

MAFS Meeting: Zoom – April 13, 2020 (12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

Call to order: Welcome to the final MAFS meeting this school year!

Call for corrections/updates to March Meeting Minutes: Send anything to Kim H

Announcements

- MAFS Chair: Elections (online Apr 13-24) via secret ranked choice ballot & Borda count
 - 3 new MAFS Exec Board Members needed (Dan, Susan, Kim done)
 - 8 on ballot -> Thank you to everyone on the ballot!
 - 1 new University College Faculty Council: 2 on ballot
 - No University Senator election this year: 3 -> 2 senators

- Chancellor (Dr. Achampong)

Highlights of Admin Review process (Oct - Dec 2019)

Met with Dr. Hanes in January and also on campus end of February with Nick Jones

No broad dissemination of results for DAA (only Chancellor review; that's normal)

35 faculty filled out the survey (out of 59)

Mike: overall = 69% ratings as excellent, 13% good, 15% average, 3% poor

Strengths: 1. Approachable, shows empathy, listens well; 2. Supports faculty & staff, assists effectively with P & T; 3. Student centered

Areas for Growth: 1. Dealing with conflict & difficult people; 2. Follow through;

3. Faculty oversight: discussion of goals at FAR meetings & hiring part-time faculty when full-time don't have a full load

Recommendations: Conflict resolution training; Hold faculty accountable for syllabi, committee work, office hours; Review of part-time faculty

Mike put together an action plan with strategies he will employ:

Supervision series & some trainings (success skills for supervisors, accountable leadership, leadership foundations)

Chancellor & CAO of Fayette, Dr. A's successor at Fayette, has agreed to Mike's request to serve as his executive coach

Working with MAFS Exec committee: faculty office hours, faculty presence on campus...

Revising FAR meetings and review letters (to give summative and formative feedback & suggestions on goals)

Follow through: making appropriate decisions and communicating with those involved (involving HR Consultant where HR issues are raised)

Summary: Positive review, Good action plan

More limited 360 degree review (campus only) follow up in Fall 2020

Will share staff sections at upcoming Staff Senate Meeting

- Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Doncheski)

Good to be talking with everyone in this unexpected Spring semester

Virtual Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction ceremony this Thursday and Awards Ceremony on Sunday

PSMA graduation: There will be a campus-specific portion to the virtual PSU commencement

Have met to discuss options: short (3 min) video of commencement speaker, Dr. A, Mike...

Video/images of some events on campus? Help reminisce a bit about campus

PSMA expecting to hold some in-person gathering when it is safe to do so

Big question will be: ***When will it be safe?***

Any communication going to students? Some are afraid they won't get their diplomas...

Mike will communicate with Jeff to make sure information is clarified

They don't receive diploma on campus in general -> mailed a few days later

Please participate & support our students!

Reach out if you need anything; will get resources that you need

University Faculty Senator's Report: No update

Committee Reports

- To be given at the meeting or sent by email (Academic Affairs, Athletics, Faculty Affairs)

- IT Committee (Robin & Patrick; See posted slides)

Tech Training -> many people using them

Highly recommend them; Robin attends 3-4 trainings a week & keeps learning new tips

Office 365 & Teams & so many resources we have

How to get into trainings? -> Register -> should receive follow up email

To be safe: Take note of Zoom session when you register

Different training, different methods... (not all have follow up emails)

Save received emails, enter into calendar

Social hour Meetings: Mondays & Thursdays

Many people who attend are pretty proficient & happy to help

Learning many new tricks from each other, SITE help this Thursday

Kira has been great with Zoom email reminders; Zoom links are also in MAFS Canvas site

Very easy to become tech-overloaded; just try one thing at a time

Tech Tutors: Some great success

Training: Canvas, Zoom, Kaltura, Microsoft Teams, Strategies for Effective Online Teaching

New Business:

- Virtual Academic Festival (K. Herrmann)

Still mostly afternoon of Friday, April 24th; Exact timing TBD

24 projects, 61 students, 15 Mentors

- 11 Research Projects, 9 Informational Exhibits, 4 Oral Presentations

Virtual Academic Festival will be a combination of:

- ScholarSphere: permanent display of posters, exhibit backdrops, talk videos, short videos...

PSMA 2020 Academic Festival: <https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/collections/msb397905c>

Example ScholarSphere collection: <https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/collections/ns1784m51j>

- Zoom: "open house" discussions and scheduled judging Q&A, for live oral presentations

- Art Show: via PowerPoint slideshow in its own Zoom room

Information has been shared with mentors & students; 17 judges have agreed to help

1st AF Fitness session was successful; 2nd will be this Wed, 4/15, during common hour

The pieces are coming together!

Shout out to Kristi, Tom, & Robin for critical help to both co-chairs! =)

Please save the date (Friday, April 24th) and plan on checking it out to support our brave students!

- HDFS / Psychology Club (J. Sawyer)

Session for coping in general, anxiety... (See Mary Jo's 4/13 sway & Jacob's email for more info)

Thurs, 4/23, 1:30-2:50 pm via <https://psu.zoom.us/j/680522663>

College Students Coping with COVID-19; Open for faculty to attend, too

Comments & recommendations for the good of the campus

- Library still active & helping; Kristi has met with several classes

- Tom's last meeting as chair (also Kim's last as secretary); Linghao will be the MAFS chair next year

- Thanks to Tom for a great year!

Adjournment

Next MAFS meeting August 2020, date TBD.

Zoom Chat from 4/13/20 MAFS Meeting

- 12:20:24 From Peter Linehan : Is someone monitoring the chat?
- 12:20:33 From Kira Hamman : You!
- 12:20:47 From Jacob Sawyer : I'm helping Tom monitor the chat
- 12:34:59 From Kendra Wolgast : Is our campus planning to do any additional graduation ceremony in the fall or anything?
- 12:35:09 From Kendra Wolgast : Or will the virtual be it.
- 12:35:56 From Kendra Wolgast : Are the students being communicated with beyond what the university stated?
- 12:36:15 From Kendra Wolgast : Students are still asking and "think" that without the ceremony they will not get their diploma. (which we know is not true)
- 12:39:19 From Jacob Moore : no update
- 12:40:53 From Lureen Nelson : How can you get into the trainings? I was registered for one this morning and was unable to find a link to get me into the session.
- 12:42:25 From Lureen Nelson : Never got the email you are speaking about. I spent an hour with IT people and they couldn't figure it out either.
- 12:43:15 From Lureen Nelson : It was a Canvas one, the one about how to administer quizzes.
- 12:43:59 From Lureen Nelson : Thanks
- 12:44:13 From Kira Hamman : SITE
- 12:44:41 From Kira Hamman : Also available in MAFS Canvas site
- 12:45:38 From ANNE MARIE DEVNEY : I've had good success with the tech tutors.
- 12:45:53 From mjj6 : Social hour meetings were very helpful. Doing Zoom with others was great for specific questions that you might have. I found this way a lot less overwhelming.
- 12:46:25 From mjj6 : Morgan that was.
- 12:49:34 From ROBIN YAURE : Kim has been wonderful too!
- 12:50:24 From ROBIN YAURE : Is it ok for faculty to attend?
- 12:50:42 From Kendra Wolgast : please share zoom link with campus for that event
- 12:51:00 From Lisa Ward : what has been the follow up on targeted students having difficulties
- 12:51:11 From Susan Johnston Graf : I want to thank Tom for being a great chair for us this year.
- 12:51:16 From Jacob Sawyer : zoom link went out today as part of campus announcements, i can send it on the faculty listserv
- 12:51:34 From mjj6 : I've had students that have gotten tech help--thanks.
- 12:51:39 From Kendra Wolgast : Thanks Jacob!
- 12:51:56 From Edward Hipkiss : Thanks for a good year, Tom!
- 12:51:59 From ROBIN YAURE : THANKS Tom!
- 12:52:05 From ANNE MARIE DEVNEY : Well done Tom!!!
- 12:52:09 From MICHAEL DONCHESKI : Thanks Tom!
- 12:52:17 From Susan Johnston Graf : Clapping for Tom!
- 12:52:22 From mjj6 : Thanks so much Tom!!!
- 12:52:26 From Edward Hipkiss : Good luck, Linghao!
- 12:52:28 From Jacob Moore : Thanks Tom
- 12:52:39 From John Long : Thanks Tom
- 12:52:40 From Jackie Schwab : thank you for your leadership, Tom!