

MAFS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2013

Chair Peter Linehan called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M. and reminded the Senate about 2 surveys available for participation—one received via e-mail from the University Faculty Senate Committee on Research and the second an ANGEL survey about new features to ANGEL.

Staci Grimes and Brad Kendall presented information on the new process for event registrations. This is for anything not scheduled by the registrar (not classes). The event calendar and event form have links located on the Mont Alto website faculty and staff page. When filling out the form, the sponsor is the Penn State Mont Alto individual who is the contact for the event; the group contact would be from the outside group if it is an outside group. Prior to filling out forms, rooms should be reserved. Once the form is filled out, a copy of the information is sent to the sponsor's e-mail address.

Tom Reinsfelder presented information on Scholarsphere, a project of the Penn State libraries and ITS. Scholarsphere is a tool to allow for sharing of work apart from publications. Examples of work that can be shared here include posters and papers presented at conferences, presentation slides, data spreadsheets, and journal articles (if allowed). The website is scholarsphere.psu.edu. An individual may post by logging in and uploading the information to the site.

Mike Doncheski presented a proposal for the BS in Environmental Business Management degree. This is an option for 2FORT students to completing a bachelor's degree on campus or may also serve as a stand-alone program. The majority of courses in the program are already required by 2FORT or the BS in business degrees. The proposal supports the campus strategic plan (program growth statement) and addresses Core Council recommendations. No additional full-time faculty or lab facilities are necessary to implement the program; however, new sections of certain courses and part-time faculty will be needed. The program was approved by the Policy and Planning Committee on January 9 and is now charged to the MAFS Curricular Affairs Committee for study.

Mike Doncheski then presented information about an e-mail that faculty received from Interim Provost Rob Pangborn regarding reporting for the last date of attendance for failing grades. Mike contacted Assistant VP of Undergraduate Education Anna Griswold who informed him that she will need to meet with government officials for interpretation of the rule.

Dave Gnage presented information regarding a brainstorming session on Thursday, January 24 involving faculty, staff, students, and the community in regards to increase applications to the campus. Enrollment has dropped from 2011 to 2012. 2013 applications to our campus are up but University Park applications are down, so the campus is not receiving as many referrals.

Tom Reinsfelder motioned to adjourn, Robin Yaure seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Hipkiss, Secretary