

MAFS Minutes December 9,2016

Agenda Item	Notes
Meeting called to order 12:20	Chair Ermek Nurkhaidarov called meeting to order at 12:20pm
Career Closet Update	<p>Patty Gochenauer presented a summary and overview of the Career Closet Event that took place 11/1/16 – 11/3/16. This project was influenced by Patty’s connection to the 1130 Network; a community of young professionals that support and encourage the development of activities for young professionals. The closet garnered over 900+ items that were available, free, to PSU MA students. Over 430 items were claimed as a result of the 108 student visits to the closet over the three-day period.</p> <p>Further supporting this event was the efforts of Deb Mirdamadi who provided a ‘Sewing Survival’ workshop on 11/3/16 from 5:00 – 6:30; an activity that was much appreciated by the students. Patty reported that of the items that remained unclaimed 200 were donated to New Hope Ministries and about 250 were retained for a yet-unscheduled reprise of the Career Closet (tentatively fall of 2017).</p> <p>Of the post-presentation discussion; all was favorable, most appreciative and very supportive of Patty, and her ‘helpers’ to continue this event next year.</p>
Library Update	<p>Lisa White from PSU MA Library provided an extensive update regarding the changes that have occurred to the library website, guidance for successful navigation with the recent changes as well as an update on current valuable library resources. A discussion ensued regarding the affordances and constraints of ‘Lion Search’ and ‘the Cat’. It appears that user preference may dictate which is most useful.</p> <p>Course reserves can be easily managed by Andrea Pritt. Faculty is encouraged to work with Andrea to have course reserve linked to modules in Canvas.</p> <p>Lisa offered that she accepting submissions for textbook requests (larger such texts rather than smaller) as a way of allowing the students to have easier access to these ever more expensive resources.</p> <p>The library’s seminar room has been remodeled, has received much favorable feedback and is available to faculty for any number of activities. It will comfortably seat up to 16 individuals.</p> <p>Faculty might find it useful to avail themselves of: the library scanner which has numerous helpful features, free 3-D printing (coordinating through MA and UP libraries), Scholar Sphere (a cloud based system for file storage found under the “Research tab”) and the ‘Ask a Librarian’ resource which is monitored virtually around the clock assuring timely replies.</p> <p>Lisa notes that the new full time hires, to the PSU library system, reflect a change in the way libraries and librarians are viewed and being used. For example, more emphasis is now being placed on open education resources (such as the Indigenous Knowledge, open sourced PSU journal), and the increased use of various technologies.</p> <p>Lisa concluded with 1) A call for requests for library resources (she has about \$16,000 left in her budget that needs to be spent by 3/15/17) 2) Feedback regarding the possibility of</p>

	creating a space in the library for 3-D printers, LittleBits or a station for the use of sew-able circuitry.
University Faculty Senate Report	<p>Jackie Schwab provided a summary that included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a notable increase in the role of Risk Management in campus-related decisions and discussions. 2. Health claim costs this year were significantly increased for a variety of reasons 3. The PSU contract with Highmark terminates next year; alternative third party administrator options are being investigated. 4. There is increased focus regarding the quality of on-line courses. Investigations into this matter are occurring at UP as well as PSU MA. At the January MAFS meeting, the MA Academic Affairs committee will share their findings. 5. Some colleges within the university are not accepting major courses taught at commonwealth campuses: This was not received well by MAFS attendees. Mike Doncheski directed that, if a faculty member becomes aware of such a student situation, that faculty member is to contact him directly. He has been successful resolving such issues. 6. For further and full updates including the minutes and reports from University Faculty Senate: http://senate.psu.edu/seators/agendas-records/december-6-2016-agenda 7. Jacki also provided links to
Committee Updates	<p>Academic Affairs: Will report their findings, as noted above, at January MAFS meeting</p> <p>Campus Planning: Please refer to the emails from Grace Rockwell for up to date committee minutes. Approved was a new full time athletic trainer to take the place of having two-part time trainers. The campus strategic plan is being reviewed. The issue of the upcoming psychology degree major is on the agenda for next week as is CE staffing.</p> <p>Curricular Affairs: Report notes that the Psychology Major has been approved; there is now a group meeting to discuss the General Education courses and the linking of courses. Ling Hao offered that he will be emailing the faculty list serve a follow-up email that will clarify some of the issues he noted in his last email.</p> <p>Faculty Affairs: PDF/TSF: David Seitz reported that there is approximately \$9000.00 left, but he will have the exact figure during January MAFS meeting.</p> <p>IT: To report at January MAFS</p> <p>Diversity Committee: No changes since last update during November MAFS</p> <p>Athletics Committee: Brian Sensenig reported that the Appreciation Night went well; a good time was had by all attendees. Planning for the next such event is underway, but he is not sure if it will occur this spring. Nonetheless, the possibility does exist that this type of event will be repeated for an outdoor sport this spring. A suggestion was made by Somjit Barat that live music being included during the next Appreciation Night.</p> <p>Brian also invited any faculty member who is in attendance of a PSU MA basketball game to join him at the stats-table. He could use, and would appreciate, the help (he notes that the helper's role would be simple)</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Deb Mirdamadi voiced two concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That PSU at UP is tardiness in responding to applications may be costing the commonwealth campus to lose potential students as competitor colleges and universities are offering students acceptance letters much sooner than PSU. 2. The unexpected decision at UP to make PSU MA wait a year for the funding that MA had anticipated (following the recent retirement buy-out program) has put MA in an awkward position. If MA "proves we can do without the money; we won't ever get the money".

Spring 2017 MAFS Reminder	Location: ST 204 Time: 12:20 – 1:10 Dates: 1/25 (Wed). 2/22 (Wed). 3/20 (Mon). 4/24 (Mon).
Meeting adjourned	1:10 pm
** Links for further information regarding today's MAFS meeting	<p>Jacki Schwab provided the following post-MAFS meeting reminders and links.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mont Alto library webpage https://libraries.psu.edu/montalto is no longer linked on the campus homepage. Mont Alto webpage links to the main library site https://libraries.psu.edu/ 2. For more information regarding: the linking and uploading electronic library reserves into Canvas; for having an embedded librarian on a Canvas course and for more information regarding the Major-specific topic guides that are being updated (currently Nursing, PT, OT and Forestry are linked on the Mont Alto library home page) go to: https://libraries.psu.edu/guides/subject 3. The Library Video resource page: http://guides.libraries.psu.edu/videoresources 4. Scholarsphere https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/ for uploading articles and presentations. 5. Regarding the funds for books and streaming video material as well as 3D printing, Littlebits and other electronic tools mentioned by Lisa: See http://makercommons.psu.edu/ & http://makercommons.psu.edu/technologies/invention-studio/ <p>(Please let Lisa know if you are interested in such items and services)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. To view photos of the Student Appreciation event Nov 29, 2016: https://www.flickr.com/photos/116392060@N03/sets/72157673357420414 7. Patty Gochenauer's photos of the Career Closet event: the link to the story by Deb Collins: http://montalto.psu.edu/story/1485/2016/11/02/career-closet-provides-professional-attire-mont-alto-students