

MAFS Minutes

October 13, 2023 12:20 – 1:10 pm
Sci-Tech 204 <https://psu.zoom.us/j/96790544270>

1. **Minutes of preceding meeting**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting has been approved.
2. **Announcements by the chair** Barrett Scroggs
 - a. Open Enrollment procedures. Meetings are available via Zoom. <https://hr.psu.edu/2024-benefits-open-enrollment/presentations>
 - b. Congrats to Olivia for finishing her Doctorate degree recently.
 - c. Anita sent an email this morning about the video visit needs.
 - d. Committee notes and Faculty Senate/UCFC reports will be added to the MAFS minutes starting in November.
3. **Comments by the chancellor** Francis Achampong
 - a. Dr. Bendapudi's message about the happenings in Israel. Students will soon be getting a message as well. If a student lets you know they have family in the area that we should be accommodating and make referrals to the Wellness House as needed.
 - i. Links to various resources are available.
 - b. Part-time counselor is now available in the Wellness House.
 - c. Campus symposium will be on Monday with the topic chosen per student request.
 - d. No movement on Penn State's appropriation. If there is no resolution by the end of the calendar year, it will complicate things for us.
 - i. Questions arose about why the law is written about the budget appropriations. Non state agencies require 2/3 vote to pass.
4. **Comments by the DAA** Mike Doncheski
 - a. Next meeting, we will talk about the updated faculty teaching assessment where SRTE will be replaced.
5. **Comments by University Faculty Senators** Ermek Nurkhaidarov and Robin Yaure
 - a. Discussing future goals for faculty senate.
 - b. This week there was a UC caucus meeting.
 - c. Next meeting is October 17 – agenda will be on webpage: strategic plan, proposal for sabbatical leave for non-tenure teaching faculty, among other topics.
 - d. Intra-university relations committee is meeting on Monday (Robin).
6. **Comments by University College Faculty Councilors** Somjit Barat and Hanafiah Harvey
 - a. Minutes from the meeting will be available.
 - b. Promotion – some issues were raised regarding the guidelines.
 - c. Discussion on the new faculty teaching assessment will be deferred to the next meeting.
7. Committee reports
 - a. **Academic Affairs** –
 - i. Sept 27 meeting: gathering information regarding the teaching review process for part-time instructors.
 - b. **Athletics**

- i. Met for the second time this week. Staci will be talking more here later. Conversations continue regarding purpose of the committee and how to be a better conduit between faculty and athletics.

c. Campus Planning

- i. Dr. A shared the piece about how people who go to college live longer.
- ii. Talked about Goal 2: maximize fiscal solidity
- iii. The goal is to increase enrollment. Looks like visits are down, but that is because there was a lot of virtual visits.
- iv. Athletics uses special software to track recruitment of athletes.
- v. Trying to build retention through collaboration with other campuses.
- vi. Trying to do more out-of-state recruitment.

d. Curricular Affairs

- i. Taking another look at the BBH major that was put on hold.
- ii. Deferred more in depth share out for a future meeting.

e. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- i. Met twice so far and hard at work on charges creating city guides for incoming faculty to better present the areas. Looking at 11 cities and towns so far. Looking at the guide through a DEI lens.

f. Faculty Affairs

- i. Approved several PDF requests so far this semester.
- ii. Social calendar is available on the Teams space for faculty, please reach out if you have additional ideas.
- iii. Thank you to those who have hosted morning coffee hours.
- iv. Will be looking at new charge for faculty and recruitment and retention.

g. Information Technology

- i. Looking at faculty profiles on the website to explore how they link to digital measures.
- ii. Please check that your phone number and office number is accurate on the directory.
- iii. Looking to revive the Mont Alto storyteller project.
- iv. Technology support was discussed in the absence of an instructional designer on our campus.

8. New business

a. Athletics Update Staci Brennan

- i. Thanks to all who came to the volleyball game last night. The energy was very positive!
- ii. Athletics Academic Report Spring 2023
 1. Spring GPA average 3.26 (last 12 semesters have been over 3.0)
 2. 3rd Place in the USCAA – national governing body. Among 68 institutions. Highest ranking in history. We are the highest among our conference within the PSU system.
 3. TEAM CGPA spreadsheet was shared broken down by sport and season.
 - a. Additional information was shared about the number of students who participated in each sport. Headcount of student athletes: 124

- b. Number of students on Dean's List by sport was shared, 41% were on the Dean's List for SP23.
 - c. Semester GPA of 3.00 or higher was shared per sport. 72% had above a 3.00.
 - d. Normal progress requirements of student athletes spreadsheet was shared that assists Staci in determining eligibility. Department expectations is 3.0. Requirements are measured at the beginning of each semester.
 - e. Academically ineligible spreadsheet was shown.
4. Recruiting Class
- a. Out of the incoming class for FA23 there are 198, 23% of incoming students were student athletes.
 - b. "Recruited" means the coach was the first point of contact to the student.
 - c. Shared states students are recruited from.
5. 129 current student athletes for FA23. Down 4 from last year.
- a. Losing 2 sports has not impacted the numbers
6. Graduation Rates
- a. Student Athletes vs Non Student Athletes numbers across the conference campuses
 - i. 87% student athletes
 - ii. 66% non-student athletes
 - b. Looking at determining GPA comparison data for Mont Alto students.
7. Questions/Comments
- a. Spirit week is next week and canned food drive. Please participate, take photos, and share.
 - b. Remember the faculty athletics committee is also a great place to share questions and concerns.
- b. **Update on early and mid-semester progress reports** Mike Doncheski
- i. Mike will send an update email following the meeting that will provide details regarding the mid-semester progress reports.
 - ii. To Do items are not part of the reports with less flags and kudos.
 - iii. Advisers are currently only getting emails about flags. Reviewing to dos will require the adviser to look up the information.
 - iv. Please close the loop if you meet with a student to resolve the issue.
 - v. Remember: we can raise flags and kudos anytime.
 - vi. Fall – Sept 11 (two days before close of EPR period). Over 1200 tracking items were raised.
 - vii. In total, 2379 tracking items were raised, 42 sections did not get completed. Narrowing down the discrepancies there were 7 faculty/11 sections that were not submitted.
 - viii. Currently in mid-semester progress period.
9. Comments and recommendations for the good of the campus
- a. Ed Hipkiss: Faculty rep for the Mont Alto advising council. Big thing this year we are reviewing and revamping the NSW advising sessions based off of faculty feedback received. Please share comments, questions, complaints.

b. Open house tomorrow

Adjourn at 1:04

Next meeting: Friday, 11/10, 12:20-1:10, Sci-Tech 204