

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – January 24, 2020 (12:20 p.m. – 12:53 p.m.)

Call to order & Approval: November Minutes

- We have a quorum (at least 20 faculty members)
- Jacob moved to approve, Morgan seconded -> many aye's to approve

Comments by:

- MAFS Chair
 - Upcoming elections: Peter Linehan (senate), 3 Executive Board members
- Chancellor (Dr. Achampong)
 - Poll to seek topics for conversation: Budget & Recruitment/Retention were most requested topics
 - Anne spoke about budget at 1/22 session & will provide more details in March
 - Recruitment: Admissions strategy in Feb, look for document on results from retreat a bit before
- Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Doncheski)
 - Has started FAR meetings with an impressive number of meetings already done
 - Hopefully will get in all meetings before Spring Break
- University Faculty Senators
 - 1st meeting will be coming up soon, so no update yet
- University College Faculty Council (D. Seitz)
 - Rick Brazier: statement of expectations for faculty presence on campus
 - (a faculty member was not coming to classes...)
 - Last Tuesday discussion
 - Faculty absence is not a wide-spread problem and forcing specifications could be thorny...

MAFS Committee Reports

- Diversity (Bernie): recent email about Black History Month film (Mon, Feb 3rd at 7 pm)
 - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Leaks
 - Movie is phenomenal; excellent for many subjects
 - Please encourage students to attend (bonus points if applicable?)
- Faculty Affairs (Ermek): limits on travel due to budget constraints
 - tenure track, required conferences for accredited programs, required inter-campus travel
 - \$15,000 (-15%) -> \$12,750 -> ~\$4,000 left of PDF (22 applications already approved)
- Athletics (Somjit): Athletics department offers some student internships
 - Currently one business student is an intern; could get credit for BA 495A/B
 - Interested students should contact Staci Brennan or Frank Maira

New Business

- Anne Miller – ST 304 updates.
 - Submitted for funding from what used to be USEF (Learning Spaces Leadership Committee now)
 - Only will fund projects for active learning
 - ST 304 - funding has been approved (PSMA must supply some funding)
 - from 96 to 80 seats, ST 204 still 99, renovated auditorium will have >150+ seats
 - white box in new building will be another classroom resource
 - furniture like MAC 122 (rolling tables & chairs), new carpet & paint
 - new screen added at back of room, white boards all around the room
 - encourage active learning
 - leave unlocked in general for student access around classes
 - Will have classes in it regularly
 - Need for active learning -> talk with Jeff if you specifically want to use the new set up

- Curtis Hoover – Student Affairs Update – Student Engagement Survey (Kendra presented)
 - Parent Family Weekend/Open House: will be Sept 26th, 2020
 - ASB Pittsburgh 2020 cancelled (low interest) -> few students to ASB Montreal (now closed/full)
 - Adopt a Family: great success & better than last year
 - Unity Week: March 21-28 (2019: <https://montalto.psu.edu/information/diversity/unityweek>)
 - Academic & Leadership Award Ceremony: Sunday, April 19, 3-6 pm
 - CARE Team -> concern about a student -> online form (<https://montalto.psu.edu/student-life/care>)
 - New this year: Overnight NSO this summer (June 25)

- Helen McGarry – Policy AD03 – External Groups
 - Oversees how we handle groups who we bring to the campus (from start to finish)
 - Official PSU event -> marketing/promoting -> using brand correctly
 - Correct payment processing system?
 - Youths (< 18 yrs old) -> adhere to requirements?
 - Friend in all of this = Continuing Ed (Entrepreneurship Camp interest?)
 - Anne Miller also very involved in dotting i's and crossing t's
 - Questions:
 - Best 1st source? Helen, Roxanne, Anne, Mike...
 - Not applicable for campus events being offered for the general public
 - Not applicable for guest speakers to classes

Comments for the Good of the Campus

- Academic Festival (Dr. Herrmann)
 - Will be Friday, April 24 (second to last Friday of the semester) during afternoon in MAC building
 - Exact timing TBD based on number of submitted oral presentations
 - Website (<https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/festival>) is updated
 - Please encourage students to submit project proposals
 - by Friday, March 20th (Friday after returning from Spring Break)
 - Stay tuned for a Faculty Mentor Checklist - to aid with communication/clarification...
 - Questions? Talk with co-chairs (Kim Herrmann, Patty Gochenauer or any AF committee member)
- Faculty Research Showcase – April 9 (T. Reinsfelder & J. Sawyer)
 - Have Academic Festival to highlight student work, so starting a Research Showcase for Faculty
 - Thurs, 4/9, 3-5 pm in Library -> articles, books, chapters, posters, lightning talks (3-4 minutes), light refreshments...
 - Celebrate Mont Alto Research
 - Questions? Talk with Tom or Jacob Sawyer
- Tues, 2/4, 6 & 8 pm: Women's & Men's Basketball Games: Spirit Competition
- Financial Literacy program at Library: Thurs., Feb 6th at 3 pm
- Renee: Library Art Exhibit & 2/28 reception for exhibitors & for Freya
 - Senate: 2 yr programming & N (inter domain) courses not allowed
 - > speaking w/ education committee about this issue
 - If you have any info -> more fuel, the better -> talk with Renee

Adjournment (12:53 pm)

Next MAFS meeting Friday February 21, 12:20pm-1:10pm, 204 ST.