Faculty Senate Council
February 10, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.
Minutes

Present: Don Ulin, Kim Bailey, Steve Hardin, Yara Elbeshbishi, Marietta Frank, Ernie Kallenbach, Kira Leck, and David Merwine and Tim Ziaukas

Items of Business:

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from the January 27, 2015 Faculty Senate Council meeting was made by Tim Ziaukas. David Merwine seconded the motion. The minutes passed.

Next Faculty Senate Council Meeting: February 24, 2015 in the Academic Dean’s Conference Room at 11:00 a.m.

Next Full Faculty Senate Meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in the University Room at 11:30 a.m.

Nominees for Academic Excellence Awards: Using the criteria from the September 9, 2014 Faculty Senate Council Minutes, the candidates eligible for the Academic Excellence Awards were chosen and forwarded to Julie Dykstra.

Faculty Elections Update: With Pitt-Bradford having very little written about the procedures of how to hold elections, Kim has been attempting to fall back to the Bylaws of the University Senate for all election related procedures. Some of the procedures do not fit the structure of Pitt-Bradford’s Faculty Senate, some create duplicate or unnecessary work, and some are just not feasible for the number of faculty here. With that said, council will work on procedures for the Pitt-Bradford election process.

The election slate has been electronically distributed to faculty via email and additional nominations will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 13 at noon with the signature of 10 faculty. Elections will officially open on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015.

President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service: Faculty Council was previously asked by Livingston Alexander to accept and narrow candidates for the newly created President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service. The files were reviewed and three candidates were forwarded to Livingston Alexander. The committee felt that more standardized criteria was needed to thoroughly review portfolios. For example, limiting submissions to last three years and requiring the OMET teaching evaluations for the last three years. Don Ulin will discuss suggestions with Livingston Alexander for next year’s award. A motion was made to approve all three candidates by Kira Keck. Kim Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed and the files will be forwarded with comments.
**Academic Affairs Update:**

**Searches:** The searches continue to move forward. The management position and the lab tech position have moved to the request to hire stage. More advertising will be conducted for the Exercise Science position and the candidate pool will be reviewed again (previously, Hardin announced this as a failed search).

**Bradford Regional Airport:** Mark Cestari, VP of Marketing for the Sun Air Express, a new carrier at the Bradford Regional Airport, came to Pitt-Bradford to promote a $29 fare from Bradford to Pittsburgh (one-way). There are four flights a day during the week. This could be beneficial to our students as there are many flight destinations out of the Pittsburgh Airport. Please promote this rate, as the Bradford Airport is in dire need of passengers, or they risk losing the airport. The price goes down in groups, for example if 10 tickets are purchased the price drops to $25. The one downfall to the price is that bags cannot be checked to a connected flight. They have to be picked up in Pittsburgh and rechecked.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Merwine. Marietta Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.