

MAFS Meeting: Zoom – March 20, 2020 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)
Not recorded, but see public Zoom Chat (after minutes)

Call to order & Approval: February Minutes -> no suggested changes

Announcements

- MAFS Chair

3 MAFS Exec Board Members needed -> 1 candidate so far

1 University Faculty Senator -> 3 candidates so far

1 University College Faculty Council -> 2 candidates so far

- Chancellor (Dr. Achampong)

See Dr. A's recent message: Classes still on (online), but campus closed as much as possible

PSMA town hall will be sometime next Wed (3/25) -> to discuss our new normal

Call Police Services if you want to retrieve materials from offices

Don't want to appear to be disobeying Governor's order

- Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Doncheski)

Good to "see" everyone! Thank you for everything everyone is doing!

Trying not to overwhelm anyone, but trying to share necessary information

University Faculty Senator's Report

Jacob M: See recent report from meeting on Tuesday (3/17)

Why synchronous classes? PHEAA financial aid -> trying to contact to make adjustments

Plan B's for summer abroad travel

Two resolutions:

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grades -> no limit this semester

Not Pass/Fail for ETM... purposes; No suspension/warning because of this semester

<https://senate.psu.edu/senators/agendas-records/march-17-2020-agenda/resolution-2-covid-19-resolutions-satisfactory-unsatisfactory-grading/>

SRTEs for this semester won't be used for punitive purposes

<https://senate.psu.edu/resolution-1-covid-19-resolutions-srte/>

Draft of actual details? It *is* vague, but there was discussion and Q&A clarification

More details TBD- as fast as they can

Committee Reports

- To be given at the meeting or sent by email

IT (Robin & Patrick)

Concerned that faculty & students have IT needs for this semester

There are many training opportunities; There is a lot of help available!

Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Lauraine: New resources - <https://www.schreyerstitute.psu.edu/AdaptingAssessments>

New Business:

- Athletic Training / Injury Protocols (M. Marsh)

Good afternoon & thanks. Athletics: all spring sports have been canceled

Coaches still in contact with students to support them. MAC is closed

Following protocols for injuries, including concussions. Contact Mike with questions

- Academic Festival (K. Herrmann)

Exploring virtual options. Please respond to the survey Kristi sent today by Tues, 3/24 at 2 pm.

We are looking for feedback. Thanks!

- Campus PR & Marketing Updates (Courtney Gotham)

Fun first 3 weeks! (Welcome Courtney!) Please keep an eye on <https://montalto.psu.edu/virusinfo>

Will be building off that page. Please suggest info for faculty to be added

Goal: not needing to keep track of all the emails being sent out

Universal link: montalto.psu.edu/ -> banner = 1st is PSU, 2nd is PSMA

Updating multiple times a day. Getting acclimated & up to speed as quickly as possible

Connected to team in Perry House & a plan for moving forward. Don't hesitate to contact her.

- Open Discussion – PSU move to online teaching & operations

Almost 50 on the session

Question: Open House/Offer Reception -> virtual option?

Yes - Financial Aid, others...

Various campuses differently -> Recording sessions next week & having a live chat session

Some faculty would like to meet virtually with students

Concern about degradation in quality of Zoom

Doug: Morning is better for office hours

Lauraine: Helps to have other software (email) turned off

Angie: Use connection instead of wireless when available

Carranda: Lost ability to record (However Robin recorded this morning)

Some classes are not being offered synchronously & students are suffering

Mike: Need to know who, so contact Mike

Help for students emotionally?

Curtis isn't on the call... CARE team is still meeting (met this week)

Some students seem incredibly blasé about the whole thing. Crisis line is still accessible

Plans for summer?

Mike: No guidance about the future yet- only through end of spring

Doug

Can't thank the faculty enough for sharing & collaborating together

Huge, huge, huge success! Helpful for IT to be able to focus on other things

ASC: Emails were sent

Student Hardship Fund...

Library workers can work remotely and be paid (when possible)

Synchronous class -> What does that mean?

Meeting at the same time with discussions, breakout sessions, etc

Typical online class is asynchronous

To satisfy some financial aid (1 of 4 reasons to have synchronous)

Reminder: some students *choose* online, but many *prefer* synchronous

PAWS remotely?

ASC planning for some. PAWS on prepping for finals?

Online proctoring service for finals?

Mike: Examity? Hope for it, but probably not expect it

Carranda: Nursing already uses ExamSoft

Examity is FERPA compliant.

Anne Copenhaver held an exam on Monday over zoom. She proctored via webcams.

Thanks to Kira for organizing get togethers!

Comments & recommendations for the good of the campus

Adjournment

Next MAFS meeting Monday April 13, 12:20pm-1:10pm, Zoom

Zoom Chat from 3/20/20 MAFS Meeting

- 12:20:52 From Kimberly Herrmann : Actually Feb minutes...
- 12:23:42 From Lauraine Hawkins : Are there times for the PSU town hall meetings on Tuesday?
- 12:23:58 From Kelly Sprinkle : Dr. said 10-11:30 am
- 12:24:23 From Kira Hamman : Can we still get into our offices to pick things up?
- 12:24:55 From Jackie Schwab : I would like to come in this weekend to pick up files.
- 12:25:25 From Stephanie Unger : Thanks Kira for asking that was what i am wondering
- 12:25:45 From Kira Hamman : OK, thanks.
- 12:27:49 From ROBIN YAURE : Currently all summer study abroad programs are cancelled. They said they might consider alternatives if this lifts quickly
- 12:29:01 From Kira Hamman : I sent this on the listserv, but is there a draft of the actual details of this resolution? The resolution is pretty vague.
- 12:30:05 From Kira Hamman : So where are you getting answers to all our questions?
- 12:30:22 From Kira Hamman : I see.
- 12:30:49 From Kira Hamman : Do they have a timeline?
- 12:30:59 From Kira Hamman : OK
- 12:32:31 From Lauraine Hawkins : New resources –
<https://www.schreyer institute.psu.edu/AdaptingAssessments>
- 12:33:39 From Carranda Barkdoll : FYI i received a call about comcast server is down and it would be down for 3-5 days, than asked for how many servers i had-Red flag to me-Sounds like a scam. Carranda
- 12:34:23 From DOUGLAS E PROWANT : Definitely a scam!
- 12:36:56 From ROBIN YAURE : Welcome Courtney!
- 12:36:59 From Kira Hamman : Let's all clap for Courtney!!!
- 12:37:37 From ANNE MARIE DEVNEY : Hear! Hear!! Welcome Courtney!!!
- 12:38:42 From Angela Hissong : welcome. welcome. welcome.
- 12:39:29 From Carranda Barkdoll : Welcome:0)
- 12:39:42 From ROBIN YAURE : yes
- 12:39:45 From Peter Linehan : Yes.
- 12:42:06 From Kendra Wolgast : Can Shawn share more about the cancellation of the Open House/Offer reception. I heard they are considering a virtual option?
- 12:42:56 From Carranda Barkdoll : Just hang in there and wash your hands-Carranda
- 12:43:08 From ANNE MARIE DEVNEY : Internet is very unstable...
- 12:43:35 From jpm46 : I would love to be able to meet with potential engineering students virtually, I am sure other faculty would be glad to do the same with students relevant to them
- 12:44:02 From Carranda Barkdoll : Well maybe the phone call was not bogus. Carranda
- 12:44:18 From Kira Hamman : Agree with Jacob.
- 12:44:31 From sub26 : Tom, first off...I want you to invite me to your porch for lunch (or dinner). But on a more serious note, since yesterday there has been a drastic degradation in the quality of zoom. Is anybody else facing the same situation?
- 12:45:00 From ROBIN YAURE : I had class this morning and it was fine
- 12:45:08 From Kira Hamman : I haven't had trouble. Could be your connection.
- 12:45:11 From Peter Linehan : Zoom has worked great in my classes.
- 12:45:11 From ASHLEY WILEY : Class was fine for me this morning as well. Same all week.
- 12:45:45 From sub26 : ok thanks
- 12:45:49 From Lauraine Hawkins : 4 mtgs yesterday, this is 3rd today. It has been ok. Helps to turn off other software (email etc) while in Zoom

12:45:57 From ANNE MARIE DEVNEY : Zoom unstable now - cutting in & out of this meeting..

12:46:13 From Angela Hissong : Would encourage that - Plus do hardwire not wireless...

12:46:27 From Carranda Barkdoll : Lost the ability to record-Carranda

12:47:04 From ROBIN YAURE : I recorded my class this am

12:47:19 From Barrett W Scroggs : Some of my students and advisees are saying that some of their classes are not being offered synchronously and are struggling because of that. How should I be responding and what can we be doing to make sure that faculty are following the expectations to keep things synchronous?

12:47:30 From ROBIN YAURE : Can we hear about the help the students are getting emotionally?

12:47:43 From Carranda Barkdoll : Good to know about recording-Carranda

12:47:52 From Kendra Wolgast : I know we have been told this continues the rest of the summer. Students are asking about summer classes. Also curious about summer planning for other areas...

12:48:23 From Kira Hamman : Danielle sent something yesterday

12:48:34 From ROBIN YAURE : I saw her email. but would like to hear more

12:48:38 From Kira Hamman : Or Darlene maybe. Can't remember

12:48:40 From ROBIN YAURE : Is the CARE team working?

12:49:04 From Kendra Wolgast : CARE team met earlier this week.

12:49:11 From LINGHAO ZHONG : I want to thank everyone for supporting our adjunct faculty, with the understanding that they have a full time work to take care.

12:49:19 From Kira Hamman : My students all seem incredibly blasé about the whole thing, tbh

12:49:40 From Susan Johnston Graf : Can we continue to refer student to Darlene. I mean like suggest it to students.

12:49:48 From sub26 : My students seem to be in good spirits and but otherwise there is little we as faculty can do. I ask my students how they are dealing with the situation and stuff sometimes

12:50:04 From Lauraine Hawkins : Crisis line still accessible

12:50:14 From Lois Orndorf : In relation to student support, several students have asked about availability of tutoring. What is the status of tutoring?

12:50:28 From Kira Hamman : Kendra sent info about that this morning. It's available.

12:50:57 From Susan Johnston Graf : Kendra, I assume the announcement about tutoring went to the students too?

12:51:57 From Kira Hamman : yay Mont Alto!

12:52:03 From Peter Dendle : I am touched to see the response of faculty, staff, and everyone – I am learning so much from all of you, in a very short space of time.

12:52:04 From Stephanie Unger : A few students shared difficulty of potential of loosing jobs. Do we have resource for that at the moment?

12:52:17 From Kendra Wolgast : The ASC will continue providing services remotely. Emails were sent. The website is being updated. Social Media is being given info as well.

12:52:49 From Kelly Sprinkle : Nancy...your mic's on. FYI

12:52:49 From Kira Hamman : Re: Stephanie's question, Student Hardship Fund and other resources are still available, I think

12:52:59 From Angela Hissong : make sure you are on mute...:-)

12:53:04 From Susan Johnston Graf : We got nic announcements last night.

12:53:26 From ASHLEY WILEY : I posted Tutoring Availability information from the email in my Canvas sites for students as a reminder.

12:53:28 From Susan Johnston Graf : nice announcement about tutoring I meant

12:54:02 From olivia : I attended one of the ITLD Canvas, Zoom Sessions they stated there is a misinterpretation of synchronized classes. A more in depth explanation may be needed for faculty and students.

12:54:14 From ROBIN YAURE : Any ideas about having PAWS remotely?

12:55:22 From Kendra Wolgast : The ASC & Student Affairs has a Student Engagement Leader workshop series starting next Friday. (more details to come) We will be providing them over zoom.

12:57:02 From Kira Hamman : I have a student who did high school online. I asked her to give some tips to the rest of the class. It was fun and helpful.

12:57:40 From ROBIN YAURE : What about preparing for finals and such?

12:57:47 From ROBIN YAURE : A paws on that?

12:57:49 From sub26 : At least 2 of my students are graduating, Do they have to do anything EXTRA over and above what they ordinarily do?

12:58:23 From Kira Hamman : Any discussion of an online proctoring service for finals? Examity?

12:58:29 From Susan Johnston Graf : That should be easy to do.

12:58:38 From Lauraine Hawkins : \$\$\$\$

12:59:02 From Lauraine Hawkins : Some suggestions about assessments –
<https://www.schreyerstitute.psu.edu/AdaptingAssessments>

12:59:25 From jpm46 : Students may not have the necessary technology to make examinty work

12:59:32 From Kira Hamman : Most do.

12:59:37 From jpm46 : but not all

12:59:41 From Kira Hamman : It's nothing complicated by today's standards.

12:59:45 From Angela Hissong : I've done 2, 60 minute social canvas hour with students just to figure out the bugs AND both went really well - we figured out things, we laughed, I held back tears because they are SO overwhelmed. Have also given them cell & home phone number - just in case they need something - know this may not be an option for everyone, but it has been really inspiring to see how students moved through this week 1.

12:59:59 From Peter Dendle : And there aren't grade confidentiality issues with third person proctors?

13:00:06 From Kira Hamman : You need a camera, mic, photo ID, & internet connection to use Examity.

13:00:25 From Kira Hamman : Examity is FERPA compliant.

13:00:32 From Kendra Wolgast : Copenhaver held an exam on Monday over zoom. I believe she just watched the cameras as they were taking the online exam.

13:00:35 From Peter Dendle : FERPA compliant, ok

13:01:10 From Lauraine Hawkins : There are other ways to create exams - short answers or with pools of questions that are randomized. You also could modify your syllabus to include mini-exams or alternative assignments instead of exams.

13:01:12 From Kira Hamman : Re: Kendra, that is very hard to do effectively, particularly with a room full of students.

13:01:23 From ROBIN YAURE : Not all students have cameras

13:01:28 From Kira Hamman : No, but most do.

13:01:48 From LINGHAO ZHONG : Just be mindful about AI for online exams.

13:01:52 From Kira Hamman : Happy Hour at 4:30 today!

13:01:53 From ROBIN YAURE : The social hour that we have been holding is very good for learning zoom tricks etc.

13:02:14 From Kira Hamman : And the next lunch hour is Monday

13:02:18 From ROBIN YAURE : thanks!

13:02:24 From sub26 : Thanks Tom

13:02:25 From Lauraine Hawkins : Thank!

13:02:27 From LINGHAO ZHONG : Stay safe

13:02:28 From Seulki Jang : thanks!