. Wolpert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Witwer/Wilburne to approve the minutes as written and they were unanimously approved

**B. Minutes Approval for Academic Affairs Meeting**

None

**C. Communications to the Senate**

None

**D. Report of the Senate President**

1. Wolpert commented that he is trying to get more students involved with the committees of the Faculty Senate. We have received several names from Donna Howard in Student Activities of students that are willing to serve on committees.
2. Attendance at the Faculty Forum on October 12, 2010 was poor. Our next Faculty Forum is scheduled in February and we will have representative from University Park visiting us to share the Faculty Toolkit for International Travel. He would like to find ways to increase attendance at these forums.

**E. Comments by the Chancellor**

1. Kulkarni stated that employee benefits budget will soon be managed by each individual college/campus. The benefit package will not change. More details as they become available.
2. The Penn State Harrisburg Strategic Planning committee has not been active since July 1, 2010. Kulkarni did not want to begin anything until a new chancellor was named. He will be reinstating the committee and providing it with charges in the coming weeks.
3. Kulkarni encouraged the school directors and faculty to hire carefully. If you do a search for a candidate and you are not satisfied with the pool, don't fill the position until a suitable qualified person is available. The position will still be available if they choose to wait.

4. Kulkarni updated the group on the current road construction project. Alumni Drive has been closed and work has begun on a new road to divert trucks from traveling through campus. Once the project has been completed, Kulkarni plans to work with the warehouse company to make new arrangements.
5. Kulkarni has launched a feasibility study to consider moving all of the labs, studios, etc. from the Olmsted building to a new facility. The study will take approximately 3-4 months. Removing the lab space would open up additional classrooms and office space in the Olmsted building.

**F. Comments from the University Council Representative – S. Peterson for J. Ruiz**

1. While Dr. Peterson is not on University Council, he provided the Faculty Senate with an update of issues being addressed by the University Park Faculty Senate.
  - The Faculty Affairs committee will be issuing an informational report regarding on-line SRTE's to the Senate Council in December 2010.
  - Dr. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost, reviewed the budget numbers for the upcoming year. During the 2010-2011 budget year, Penn State received \$340 million in state funding and stimulus money. For 2011-2012 they are requesting an increase of \$24 million (for a total of \$364 million) which Penn State will not receive. Over the past several years, the amount of money that Penn State receives from the state has been greatly reduced. Additionally, 1% of all budget money allocated to each campus will need to be returned to University Park.
  - Hank Foley presented information regarding research expenditures. Penn State ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the country overall in the amount of research expenditures, which currently stands at \$780 million.
  - The University Faculty Senate has approved the offering of all minor at any campus that offers the courses for the minor.
  - The University Faculty Senate is considering updating "disciplinary communities" and renaming them "faculty communities."

**F. New Business**

None

**G. Unfinished Business**

None

**H. Legislative Reports**

None

**I. Advisory/Consultative Reports**

None

**J. New Legislative Business**

None

**M. Comments and Recommendations for the Good of the College**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate is Tuesday, November 30, 2010 in the Hanes Executive Conference Room (C300) 12:30pm.

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