

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – Jan. 30, 2019 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

Call to order & Approval of December 2018 Minutes (posted on sites page)

- Robin moved to approve and Jacob seconded... Many aye's in favor and no nay's
- Had a quorum (thanks to Ed for checking)

PSMA Campus Retreat Update (Monday, Jan. 21, 2019): Dr. A.

- Sent two e-mails the next day to give an overview and to thank everyone who attended
- Good topic for 1st campus-wide retreat: Recruitment & Retention
- Appreciate "buy-in" because it takes a whole campus -> not just admissions
- Very positive results from survey: 94.5% felt productive day, 98.2% felt appropriate topic to discuss
- Some folks sat on the fence on some survey questions...
- Shared data on our campus & about students who leave us
 - Big surprise: Most students who leave us are doing *well* (not flunking, not financial holds...)
 - Maybe it's a cost issue; don't want to *get* into a financial problem
- Some next steps: follow-through with strategic planning
 - Many ideas -> isolating all unique ideas in a document, tagging ideas suggested multiple times
 - Updates for advisory board, staff senate, faculty senate, policy & planning...
 - Set up a common hour to share the key presentations again? If there is interest
 - RSVP to Grace -> look for an e-mail to see if there is interest
- Yearly assessment as well

UFS Election Results: Renee

- Thanks to everyone who ran -> good to have a selection!

University Faculty Senators Report: Renee, Jacob, and Peter

- See e-mail from 1/29, but mistake: don't take a breather year after making *Associate* Professor
- Advising Policy handout: focus on what a good advisor is, advisor & student responsibilities
 - Some exploration of differences between advising at various campuses
 - Biggest change: strong emphasis on entering advising notes (Starfish)
 - No teeth, no punishment currently, but current discussion is a start
 - Each campus is in charge of local advising; Some discussion on how advising is part of P&T

Committee Reports:

– IT Committee: Robin

- MADE Presentation on Office 365: 25 signed up, very fast and broad overview
- Office 365 Follow-up: possibly another one on Teams
 - Let any IT committee member know of interest in another app
 - Need at least 10 to sign up to bring someone from UP, fewer for a Zoom session
- Faculty IT Needs Survey -> coming soon, a "fishing" expedition
- Podium Labels -> New! Reminders to log out, phone number for IT help...
 - Keep in mind that A17 key opens all the podium locks
 - Set to time out at a certain time?
 - Should be 2 hr time out, but our IT dept is losing control over many aspects
 - For specific classrooms: IT help
 - Seems to be *many* classrooms (screen lock after 10 minutes) -> Doug will look into it
 - Logging into campus computers is taking a *long* time -> Doug will look into it
 - Don't hesitate to share this information!
- <http://lynda.psu.edu>: Training for just about anything: Office 365, Canvas...
 - Beginner, Intermediate, Learning Paths, Courses, Videos...
- New link in MAFS Canvas group; Note that students have access to it as well

- Campus Planning: Renee
 - Been working on Strategic Plan (1-7), still have 5-7 to discuss
 - Are faculty really aware of Strategic Plan? -> Handing out bookmarks
 - These numbers add up and make a difference!
- Diversity: Stephanie
 - Buddhist Culture Day: 1/10/19
 - 3 activities throughout the day; Good turnout: thanks for encouraging students to attend!
 - 17 students attended movie & stayed for discussion
 - Any other cultures to sponsor & bring to campus other than Jewish, Islam, Christian?
 - E-mail or talk with Stephanie ssp13@psu.edu (there are two Stephanie Unger's in PSU!)
 - Can get funding for travel reimbursement, etc.

Athletics Academic Report (see slides): Staci

- Goal: CGPA for all team members of at least 3.0
- Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018
 - Volleyball team had highest average CGPA
 - Female student athletes generally higher CGPAs than male student athletes
- Dean's List & Semester GPA
 - 12/13 of volleyball team members had 3.0 or above (13th had a 2.9)
- Academically Ineligible SA (GPA & credit requirements-> change from freshmen to junior year)
 - General rule to be eligible: Need to pass at least 12 credits
 - Any exploration of reasons why some teams have lower GPAs than others?
- Athlete study halls & athletic coach
 - Could there be some connections between study hall & tutoring?
 - That is done. Also, tutoring is okay in lieu of study hall
 - What are they doing during study hall? Is it helpful or would tutoring be more helpful?
 - Primary goal for study hall: connection to the students (challenging with 20 students)
 - Remember to use CARE team forms to show if you are concerned about specific students!
- Staci is an adviser in Starfish now, so she can see flags, etc.
- Don't hesitate to contact Staci (srb75@psu.edu) about student athlete concerns
- Should have received forms/team schedules by now from student athletes in classes

Academic Festival Update: Kim <https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/festival>

- No proposals yet (deadline isn't until March 15); please encourage students to think about AF
- Projects already completed in fall semester? Projects just starting currently?
- Questions? Talk with Kim (kah259@psu.edu) or Patty (pms16@psu.edu)

A Word from Beth Brantley

- From the horse's mouth: after 22 years here, Beth is taking an opportunity for a new career
- Please attend Colloquy in April, though!

Open Discussion

- Jackie:
 - University College Awards e-mail -> very short process, deadline is tomorrow
 - Patty Gochenauer will be sending out a survey about holiday party
 - > maybe a different time?, different location?, shake things up?
- Renee:
 - Another survey: Health Benefits one due sometime next week; really hoping for many responses!

1:10: Adjournment;

Next MAFS: 2/27, Common Hour in ST 204