

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – April 25, 2018 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

1. Approval of March 30, 2018 MAFS meeting minutes: Kendra approved and Craig seconded.

2. Fall 2018 new members election

a. Ombudsman: Linghao, with Hanafiah as alternate

3. Students’ admission and enrollment updates: Diane Chamberlin

Admissions use several sets of data to plan for recruitment, including looking at our current students (who is here and who is not) to attract future students. One data set is the Admissions Funnel SU18, an Excel file that provides a snapshot that can be used to determine where to go for recruitment.

	2018	2017		2018	2017
offered = in offered status	244	274	denied (perhaps for specific major)	61	66
app in review/incomplete	95	102	app withdrawn/expired	29	32
paid/matriculated	179	186	total	608	660

The admissions office continues to accept offers and work with students throughout summer, but Nursing, OT, and PTA have a May 1st deadline. The above information was for first choice MA or referral from another campus. Sometimes also first choice was UP, but students might have chosen to come to Mont Alto instead.

Diane and Dr. A presented several other documents, including stretch goals in the “Actual Application Funnel & Enrollment to Goals (2014-2018),” “Mont Alto Enrolled SP18,” and “Campus Census Enrollment Comparison” (2010-2017). Mont Alto stabilized in 2016, but not all PSU campuses did (example: Hazelton). A general dip in enrollment started around 2010 and Harrisburg is the only campus with more students in 2017 than in 2010. Only three campuses have increased enrollment since last year and Schuylkill is down by 41%. The 1+3 program was in Fall 2016, along with LionPATH coming online. Currently, most NDGR students are actually on campus.

Some discussion followed about ETC (Early To College) students. ETC enrollment has increased significantly; James Buchanan HS is still strong, Carlisle is in 50s-60s, but Cumberland Valley is not continuing. Peter Dendle wondered if 8 am is an especially good time for ETC students since his 8 am classes often have many ETC students. John Henry confirmed that MWF morning classes frequently work well for ETC students. Diane shared that of 106 HS seniors in ETC this past year (Fall & Spring), 35 (33%) did apply to (& enroll in) MA specifically. Note that ETC students never take an online course their first semester.

Additional information that was covered included: 1380 students is our capacity on campus at Mont Alto; we were at 61% capacity as of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Diane invited program leaders to talk with her if any numbers looked low. Lauraine pointed out that some students in PT or OT plan on continuing in Letters, Arts, and Sciences. Someone asked if UP enrollment slipped in the same way. While they have had some challenges, their ability to over offer helps them (and led to the 1+3 situation). Brandywine is the only Commonwealth Campus with enrollment above 1000.

Several questions were discussed:

1. *What does this mean and how are things going to change?*

Decreased enrollment is partly due to a declining high school population and economic difficulties, including a recent loss of 5 million homes. Many college students are choosing to go to Canada, the UK, or Australia. However, census data indicate that Chambersburg, Gettysburg, Greencastle, and Waynesboro are expected to grow by 2025. Another factor is that several states are starting to offer community college tuition for low income families. Pennsylvania ranks #48 for support per student. However, Pittsburg is offering \$5,000 to any student to go to college and will give \$1,000 per semester for housing at MA and other colleges.

2. *Are we keeping faculty for capacity?*

It was Dr. A's decision to keep the same faculty, although not all campuses have. The voluntary retirement program should help.

Lastly, Diane made an appeal to all the faculty: *Please check out your online faculty profiles and consider fleshing yours out if there is very little (or nothing) there!* Most prospective students make first contact to a university through a website and our websites have many buttons that say "Meet the Faculty," but then there is often very little or no information available. Debra Collins has been working on the photos and Staci Grimes can help you with getting text to show up for Biography, Research Interests, Publications, and Education. If you enter information in Digital Measures, Staci can then activate synching. (See MAFS minutes from April & November 2017 for more information.)

4. Advising Survey: Mike Doncheski

Some concerns were raised at the last Executive Meeting about the Advising Survey, which was revised since last year. The short survey was eliminated, but we are still using one (SRTE-like) long advising survey at the end of each semester. Mike has been giving faculty members a summary of personal results at FAR meetings, but otherwise most faculty have not seen the survey. Some global results are: (1) faculty advising is going well (90+% success rate) with only a few faculty advisors with any red flags and (2) there have only been 16 or so very unhappy students responding, which is good considering that generally unhappy students would complete surveys the most. These advising surveys are not coming from UP, but UP DUS is doing something similar, so this advising survey might spread. Some concern was voiced about tenure track faculty being evaluated via this advising survey, however tenure review has always included some advising and teaching surveys. (However, LionPATH has made it difficult to get mailing addresses.) Look for the advising survey as an e-mail from Mike (but please don't submit any!).

5. Supplemental contract and FT1 process: Mike Doncheski

Although there were serious WorkDay hiccups, it looks like we will be continuing what we have done in the past and other campuses will be following our lead. One question remains about whether or not a spreadsheet with monthly dispersions will be sent out. Some summer courses might not run due to low enrollment. Summer pay is still tricky; although courses might finish in May, faculty won't be paid until the end of June because WorkDay can't overlap contracts between spring semester ending in May and May summer courses. There was a question about the possibility of multi-year contracts, but that is related to keeping everyone even though student enrollment isn't where it should be.

6. Academic Affairs Committee- Vote for Approval of Online Course Review: Linghao Zhong

After a brief discussion of what constitutes a troubled class (SRTE feedback or students approaching Mike...), there was a motion to approve all parts of the Online Course Review process. There were 18 votes to approve, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

7. MAFS voting procedures- Kira Hamman -> rescheduled for next semester due to a lack of time

8. New Student Orientation: Kendra Wolgast

Something seems to be missing at NSO, namely: what do faculty expect from students the first week or in general? There was general agreement that something along these lines should be added, so see Kendra's e-mail from April 26<sup>th</sup> for more information.

9. MAFS Committee updates -> ran out of time

10. University Faculty Senators' report: Renee Borrromeo /Peter Dendle/Peter Linehan -> no time