

MAFS Agenda

January 4th, 2024 9:30 – 10:30 am, Sci-Tech 204

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/96790544270>

Secretary for this month: Kendra Wolgast

1. Minutes of preceding meeting: Motion to approve minutes was approved.
2. **Announcements by the chair** Barrett Scroggs
 - New faculty headshots being taken today and tomorrow. New set up in the OneButton studio. Additional days will be coming up if you are unable to
 - Student Affairs has a couple events coming up: Winter warmth drive, MLK Day of Service in Chambersburg, blood drive
 - Computer lab has moved from ST115 to ST 313
 - Jay and Matt are both working dually at PSU Berks which may cause schedule changes.
 - Chris Wounderly is leaving res life for a UP position and Jordan is taking over the position and backfilling the Student Activities position.
3. **Comments by the chancellor** Francis Achampong
 - Thanked the program coordinators for updating the capacity document for their programs.
 - Afternoon with Chancellor events are lined up, schedule was sent recently. Feb 21, March 20, April 17
 - 2:30 today (Town Hall) Values and Cultures survey will be discussed and get feedback from the campus community
4. **Comments by the DAA** Mike Doncheski
 - Office hours need to be posted and we will award the best decorated
 - GSI merit increases are in progress. They will be retroactive after validation. They will come up in the January paycheck. (Be mindful of retirement contributions, the lump sum payment may cause overages.)
 - Dean's List Social Event is February 2 in the AHB. (If the student is not currently a MA student, they will not have an invitation.)
 - Introduced Dana Tyree – newest nursing faculty joined us on January 1.
5. **Comments by University Faculty Senators** Ermek Nurkhaidarov and Robin Yaure
 - Attended a meeting on the faculty bill of rights. Conversations about who owns intellectual property. Next meetings are 22-23 of January which will be held virtually.
6. **Comments by University College Faculty Councilors** Somjit Barat and Hanafiah Harvey

- Next meeting is February

7. Committee reports

A. Academic Affairs – David Seitz

- David Seitz: December submitted recommendation for first charge regarding the teaching review process for part-time faculty.
- January 15 first meeting of spring semester to work on the next task to develop process to connect faculty to high schools for research and admissions talks.

B. Athletics – Renee

- Haven't met since last MAFS
- Will continue to work on the roll the committee will play on bridging gaps.
- Let us know if there is anything you need or stats you'd like to see.

C. Campus Planning - Olivia

- Meet next week

D. Curricular Affairs -Jackie

- No report – may need to ask for new charge.

E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Nikolette

- Will be meeting soon to polish the city guide document.
- Please continue to send feedback

F. Faculty Affairs – Kristi Ritter

- Still approving PDFs
- Please send before you attend.
- Social events are in the works.
- Morning Coffee: Slots still available for hosting. 8 spots taken. Contact Kendra to host!

G. Information Technology

- No report

8. New business

A. **2024-2025 MAFS elections** Barrett Scroggs

- Executive Board positions that are available: Need to replace Somjit and Linghao – both end at end of semester 2024. Whoever gets the most votes becomes chair-elect and second in votes becomes a member of the executive board.
- Are we at the normal number of members? Yes.
- Other elections: P&T Committee, Teaching Line Committee, Ombudsperson
- Comments about service from those serving:
 - ~ Executive Board: Interesting to be part of the conversations. Learn a lot about the campus, faculty, behind the scenes information you do not

normally here. The service is gratifying. You really feel like what you do matters. Learn more about how many people really care about the campus and what work goes in behind the scenes. It makes me want to complain less 😊. Understand reasonings and limitations you do not normally know about. Opportunity to meet people in other disciplines.

- ~As chair-elect you co-chair on the P&P committee (at 7:30 a.m. but Matt brings donuts and coffee at times). As chair – attend administrative council, past chair serves as webmaster for the website. As the chair you learn more about what is going on with the campus at the admin council meetings, work with the executive board and committees. Work a lot more closely with the directors on campus.
- ~P&T & Teaching Line Promotion – You review the dossier of those who are up for promotion, when that occurs. You may also be able to serve on committees from other campuses. Gain experience that will allow you the confidence to serve further. You can get involved with pre-reviews, post-reviews, etc. Disciplines may do this differently across the commonwealth. You will not be making the decision solely. You are a part of the decision making process.
- ~Ombudsperson – unbiased person to listen to your concerns. Can attend meetings with DAA or Chancellor. Act as mediator for these roles. Only permitted to work with faculty. You do get trainings each year. Gain skills that are applicable in other areas. Get to meet people from across the University and learn behind the scenes. The rep is super responsive because of time sensitivity and explains what to do very thoroughly. Each semester you have a 2-hour training. This position is very well supported in gaining an understanding of responsibilities. Confidentiality is very important.
- Can the results be shared publicly? The voting is done on a rank choice system which is point based. We will look into whether or not this can/should be done. Will those with low votes be embarrassed? At minimum we should share results with those who ran. Transparency is important. Typically in election results are public in a democratic system. Executive board will discuss. If someone does get zero votes, possibly they would see that and make changes to gain votes in the future.
- Feel free to reach out and ask those who have served questions and consider how you can serve the campus community.
- Executive Board is in place for you to bring forward concerns for discussion.
 - MAFS members wrote something they would like to executive board to know anonymously.

9. Comments and recommendations for the good of the campus

- FAR Deadline by the end of January
- Syllabus statement – please update the ASC email on the syllabus statement!
- Flexibility Forms: Please complete the online form if you have not done so yet. Some faculty feel the new form is much easier than before.

- Door contest: There may be 3 faculty who have not yet posted their hours. Not many!
Winner will get lunch with Mike

Next meeting: Friday, February 9th, 2024, 12:20-1:10 pm, Sci-Tech 204