

CAPITAL COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
March 22, 2011

**Attendees:**

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

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

*Absent:* J. Harris, G. McGuigan J. Ruiz

Seth Wolpert, Faculty Senate President opened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

**A. New Business**

Dr. John Hoh, Director of the Penn State Harrisburg Information Technology Department presented information on Zimbra, which will replace the current Oracle calendaring system. University Park has been in discussions over this issue for the past 6 years and due to the contract with Oracle expiring and that fact that the Oracle product is no longer supported; it is time to make changes.

- Currently all Webmail is housed on servers at University Park. If you use Outlook or other mail applications, you are only able to save your information to your C: drive. Outlook does not interface well with Oracle.
- The Zimbra calendar is similar to a G-Mail application in that all mail and your calendar will be web based. This will allow accessibility from anywhere, on any platform.
- If you choose not to use the Zimbra mail, you will still be able to use Outlook and it interfaces well with the Zimbra calendar.
- Zimbra is cheaper than Oracle.
- There will be no mail storage on you PC, everything will be stored at University Park, making it easier to restore your mail applications in case there is a problem and your computer crashes.
- For more information on Zimbra visit [www.zimbra.com](http://www.zimbra.com).
- The Zimbra application also integrates well with smartphones, allowing better access to mail.
- Everything will move to the ACCESS network. All systems will have the same user name and password. Penn State Harrisburg will not have to maintain passwords.
- To begin the process, IT is making changes behind the scenes so that when University Park is ready to move forward, we will be ready as well. Our IT department is going to begin moving forward within the next few weeks in their department, and the Chancellor's office will do so as well.
- Goals for this switch: true solutions for backups; create a consistent environment (same computer information on your office computer or in the classroom); and will help the IT department to rebuild your machine on the spot in case of a crash.
- Key benefits for network storage: no money needs to be spent for desktop backup storage: no loss of data; no downtime if you need to use another computer (you can access your information anywhere).
- The end result: we hope to have PS Harrisburg on board by Summer 2011 (before the roll out to all the campuses); greatly improved web client; better integration of Outlook and

mobile devices; consistent look and feel on all computers; peace of mind backups; one user password; better IT service when you need it most. Hoh also mentioned some additional IT improvements that have occurred throughout campus. In the Library the Media Commons has been moved and a presentation room and a collaboration room has been set up. They also hope to have a video production room set up over the summer

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

1. Wolpert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Ran/Winch to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved

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

1. Wolpert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2011 Academic Affairs meeting. A motion was made by Witwer/Winch to approve the minutes and they were unanimously approved.

**D. Communications to the Senate**

1. Wolpert has been in contact with Carol McGuiggan and she has been charged with leading the assessment that each school needs to do for Middle Schools Accreditation. It was recommended that a member of the Faculty Senate serve on this committee (which already has a member from each school appointed to it) to provide input. Possibly have the President Elect serve in this capacity. McGuiggan will be invited to future meetings to discuss the project.

**E. Report of the Senate President**

Wolpert provided a brief update on his communication with the writing committee. He is still trying to meet with all parties to get the matter resolved.

**F. Comments by the Chancellor**

1. Kulkarni stated that we are now aware of the cuts the Governor wants to make to the higher education budget. The Governor plans to cut funding to Penn State by 52.4%, and we will receive only \$165 million for the 2011-2012 budget year.
2. Kulkarni wants to make sure that there are minimal negative effects on faculty, staff and students. He has met with School Directors and administrative unit heads and presented them with the budget picture. Wants to be open and transparent.
3. Penn State wants to be a good steward and work with the state to balance the budget and PSU realizes that we need to make cuts. The state has a deficit of \$4 billion. The governor is cutting the total budget by 3-4%, while higher education is taking a 50% cut.
4. In the past Penn State has received: 2009/10 \$364 million, 2010/11 \$347 million and proposed 2011/12 \$165 million. The Penn State allocation over the past 10 years has been pretty much flat. Of the four state related universities, Penn State receives the lowest cost allocation per student.
5. Of the 50 largest state funded research colleges in the nation, we are 49<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in the amount of state allocation per student.
6. Currently, the state allocation is 8% of Penn State's total budget. With the cuts it will be 4%.

7. The total budget can be deceiving, since it includes self-sustaining areas such as Housing & Food and Athletics. They do not receive any money from the University. On the educational side of the budget, the state support is much more.
8. The budget is a process. Submitted by the governor, it must now pass the Legislature. The actual allocation may be different.
9. The University must work together. All campuses must provide support to each other. Long term spending projects will be entered into cautiously. University Park and Altoona are already planning to suspend all long term construction projects. We are unsure if we are going to suspend any of our projects.
10. We do need to belt tighten on our campus. Kulkarni prefers to keep untouched our core mission of education, research and service to the outside community. We will be cutting unnecessary expenses.
11. Kulkarni also asked faculty and staff to be aware of how they present themselves to the outside world, since they are representatives of Penn State University.
12. Need to remind the outside world the contributions that higher education provides.

**G. Comments from the University Council Representative – J. Ruiz**

Ruiz was not able to attend the University Park Faculty Senate Meeting – therefore he did not have a report.

**H. Forensic Business**

None

**I. New Business**

None

**J. Unfinished Business**

None

**K. Legislative Reports**

None

**L. Advisory/Consultative Reports**

None

**M. New Legislative Business**

None

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

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 2:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate will be a joint meeting with the Academic Council on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in the Hanes Executive Conference Room (C300) 12:30pm.

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