

MAFS Executive Board Meeting 03/15/2019
Conklin 105 12:35 – 1:10 pm

Call to order

Dr. A could not attend; Linghao has a Friday class
Susan attending via phone

Approval of Minutes (02/15/2019 & 11/30/2018)

February: Motion made to approve & seconded
November: Motion made to approve & seconded

Updates:

- Special Meeting for Constitution: Invitations sent (Faculty, Administrators and Students so designated for voting); room reserved.
 - Wed., March 20th during Common Hour
 - Another clarification e-mail will be coming out (voting process) & will include Zoom link
 - If discussion goes well, then vote to approve will happen after March 27th meeting
 - Zoom link-> will be same link as usual
 - Committee has worked hard and is ready to be done with the process, but we need to make sure that everyone is comfortable with the changes
 - Keep in mind that additional changes can be made if needed, say if something arises even after a year or so
- Campus Retreat Follow-up
 - Big & Bold Idea came up: People don't know where Mont Alto is, even locally
 - 4 campuses have changed their names fairly recently (for marketing purposes):
 - Ogansk to Abington, Scranton, Brandywine...
 - One concern: Past Alums who donate might not be comfortable with a name change...
 - Hoping for Dr. A's thoughts on the situation
 - Worth a discussion & at least thinking about it
 - Tabled for next meeting to get Dr. A's thoughts
- Alternative opening times
 - Lauraine's Feb 23rd e-mail (sent to Executive Board): objecting about new possible start times of 2 & 4 pm due to probable confusion
 - Could the 6 am message say morning classes cancelled and check back at a specific time about opening at 4 pm?
 - Con: Could be in limbo a bit not knowing what is going to happen
 - Study for that test? Finish that paper? Will class actually happen?
 - Pro: Evening classes that meet only once a week lose a full week of classes
 - > frustrating when conditions clear up...
 - Problem: Even when main roads are clear, some students still have challenges getting in
 - Safety must come first, but what do you do if only half the class is there?
 - Maybe both 2 pm and 4 pm are confusing...
 - Maybe just 4 pm for evening classes that only meet once a week?
 - What about staff for opening at 4 pm? Do they come in for just one hour?
 - Is this something that should be discussed at MAFS- to get more faculty perspectives
 - or should it be discussed amongst smaller groups?
 - To be continued with Dr. A's input...

- Exec committee election process review
 - Hanafiah & Peter will both be leaving the board, but Hanafiah is an extra member this year
 - Only need one new Executive Member for next year
 - Susan & Kim -> still one more year
 - Announcement will be added to March 27 Agenda
- Proposed MAFS Meeting Agenda for March 27. NOTE: Based on outcome of March 20th Meeting:
 - May try to end by 1:00 so a vote regarding the Constitution can occur and be concluded by 1:10.

MAFS Meeting Agenda for March 27:

- Call to Order
- Approval of February Minutes
- UFS Update
- Committee Updates:
 - Faculty Affairs: Linghao (PDF)
 - Probably IT Committee...
- Speakers:
 - Anne Miller (10 minutes or less)
 - Diane Chamberlin: Enrollment and Town Hall Update
 - Pending: Julie Guistwite: New course and certificate (5 course sequence)
 - Creating some new classes, including two linked courses
 - Marketing it very heavily- on and off campus
 - Should it be run by Curricular Affairs first? Will need consultation across campuses...
 - Perhaps 5 min to present and then charge Curricular Affairs to review?
 - > both the courses and the certificate
- Campus Updates:
 - Career Services
- Open
- Adjournment
- Possibly a quick vote to adopt new Constitution & other documents
- Open
 - Student Insurance: Curtis should send out information about insurance to students
 - Mike will send an e-mail to all faculty soon
 - Academic Festival: 37 proposals so far, but deadline is 11:59 p.m. tonight
 - "Questions for the Dean" available elsewhere within PSU
 - Should we have something like "Questions for the Chancellor"?
 - Anonymous questions sent to chair and then chair forwards to the dean/chancellor
 - Tom might try it next year
 - Can't hurt to try it and see if anyone uses it (like Zoom for meetings)
 - Perhaps filter some of the questions...
- Adjournment

Next Exec Committee meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019