

MAFS Meeting: SciTech 204 – February 21, 2020 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

Call to order & Approval: January Minutes

- Jacob S.: monitoring Zoom chat; Speakers: please come up to podium.
  - Zoom attendees: please mute & use chat for comments/questions
- No changes; Renee moved to approve, Jacob M seconded, many voted aye to approve

Announcements

- MAFS Chair

Welcomed Dave Callejo, Associate Vice President & Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Reminder: will need nominees for MAFS Exec Board & other positions (see Tom's 2/21 email)

Green Paws (C. Houghton & S. Grimes): Reboot of program focused on sustainable practices

Past complaints: many items not applicable to small campuses

Color coding -> once & done, HW, campus does for us, not applicable, ongoing practices

Team leaders -> one per building/floor -> looking for 75% participation

Leaders will be filling out the check sheets; starting with Level 1 this semester

Questions -> Staci G or Craig; More info: <https://sustainability.psu.edu/greenpaws>

- Chancellor (Dr. Achampong)

After Wed discussion: question -> Is there a niche for PSMA?

Has been discussed in Policy & Planning

Allied Health -> maybe expand to several other majors (BBH among them)

Aiming for 6 majors for ~450 - 500 students

(Can't anchor a campus around 40 forestry students)

Decline in HS population & shift in demographics

Look to see how programs fit & target DUS students

Concerned about not stepping on other toes -> Regionally & between majors...

Nursing -> at least initial interest -> Some students switch to Allied Health, Biology...

Looking to round out PSMA portfolio

Not hurrying into programs without thinking how they fit at the campus

- Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Doncheski)

1st yr seminar -> Starting 1st detailed look in ~10 years

Booked some times over next several weeks for some Q&A sessions

*Please check email (2/21 from Mike) for times & locations*

-> Instructors already teaching 1st yr seminars are especially invited.

Looking for commonalities; Bring questions

University Faculty Senator's Report (*See Renee's email from 1/31 for her full report*)

Recommendation Letters -> Form for student to complete (to include specific details like grades)

- [https://www.registrar.psu.edu/student\\_forms/request\\_for\\_recommendation\\_form.cfm](https://www.registrar.psu.edu/student_forms/request_for_recommendation_form.cfm)

- Form for each letter (not just each student)

- This is a FERPA release: grades, GPA, top 10%...

- Not needed for personal observations (leadership, doing well...)

- Applies to former students, too

- Nothing new, but PSU trying to be more careful

- Course grades & GPA would be on transcripts (if requested)

- Form is currently paper (signature), but may become completely electronic

- Some recommendations require specific details (GPA, grades,...)

- Talk with Jeff -> Registrar information

Gen Eds & 2 yr students & inter domain courses

- Unintended consequences -> should start to count for 2 yr degrees soon

Another River to Cross & Racism

- Lower SRTEs depending on race (black) & gender (women)
- Big part of last senate meeting
- 2 committees will be charged to look at tenure info for faculty of color (mainly UP)

Questions: Renee, Jacob M, Peter L

Unfinished Business - none

Committee Reports

- To be given at the meeting or sent by email

Diversity (Nancy)

- Film very well attended and followed by an hour of discussion
- More diversified menus coming to The Mill
- Charged with some tasks about strategic goals

Academic Affairs (Kristi)

- Charged with some tasks -> in progress

Campus Planning (Linghao)

**See Slide 2 in Agenda PPT**

*See Grace's summary (2/6 email) for more information*

New Business:

- Student Scholarship Dinner (R. Ackerman)

Asking faculty for some help; 23 years of bringing donors & students together

Past 5 yrs -> significant decline in student attendance

Shouldn't saying thank you be part of the college experience?

Invitations went out Monday; Event will include dinner, social time, entertainment

40% of our students get support; 20% attended last year

Concern: It's important for donors to see that students appreciate the scholarships

Example: Last year a donor supported 6 students, but only 1 came to the event

Donor was not as excited to support multiple students again...

Please encourage student scholarship winners to attend the dinner

Please encourage anyone who received an invitation to reply (attending or not)

Please be flexible about possible evening absences on 3/26

Creative: Dr. Seuss theme this year-> Serving Green Eggs & Ham

That explains Stall Stories mention of green eggs & ham

(Stall Stories: "marketing and informational signage posted in our residence hall, GSB,

The Mill, Library and Wiestling Student Center, each week to highlight and provide

updates to students on important events happening on campus.")

- Athletics Update (S. Brennan)

Athletics Academic Report (**See Slides 3 & 4 in Agenda PPT**)

>3.0 average CGPA for all student athletes past 5 semesters now

Highlight: volleyball, cross country, men's basketball (semester GPAs >3.0, though)

~62% of student athletes: 3.0 or higher Fall 2019

Academically Ineligible student table (**slide 4**)

Winter & Spring student athletes should have given faculty info about schedules by now

Tonight (2/21): senior night recognition at basketball games

- Academic Festival (K. Herrmann) **(See Slides 5 & 6 in Agenda PPT)**

15th Annual Academic Festival: Friday, April 24th (week 14)

Website: <https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/festival>

Timing: noonish to 4ish (details will depend on number of oral presentations)

Proposals: Now – Fri., March 20th (Friday after returning from Spring Break)

- <https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/festival/apply>

- First proposal has been received! =)

*Please see email (2/21) with more details, including a new Mentor Checklist*

Doug: Could a link to printing posters be added? (Done.)

Jacob M: Share poster templates? (Will need to look into that...)

Questions? Contact Kim Herrmann ([kah259@psu.edu](mailto:kah259@psu.edu)) or Patty Gochenauer ([pmgoch@psu.edu](mailto:pmgoch@psu.edu))

- Faculty Publications & Open Access Policy AC02 (T. Reinsfelder) **(See Slides 7-22 in Agenda PPT)**

Background & Purpose of AC02 -> making research available to world (Open Access = OA)

Policy & highlights: "University Researchers" & "Scholarly Articles" & "Accepted manuscript"

(probably Word file -> not final journal-formatted version)

<https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/> -> has been around for a while

Typically authors retain copyright

<https://openaccess.psu.edu/>

-> Can upload copies of papers in Digital Measures (new)

-> Sometimes publishers want to wait 6 months (honored in those cases)

Do faculty have to pay? **NO!** Free via PSU (sometimes \$3,000 elsewhere...)

May opt out for a specific publication (Get a Waiver)

Questions? -> Tom ([tlr15@psu.edu](mailto:tlr15@psu.edu)) or [openaccess@psu.edu](mailto:openaccess@psu.edu)

Or FAQ or Contact via <https://openaccess.psu.edu/>

Comments & Recommendations for the Good of the Campus

Renee: Artist reception & Freya's retirement next Friday (2/28) during common hour

Card to be signed/gift donations accepted in Charlene's office

*See Renee's 2/12 email*

Jackie: need nominee for University College Faculty Council

Tom: Faculty Research Showcase **(See Slide 23 in Agenda PPT)**

Adjournment

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