

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – Feb. 27, 2019 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

Call to order & Approval of January 2019 Minutes (posted on sites page)

- Motion made to approve & seconded; Many aye's in favor and none opposed

PennACE Student of the Year: Courtney Stump

- Recall fall reminders about nominating students? Well, Courtney won it!
- Participation in internship in honor of cancer patient
- 1st year a PSMA student has received this honor
- Associate Degree Award, PTA Experience: Innovative Rehab Associates
- Supervisors: Dan Dandy & Dr. Sherry Rickman
- Huge impact on patients, multi-tasking, juggling multiple patients
- Time management: volleyball, classes, part time job, coaching kids...
- Embodies many fantastic qualities
- Inherently living high values
- Altruism & determination to help individuals

University Faculty Senators Report: Renee, Jacob, and Peter

- No new information since last report
- Let a senator know if you have any questions/comments/suggestions

Committee Reports:

- IT Committee

- Recent meeting snowed out, but met online
- Only 11 responses from recent survey -> more about those later
- Looking for input on training (Office 365...)
- Will be sharing some brief & useful tips
- Accessibility (handout)

PSU website on accessibility: <http://accessibility.psu.edu>

Self-study on accessibility in Word and PowerPoint:

<http://itld.psu.edu/training/accessibility-word-and-powerpoint>

Free screen reader that can be saved onto a flashdrive: <https://www.nvaccess.org>

- Copyright & resource for student projects: <https://mediacommons.psu.edu/free-media-library>

- Constitution Committee

- Document is broken apart and cleaned up
- See Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> e-mail with separated versions of the document(s); original will be on sites
- Special Meeting for MAFS Constitution: March 20<sup>th</sup> during Common hour in ST204
- If everything looks good, voting to accept will happen after March 27<sup>th</sup> MAFS meeting

PA State Grant, Hybrid Courses and the Complete Penn State: Antonia (see slides)

- PA State Grant and impact from Web/Hybrid Courses

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- If >50% of semester credits are Web/Hybrid then students can receive only 1/2 grant
- Beginning Fall 2019: new coding for Hybrid
  - > H2 (25-50% online), H5 (51-74% online), or H7 (>74% online)

- SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)

- No End of Summer SAP Check anymore -> now only at end of Spring semester
- Incomplete Grades (DF, NG) - final assigned grade will be factored in at the next evaluation
  - end of SPRING
- Withdrawal Credits: count as attempted not "earned;" includes withdrawals during 1st week

- Transfer Credits: factored into student's SAP status at next evaluation - end of SPRING
- Grade Changes: student's SAP must be immediately re-evaluated (except DF or NG)
  - student must notify Student Aid for manual review
- Complete Penn State Program (handout): <https://complete.psu.edu/>
  - Helps students who are in last 2 semesters of study to finish up when dealing with an unanticipated barrier (possibly financial, but not necessarily) to completing their degree
  - Eligibility requirements: within 30 credits of graduation, CGPA  $\geq$  2.0, unanticipated barrier
  - complete.psu.edu referral form (student/faculty/staff)
  - Open Doors Scholarship can be used to help the students financially
    - Eligibility: financial barrier, exhausted all federal & state aid sources; max scholarship: \$3,000
  - Several PSMA students have already benefitted from this
  - Is there any time limit for how long students haven't been enrolled? -> Does not seem to be

#### Student Affairs Update: Curtis (see slides)

- Link UP 2019 will be on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Free transportation & lunch; deadline to sign up in Campus Life is March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Encourage students, especially 2+2 students; for 1<sup>st</sup> yr & 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students (two different tracks)
    - **Link UP attendance has had a positive impact on PSMA student GPAs!**
- Unity Week: March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>: <https://montalto.psu.edu/information/diversity/unityweek>
  - Advocate Penn State Capital Day in Harrisburg trip (Wed)
  - 7-8 faculty opened classes, International food at The Mill, Activities
  - Passport: attend 5 of 20 programs -> entered into a drawing for one of eight \$50 gift cards
- ASB2019: Montreal -> 25 students, 5 chaperones (variety: faculty, staff, coach, student activities)
  - Partnering with Hazleton this year
  - Would like to add a SECOND location for ASB 2020! Interested faculty-> please contact Curtis
- Red Folder: Recognize/Respond/Refer -> find it in faculty mailroom
- Save the Date: Academic & Leadership Awards: Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm in MAC
  - Deadline for most award nominations is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>!

#### Academic Festival Update: Kim

- Have 5 submissions so far (9 as of 3/4/2019)
- **Please encourage students to submit proposals!**
- Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday after returning from Spring Break)

#### Career Services: Dan (see slides)

- Great Things Are Happening at Mont Alto... Service Learning & Community Engagement  
<https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/careers/service-learning>

#### Open Discussion

- June 7<sup>th</sup> faculty Conference at Waynesboro Country Club
  - Save the date e-mail was sent out not too long ago
- Admissions update? -> March MAFS meeting
  - E-mail request about making phone calls -> call from wherever
  - Talking points/tips provided
  - If leaving a message, suggest another time that you will try to call back
  - Ask questions about why if they have decided to go somewhere else

#### Adjournment

Special MAFS Constitution Meeting: 3/20, Common Hour in ST 204  
 Next MAFS: 3/27, Common Hour in ST 204