

THE CAPITAL COLLEGE  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2015

**Attendees:**

*Capital College Senators Present:* E. Delozier, J. Gibbs, J. Hirt, R. Joseph, P. Kavanaugh, B. Ran, K. Sprow-Forté, P. Swan, P. Thompson, S. Yilmaz, R. Young

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

*Invited Guests:* K. Harter, H. Hosseini, P. Karethi

*Student Government Representative:* M. Cawley

*Unexcused absence:* G. Ray

Paul Thompson, Faculty Senate President, opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

Thompson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Swan/Gibbs to approve the minutes, and they were unanimously approved.

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

Thompson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015 of the Academic Affairs Committee. A motion was made by Delozier/Swan to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved.

**C. Communications to the Senate**

- Thompson was contacted by several faculty members regarding concerns with the website and marketing. They stated that the website was not being updated in a timely manner. Kulkarni was made aware of the issue.
- Safety on campus continues to be a concern. The active shooter video was presented to the school directors and schools are asked make arrangements in an emergency.
- Inclusiveness and equity on campus college campuses (such as Missouri, Yale, and Ithaca) continues to be an issue. Kulkarni stated that this is an ongoing process and people want to be treated fairly and have access to all activities. Ran stated that the International and Intercultural Affairs Committee has been discussing this issue. Cawley noted that SGA is quite diverse and that they feel included in all activities on campus. He would like to work on programming that encourages cross communication between all groups.

**D. Report of the Senate President**

- Thompson is creating an ad-hoc committee to learn about best practices that are used in each school/library. Young will lead the committee and will be recruiting members from each school. Two members of the committee will then interview

the school directors (members will be from other schools) to learn how each school operates. Young hopes to submit a report to the Academic Council and Senate by the end of January.

- Kareithi was invited to the meeting to discuss the ongoing work of the Faculty Affairs committee looking at the role of FT1's. Currently the Academic Council has completed a document to support the FT1's and that will be shared with the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- Mr. Kevin Harter, Professor of Practice, head of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship center at Penn State Harrisburg, addressed the Senate. This effort supports the PSU-wide Invent Penn State initiative to drive innovations and economic development using the intellectual capital generated at the University.. Penn State Harrisburg has many unique assets that make it an ideal place for the center; i.e. Biofuels lab, simulation lab, and close proximity to Dickinson School of Law and the College of Medicine. An Innovation Den is being created in Campus Heights, which will be the home of the Penn State Harrisburg Entrepreneur Club. Faculty are encouraged to contact Harter with any ideas or research opportunities.

**E. Comments by the Chancellor**

- President Baron will visit our campus on February 3, 2016 for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Entrepreneurship center. The community will be invited to attend as well.
- The budget impasse does not seem to be effecting our students to a large degree.
- The good news regarding the Pennsylvania budget is that we may actually get an increase in state funding this year.
- Spring 2016 enrollment numbers are higher than the same time last year.
- The Admissions Office is transitioning to LionPath for Fall 2016 admissions. There may be a lag time in communications until all of the kinks are worked out.

**F. Comments from the University Council Representative**

Wilson was attending the University Faculty Senate meeting.

**G. Unfinished Business**

None

**H. New Legislative Business**

None

**I. Legislative Reports**

None

**J. Forensic Business**

None

**K. Advisory/Consultative Reports**

None

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

- Thompson went around the table to find out if senators had any concerns.
- Joseph noted that in her morning classes, students were discussing the news of the day regarding anti-Muslim sentiments recently expressed. Faculty members are encouraged to engage with the students to have discussions on the matter and reiterate that Penn State Harrisburg does share any anti-Muslim sentiments.
- The student meeting on the Campus Climate Assessment will be held on February 3, 2016.
- Yilmaz expressed concerns regarding students not following academic integrity. Faculty are encouraged to review AI throughout the semester and to report concerns to the necessary channels.

A motion to adjourn was made by Swan/Young at 12:50 and was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Capital College Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in C300 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.