

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – August 22, 2019 (9:00 – 10:00 a.m., part of MADE)

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

- Robin moved to approve, Ed seconded... Many approved
- (Very few admitted to reading them, though...) =(

Announcements

- MAFS Chair (Tom Reinsfelder)
 - Broadcasting meetings via Zoom again this year
 - Attendance in person preferred, but online also available
 - Faculty/Staff self-introductions; three new campus members
 - Two new faculty (see below) plus new reference librarian: Kristi Ritter
 - Overviewed MAFS officers
 - Elections coming up: MAFS Chair elect and Teaching Faculty Promotion Committee
 - Will share updates on MAFS Constitution adjustments soon
- Chancellor (Dr. Achampong)
 - Welcome back; Yesterday was orientation for two new faculty
 - SCM: Vahid Ghomi; finished PhD last year at Oxford, taught as assistant prof at Delta State
 - Forestry: Kimberly Bohn; taught at Univ of Florida, degree from SUNY in Syracuse
 - 20 Jump start students visited Dr. A's office yesterday -> very excited; one from far away as Boston (VA, WV...); Hoping faculty/staff will have similar level of energy!
 - Full day of activities planned today, but guest speaker from California could not get here due to lightning/hail in mid-west, so will be zooming in from California instead
 - Recent investments: synthetic cadaver, virtual reality equipment (Renee adopted already) in library
 - Hope to see everyone at Convocation; 235 new students (similar to last year)
- Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Doncheski)
 - Please check email for very, very, very, very... long detailed message
 - Remember to send info for Brag List (papers, presentations, exciting news) for September
 - Will also look through Digital Measures to see what's already in there
 - Request was made to share Brag List with campus community
 - SCM: Mike has 4 advisees already; good news is that 1st two years are similar to business
 - Clarification on new CEE (Commuter Engagement Experience) program that Kendra mentioned
 - 19 incoming commuters will stay in res hall this weekend for WW activities and a PSU 8 course
 - Free room & board, faculty & student mentors
 - Many incentives: \$125 textbook voucher, \$25 gas card, \$25 LionCash, \$10 trip voucher
 - Working on agreements with HACC & HCC
 - LionPATH has a new look!
 - Continued work on Allied Health Building design; ground breaking 6/2020 & occupied 7/2021
 - Warning & suspension system instead of deficiency points for low academic progress
 - New: recovery point system
 - Will receive Starfish email from Mike if an advisee is in warning or suspension status
 - 1st semester students used to get a pass, but not necessarily anymore
 - Please get grades in on time -> not much time for warning/suspension progress

University Faculty Senators Report (Renee Borromeo, Jacob Moore, Peter Linehan)

- 1st meeting will be Set 16-17, but agenda not available yet
- Contact one of our senators if you have questions or concerns to be raised

Committee Reports

- IT Committee Report (Robin Yaure)
 - Committees not reformed yet; was co-chair last year & expect might be again this year
 - Reminder: Teams training session this afternoon; many committees will be using Teams
 - Looking for suggestions for other training sessions, perhaps via Zoom
 - Looking for suggestions for items for the IT committee to look into this year

Committee Assignments for 2019-20 (Tom Reinsfelder; see slides)

- Academic Affairs, Athletics, Campus Planning, Curricular Affairs, Diversity, Faculty Affairs, IT
- Survey will be coming out asking for 1st, 2nd, 3rd preferences
 - Also brief descriptions of the committees
- Curtis: add faculty volunteers for SAF (Student Activity Fee) & SFF (Student Facilities Fee) allocation committees?
- Multiple additional committees: Sustainability, Academic Festival, Campus Theme...
- Will want chairs for seven MAFS Standing Committees, too

Guest Speakers

- Randall Ackerman (Development & Scholarship Updates)
 - Annual Scholarship Social: bring donors & students together, has been happening for 24 years
 - Now scholarships for ~40% of PSMA students
 - Past 5 years: distinctive decline on student attendance (also donors)
 - Significant funding spent on this event
 - Time to stop this event? Other campuses still have similar events, but have varied timing
 - Currently 50 live donors are from 5 states
 - This year: changing to Thursday evening instead of Friday evening
 - Students resistant to being on campus on Friday evenings...
 - New this year: 5:30 pm start, sit down dinner with donors
 - Request faculty to be supportive of class conflicts
 - July 7: monsoon rain flooded the Gym
 - Student Activities, sports, & Schol. Social have been affected
 - Now going to be in Spring semester instead of October 17th
 - Please mention to concerned students that it has been *rescheduled* to March 26th
 - Not all students invited, so just help students who ask you
 - Requested: Randall will send out an email to faculty to consider for exam planning
- Curtis Hoover (Student Affairs Updates; see slides)
 - Welcome Week: <https://montalto.psu.edu/student-life/welcome-week>
 - Friday Move-In, Saturday: Welcome Week Kick-Off/Founders Convocation (with cap & gown)
 - Monday: 1st day of classes barbecue; please plan to come (faculty/staff invited)
 - Food for ~200 people
 - Calendar theme: It's Your Story, Create It, Live It, Share It (Please feel free to use it elsewhere)
 - Student Government: freshman rep, up to 8 senators; applications available online
 - Focus on Adult Learners this year; Helen McGarry's idea
 - Focus group at Hoss's in Chambersburg (Wed, 9/11, 6-8 pm)
 - Helen, Mike, & Curtis attending
 - ASB: Montreal (3rd year) & Pittsburgh (1st year: Sat - Wed)
 - Applications available, due end of Fall semester; info sessions scheduled in calendar
 - Concern raised: students not having time over spring break to work on class assignments
 - Last year: included Hazelton; New: will leave on Friday after classes to spend a night at Hazelton

Guest Speakers (Continued)

- Curtis Hoover (Student Affairs Updates; Continued)
 - CARE Team: co-chair Curtis & Darlene (used to be just Curtis)
 - Online form has changed -> now same as UP & all PSU campuses
 - Will dump information directly to PSU software & transition from campus to campus
 - Please use the form instead of calling/emailing/talking to Curtis
 - (or Curtis might ask you to fill out the form)
 - Curtis, Marla, & Darlene get immediate emails
 - What concerns:
 - most minimal & frequent: someone not showing up for class
 - high level: erratic behavior, suspected changes in medication...
 - not for a death in the family/missing classes -> contact Curtis who will email other faculty
 - Success rate? Hard to say... Definite follow-ups
 - Red Folder: Now online = <https://redfolder.psu.edu/>
 - Contact info with many resources: hotline/text numbers for easy reference
 - Back page is campus specific; Hard copies for new faculty/staff will be coming soon...
 - Other Resources
 - Lion Pantry in WSC, Complete Penn State, Student Hardship Fund (up to \$500 -> Antonia), Commuters (hang out spaces), Enterprise Car Share (\$1100 guaranteed revenue each year; good for UP trips), Student Parent Child Care Subsidy Program (only 2-3 students per year use it)
 - Recap Involvement Opportunities (see slide!)
 - Res Life now fully staffed!
 - Please help keep students “in the know” about upcoming relevant events
- Barrett Scroggs (Social Media)
 - Half-sheet handout: PSMA Academics social media launch
 - We are launching a social media presence in conjunction with the larger PSMA accounts.
 - This is needed to focus on the academic happenings on our campus.
 - Will highlight the following:
 - Student academic work (in and out of class)
 - Faculty publications and presentations
 - Faculty/Student profiles
 - Anything related to academic life at Penn State Mont Alto
 - What you can do:
 - Follow our accounts, like/share posts, and encourage students to do the same.
 - Submit stories to share: in-class activities, publications, conferences, etc.
 - How to submit a story:
 - Email Barrett Scroggs, Robin Yaure, or Jacob Sawyer
 - Submit a brief sentence or two about the news to share AND a photo to accompany the post.
 - PSMAacademics: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
 - Discussion:
 - Do we need additional permission to post a student photo?
 - Ask; also there's a media release form that students can sign
 - Be intentional about photo -> Fun thing in class? Don't capture an empty classroom
 - How does this relate to the public?
 - All these profiles are public & will have links on Staci's web page collection
 - FYI: careful about hospital images, photos with children...

Guest Speakers (Continued)

- Peter Linehan (Drones at PSU)
 - Really quick; Used drones during STEM camp in June
 - New tab on MAFS sites page; Need to fill out a form to request permission

Open Discussion / New Business

- Lauraine: Recent article on road work from Chambersburg to campus
 - Be careful- there may be significant delays
- Talk with anyone on Exec Committee with ideas for MAFS topics

Adjournment: Moved & Seconded

Next MAFS meeting: Monday September 23, 12:20pm-1:10pm, 204 ST.

Executive Committee:

- Tom Reinsfelder (2021) – Chair
- Dan Dandy (2020) – Past Chair
- Susan Graf (2020)
- Kim Herrmann (2020)
- Linghao Zhong (2021)
- Jacob Sawyer (2022)

University Senators:

- Renee Borrromeo (2023)
- Peter Linehan (2020)
- Jacob Moore (2022)