

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – Sept 15, 2017 (12:20 p.m. – 1:06 p.m.)

Chair Hanafiah Harvey called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and requested that the presenters aim for ~6 minutes per item.

1. Approval of August 17, 2016 MAFS meeting minutes

The minutes were approved and seconded.

2. MAFS: MAFS executive secretary and MAFS chair-elect – Hanafiah Harvey

Kim Herrmann is the new secretary and we are in the process of selecting the new MAFS chair-elect: either Dan Dandy or Susan Graf.

Please vote in Canvas by Sunday, Sept. 17th

Hopefully the chair-elect will be announced on Monday, Sept. 18th.

3. MAFS attendance and familiarity with MAFS Constitution – Hanafiah Harvey

Last week the Executive Board Meeting had a discussion about attendance at MAFS meetings. We are all busy, so attendance can be difficult, but the MAFS Constitution includes:

It is the duty of all members to:

A. attend all regularly scheduled and special meetings;

B. advise the Executive Board of matters that need to be brought to the attention of the membership; and

C. report to the Executive Board concerns that will aid it in its work with the administration in promoting administrative effectiveness and responsiveness.

Consequently, the basic idea is: *Please come to MAFS meetings & participate- we need feedback!* Of course, this plea at the meeting is like preaching to the choir. Do we need donuts as enticement? Funding might be an issue...

The Executive Board also discussed familiarity with the MAFS Constitution (see the link at <http://sites.psu.edu/mafs/documents/>). The Constitution tells us what we as faculty need to do vs. what administration is expected to do. We do not want to violate the Constitution. It's a learning process for all of us, but please do read through the Constitution.

4. 2017 Scholarship Social (Friday, October 13th) – Randall Ackerman

Randall came from the development office to ask for help in encouraging students to RSVP and attend the upcoming Scholarship Social, which is typically one of the largest events on campus each year (second only to graduation). The numbers of donors and students who have been attending have been decreasing in recent years, so the format will be new this year with fewer speakers. The aim is for a giant mixer so students can network with donors as well as successful PSU alums. The Chorale will still be singing and there will still be tables to connect students with their benefactors and one student testimonial. (Know of any especially articulate students? Randall would appreciate recommendations for a student speaker.) One difference is that parents are not invited this year because there will be hors d'oeuvres and the funding will be tight as it is for donors and students.

Randall is not allowed to share the list of scholarship recipients, but since students do not reply to e-mails very well, he is asking us to make some general announcements in class next week about the importance of scholarship recipients attending the social (and RSVPing). Almost 400 students on campus are scholarship recipients, so this is an important event to thank the donors. Hopefully the food and possible networking will entice the students to attend. If you decide to offer any extra credit, please keep in mind that the event is by invitation only.

5. Athletics website – Frank Maira (fzm26@psu.edu)

Frank presented some PowerPoint slides about Mont Alto Athletics, starting with some introductions (Staci Brennan, Frank Maira, Kaila Moseley, Kim Leshner, Dr. Tucker). He highlighted some 2016-17 Athletic Successes (including 3 PSUAC Conference Championships) and two Academic Eligibility Charts (Minimum numbers of credits required and Minimum GPA- both change with semester standing) for all PSU Commonwealth Campuses. He shared some information from the Student-Athlete Handbook, including the Code of Conduct, and pointed out that the athletics support team members are trying very hard to emphasize the “student” part of student-athlete. Please check out the Athletics Website (www.psumontaltoathletics.com) for the most up-to-date schedule as well as Social Media (facebook, twitter, & instagram) for regular stories and athlete highlights. If you have any requests or suggestions, let Frank know. He will try to send out e-mails about changes in sports schedules and please be on the lookout for student athlete forms.

6. Phone system migration – Douglas E. Prowant

Doug came to provide an update on upcoming changes to all the campus phones (and brought Anthony Ogburn along “to field any difficult questions”). The weekend before Thanksgiving, all our “lovely 1980’s phones” will be replaced with new phones with speakers and caller ID displays (numbers only). Four digit dialing will still work for on campus, but we will need to dial 8 (instead of 9) to get an outside number. No codes will be needed for long distance calls. We should be able to select different ringing patterns and voicemail will be new, even with e-mail notifications of phone messages. Look for some training (complete with an example new phone) in early to mid November.

7. Workshop or training from <http://itld.psu.edu/> : Jackie Schwab (sen@psu.edu)

Jackie would like to gauge the interest level in asking IT Learning and Development to bring some existing technology workshops to Mont Alto. Someone from UP is willing to present at Mont Alto as long as at least 5 people plan to attend the workshop. Please check out the many possible workshops (<http://itld.psu.edu/find-training>) and let Jackie know if you are interested in specific topics.

8. Campus Theme Update – Dan Dandy (djd139@psu.edu)

If you have anything (classroom or campus activities) related to the campus theme (*Reflect, Engage, Act*) that you would like to share, e-mail Dan and he will post campus theme activities to <https://sites.psu.edu/montaltotheme/>. Dan will also provide e-mail headlines each month (or more frequently, if needed) with a link to the page.

9. Report from University Faculty Senate – Renee Borromeo, Peter Dendle, Peter Linehan

Many topics are currently under consideration by the UFS, including: health benefits (microsite is open with many FAQs), fraternity/Greek life at UP, the numbers of full professors at various campuses, non-tenure line promotion & recurring one year contracts, and the smoking/tobacco-free task force. Look for a report from Peter Dendle soon and let Renee or either Peter know if there is anything you want to be conveyed to the Faculty Senate.

10. Additional announcements

- Dan Dandy will be giving a talk during next Friday’s common hour on “Fall Prevention”
- Contact Craig Houghton (cth2@psu.edu) if you are interested in joining the Sustainability Committee (or at least attending the first meeting)
- Monday will be the first Symposium “What are the Limits on Freedom of Speech?”

Next MAFS Meeting: Wed., Oct. 18th, 12:20 – 1:10 p.m. in ST204

Special MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – Sept 15, 2017

Special Meeting for Constitutional Change to establish a new non-tenure line promotion committee

Paul Bart led a very brief discussion to make a change to the MAFS Constitution, effective this semester. Every Penn State campus will need a Promotion Committee for non-tenure line faculty, so the new committee will be The Penn State Mont Alto Non-Tenure Faculty Promotion Committee. Since college-level guidelines are in flux right now, our guidelines will only be temporary until the college-level guidelines are solidified.

Jim Donovan moved to approve the motion, Linghao Zhong seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous- 28 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.