

Executive Board Agenda

January 31st, 2024, 12:20-1:10 pm

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Secretary for today: Nikolette

1. Approval of last meeting minutes – approved
2. Meeting agenda for February 9th MAFS
 - Potential discussion on recent “Road map for Penn State’s future”?
 - Probably going to need more than one meeting time to discuss this
 - If most of the questions cannot be answered at this point in time, should we delay the conversation until more questions can be answered? Will this create further anxiety?
 - It could still be important to talk about it and share ideas about the sustainability of the campuses and budget allocation model.
 - A town hall will be planned in March for when more information is available
 - Would a discussion at MAFS be a good time to outline what we know right now and what facts we have? A time to listen to people’s thoughts and concerns and to dispel whatever rumors can be dispelled.
 - This will be a good time to get people to be proactive in thinking about the future of the campus. People will have an opportunity to offer suggestions and ask questions.
 - We can create an avenue for having people submit anonymous questions ahead of the MAFS meeting. Framing: “Having read the Road map, what is on your mind? What do you want to discuss at MAFS with regards to the Road map?”
3. Post-it notes activity follow-up
 - Some of the notes are easily addressable, some of the notes could be the subject of charges to committees this year and in future years.
 - Some of the easily addressable notes can be brought back to MAFS for follow-up and clarity
 - Notes were divided into broad categories of Executive Board (as in, the executive board could easily address these concerns), Committees (as in, these could be addressed in future charges for committees), and Administration (bigger questions that can’t be solved immediately but should absolutely be considered)
4. Academic Affairs committee report

- Academic Affairs sent an update on their first charge – concerning evaluation of part-timers and adjuncts
- Is the committee recommending use of the same peer evaluation form that is currently being used or are they recommending developing a new peer evaluation form?
- Need to consider that some adjuncts do not teach consistently – they may stop for a year or two and then come back. There are also differences for how many courses adjuncts/part-time faculty teach each semester, whether they only teach once a year, etc.
- How are adjuncts/part time faculty provided a mentor? The mentor is assigned.
- If anyone else wants to provide feedback, provide to Barrett.
- At this point, the recommendations put forth by the Academic Affairs Committee will be handled by ADAA & ADA, it does not feel like the changes are substantive enough to go back to the Academic Affairs Committee

5. Updating charges for Spring 2024

- Academic Affairs Committee can now be charged with working on addressing some of the recommendations for evaluating full-time faculty (based on the updated information Mike sent previously)
- Curricular Affairs needs a new charge. Curricular Affairs will be charged with what originally was Academic Affairs second charge (outreach to high schools)

6. Elections for 2024-2025

- At present, 3 people are running for executive board, 2 are running for teaching line promotion, 4 are running for tenure line promotion, and 4 for ombudsperson.
- Linghao will create the ballots

Meeting adjourned: 1:10pm