

MAFS Executive Board Meeting 04/15/2019
Conklin Room 105 12:20 – 1:10 pm

Call to order: Everyone present!

Approval of Minutes (03/15/2019)

Tom moved to accept the minutes & Peter seconded

Old business and updates:

- MAFS Constitution Status

With Annie at UP for review; will look at all three parts and get back to us (Dan & Tom)

Requested original version, marked versions, and clean copy

Seems popular -> accepted quickly

Will be nice to be able to change some things more easily in the future

- Election Results:

- P&T election: Peter Dendle (Jennifer Reilly is the alternate)

- Non-tenure election: Robin Yaure

- MAFS Executive Committee: Jacob Sawyer

New business:

- Alternative opening times?

Still under discussion: one day classes were cancelled the whole day, but weather cleared by 2 pm (evening classes could have occurred)

Close until a specific time then reassess?

DAA Meeting discussion: shared courses

If Behrend closes, what about students in shared courses at another campus?

How many shared courses do we have with other campuses?

- Always some from UP -> If we close & UP does not, should MA students need to log in?

Should investigate how many of our courses are shared with other campuses

Difficult to have conversations about other campuses...

Should discuss more and revisit in August when we return

Concern: We don't want too many options to confuse students

What about communicating a decision the day before?

Can be difficult to make a call -> useful to have information (radar clips...) the day of

Do instructors have the authority to require students to meet online if classes are cancelled?

Syllabus statements/communication are important

Encourage faculty to post some material for students to work on?

That is difficult in some classes (labs, performances, exams...)

4 pm start time -> How does that impact staff?

Just keep offices closed (unreasonable for staff to come in for one hour)

Helpful for evening classes that only meet once a week, though

- Campus identification follow-up:

One idea from Jan retreat: "Mont Alto" recognition- should we consider a name change?

People nearby (Chambersburg, Gettysburg...) don't know where we are

Scranton, Greater Allegheny... Several PSU campuses have had name changes.

What would we be called? South Central? Franklin County? Mason-Dixon? Appalachia?

Typically the decision to change a campus name comes from higher up in Penn State

Why? To help people who are local know where we are
Would require so much research to come up with a good new name
Mont Alto was originally Funkstown...
People in Waynesboro relate more with Mont Alto than Chambersburg (Wilson: their college)
More discussion at Diane's Recruitment/Retainment session
Could it be on Zoom? Possibly...
Could there be some summary? (For anyone who can't be there...)

- Faculty Awards Committee

Feedback about Sunday Awards Ceremony
Presenters were requested not to talk about award winners; some ignored the request...
It was frustrating for the students who had nothing said about them.
Prioritizing the Awards? Sorting by Presenter?
(prevent back & forth and so much reading of who was presenting which award)
Mike plans to ask MAFS for feedback in general
~3/4 of the awards were picked up -> improvement from past years
Ice cream was nice
Should SGA president present the SGA advising award? (Has happened in the past...)
Should a faculty member (a past winner?) present the faculty teaching award?
(Has also happened in the past...)
Who coordinates the event? Staff in academic & student affairs puts it together
Curtis asked about two separate events?
The script had some issues...
Maybe a small group should be formed to discuss improvements

- Faculty social-technology Committee

Robin: Instagram for faculty at Mont Alto?
Share with colleagues at other campuses?
Involve PR department?
What if social media isn't being used for PR?
Even if not planning for it to be PR, it might still end up being PR...
Mock press interviews for PSU campus Chancellors
-> something that a student says can reflect on the whole campus
-> We need to be careful about posting something that could get us in trouble...
Maybe a discussion with Staci & Curtis...
Kira maintains social media accounts for Honors program

- Death and Dying course / certificate proposal update

Proposal is with Curricular Affairs- will share info at next MAFS meeting

- 'Speaker management' reflection

Dan has been trying to streamline things for MAFS meetings- single PowerPoint
Very few times that someone has declined to share slides ahead of time
Joking about having a timer to try to keep speakers on time, but evidently someone used a timer in the past?
Set expectations-> certain amount of time, then share some information via e-mail
Chair sits down when speaker starts, then gets up when time is running out
You have another minute... Then walk up and stand by the speaker...

Can be very individualized

Chair needs to be flexible, though -> good discussions are very important

Having slides ahead of time is very helpful

Working Agenda for MAFS 4/24/19:

- Updates:

- Welcome for Jacob Sawyer to MAFS Executive committee.

- University Faculty Senator's Report

- Committee Reports: IT. CA.

Some reminder about Committee Reports to secretary (as described in the MAFS

Constitution)

- Speakers:

- Enrollment Update: Diane

Probably try to have Diane give an update at least once a semester-> perhaps September

- Student Affairs Update: Curtis

- Campus Activity Reminders and Updates:

- OPEN

- ADJOURNMENT

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