

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – October 28, 2019 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

Call to order & Approval: September Minutes

- Updates or changes to minutes? (Nothing requested)
- Lauraine moved to approve, Linghao seconded... Many approved

MAFS Position Updates for 2019-20

- Chair-Elect – Linghao Zhong
- UCFC – David Seitz
- Jackie Schwab's position will need to be filled in Spring 2020

PennACE award: <http://www.pennace.info/joanne-day-award>

- For excellent students who completed an internship between August 2018 and August 2019
- Applications due Monday, November 18, 2019
- A PSMA student won last year
- Patty sent an email with information to some faculty and staff members
- Be careful about associate degree students -> possibly ineligible

Telling Our Story – Faculty Profiles on the Web

- Dr. Achampong (Giving some background)
 - 10/4 census: 730 for Fall 2019 (40% decline from 2010)
 - PSU will be asking for 1% of our permanent funds (\$80,000)- perhaps annually
 - Last year opted to be on an expense budget (get only what is needed) vs. growth budget
 - 10/16 regional meeting in York -> looking more closely at staffing
 - M. Haynes is asking questions
 - We are in a cohort of 7 campuses:
 - Brandywine, Scranton, Lehigh Valley, York, Hazelton, Schuylkill, Mont Alto
 - We have more faculty than some of the campuses w/ more students...
 - Dr. A will send some links with new information about financing college
 - Our websites are not presenting our strengths
 - Shippensburg -> faculty look better qualified than PSMA
 - Business -> looks like a long publications list (only 2 are papers, most are conferences)
(https://www.ship.edu/business/faculty/j._jay_mackie/)
 - Many people think that small campuses don't have good research going on
 - We need to put our best foot forward: need to showcase our faculty (low-hanging fruit)
 - Nov 30: deadline for applications (our info should be available before then)
- Staci Grimes
 - Process in Digital Measures
 - Personal & Contact Information -> Brief Biography section (no actual word limit)
 - Full Name, Degrees, Courses Taught, Selected Faculty Scholarly Activities
 - Change: DO enter bachelor's degree information
 - Request Staci to sync
 - Can add links to other websites -> LinkedIn...
 - Concern: Any faculty invisible? -> No
 - Concern: Only add a few publications to Bio?
 - Can list all publications in the publications tab
 - Question: Add something about research that can involve students? -> Sure
 - Question: Club Mentors? Advising programs? -> Maybe later
 - See Mike's email with instructions (Subject = faculty bios)

Chancellor Updates (Dr. Achampong)

- Additional options for class times during weather
 - Was supposed to attend an evening class, but classes were cancelled (all clear by 2 pm...)
 - Some evening classes only meet once a week -> looking into an option for evening classes to run
 - Safety still comes first, but if it looks like evening classes should be safe (starting at 6 pm)
 - Will need to be careful about OPP hours for clearing walkways...
- Will send out info about new Discover award (\$6,000 less 1st two years & \$7,000 less last 2 years)
<https://admissions.psu.edu/costs-aid/scholarships/discover/>

Chief Academic Officer Updates (Dr. Doncheski)

- Major revision of advising policy
 - Will work with MAAC over next month or two to see how that will impact us
- CEE (Commuter Engagement Experience) -> 19 commuters stayed overnight for Welcome Weekend
 - Mike will ask for volunteers to help expand this program -> not a huge time commitment
 - More faculty mentors will mean fewer mentees per each faculty mentor
 - Will be looking to grow the program & get more students & faculty involved

MAFS Committee Reports

- Peter Linehan (Academic Affairs)
 - Academic Integrity, Cost of Textbooks, How much work to have during final week of classes...
- Somjit (Athletics) - See email
- Linghao (Campus Planning)
 - Probably have seen Grace's minutes
 - There tends to be a long lag between the meeting and the minutes... Brief update?
- Kevin Boon (Curricular Affairs) - Nothing to approve yet
- Nancy & Bernie (Diversity)
- Ermek (Faculty Affairs)
 - 11 applications already; currently ~\$10,000 available
- Robin (IT)
 - Different group this year, looking into topics
 - Will plan on having a demo at most MAFS meetings

University Faculty Senator's Report

- Nothing new

Open Discussion / New Business

- Campus opening times during inclement weather
 - Questions or Comments? -> Talk with Tom or anyone on the Executive Board
- Planning Tool in LionPath (Dr. Hawkins)
 - <https://genedplan.psu.edu>
 - Can choose your campus & develop a plan for GenEd courses
 - Play with classes to see where they fit
 - Handy to show to students
 - It does save for students to look at later
 - Can leave the campus area blank
 - Does not deal with Gen Ed courses that don't count as Gen Ed if they are required for a major
 - Does not show Cultures requirements for BA
 - Still should remind students that they need 30 credits of Gen Ed

- “Questions for the Mont Alto Administration”
 - Has been done at some faculty units across PSU
 - Being started here -> can be anonymous
 - Tom will send out a call for questions for administration shortly before next MAFS meeting
- Mark calendars for Friday, Dec 6th (4:30 - 7:30 pm) for Holiday Party
- Sunday after that (Dec 8th) is Polar Plunge
- Reminder that Nov 20th is Fall Entrepreneurship Forum; Lion Tank competition will be March 27th

Adjournment

- Ed moved to adjourn; was seconded

Next MAFS meeting Monday November 18, 12:20pm-1:10pm, 204 ST