Faculty Senate Council  
September 23, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Minutes

**Present:**  Don Ulin, Matt Kropf, Kim Bailey, Steve Robar, Marietta Frank, Kira Leck, David Merwine, John Slimick, and Tim Ziaukas

**Items of Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September 9, 2014 Faculty Senate Council Minutes went out too late for everyone to read. A motion was made to table the approval of the minutes until next meeting by John Slimick. Tim Ziaukas seconded. Minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Next Faculty Senate Council Meeting:** October 28, 2014 in the Academic Dean’s Conference Room at 11:00 a.m.

**Next Full Faculty Senate Meeting:** September 30, 2014 in the University Room at 11:30 a.m.

**Faculty Senate Council Meeting Time:** Don Ulin spoke with Yara Elbeshbishi, Student Government Association President, about changing the Faculty Senate Council Meeting time from 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. At this point, SGA members don’t have anyone to fill the Senate Council position because they meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays also. With the aforesaid, council members agreed to change the meeting time to 11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. for this fiscal year’s meetings.

**Upcoming Senate Meeting on September 30:** Livingston Alexander will give a campus update. A Sustainability Update will be given by Matt Kropf. A Pitt-Bradford Constitutional Update will be on the table regarding retired faculty members. A brainstorming session will be held to set an agenda for Faculty Governance this year.

**Charges for Senate Standing Committees:** Chairs for Senate Standing Committees will be invited to Senate Council in the future to discuss charges that are brought forth from the September 30, 2014 full Faculty Senate Meeting.

**Chancellor’s Visit:** The new Chancellor, Patrick Gallagher, visited the Bradford campus on September 22, 2014. Faculty that attended the session with him provided positive feedback about the visit.

**Constitution Change:** The University Senate Constitution and By-laws states that retired faculty can continue to participate in the University Senate by contacting the Office of the Senate (in Pittsburgh). However, this conflicts with Pitt-Bradford’s Faculty Senate Constitution which currently does not include retired or Emeritus Faculty as part of the Bradford Faculty Senate. If we want to include retirees and emeriti faculty in Pitt-Bradford Faculty Senate, then the Constitution needs to be written as such. Bailey motioned to add language to the Pitt-Bradford Constitution to include retired faculty. Matt Kropf seconded the motion. Discussion determined that this could easily be accomplished by adding retired members as a voting member under *Article I, Definitions, j.* “Voting Members”. Don Ulin will construct some language for the change. The motion carried unanimously.
**Academic Affairs Update:**

**Searches:** All 10 searches are approved by Oakland and moving forward.

**General Education Program:** The next General Education program to be assessed is Mathematics.

**Strategic Program Planning:** Hardin will be working with the chairs on the next step of the strategic program planning.

**Retention:** At the summer Leadership Retreat, administration worked on plans for retention.

**Matters Arising:**

**Blue and Gold Award:** The Student Government Association (SGA) has been promoting school spirit with a Blue and Gold Award in which students are randomly given awards for wearing Pitt-Bradford t-shirts, colors, etc. SGA President, Yara Elbeshbishi, asked for permission to give out awards during class time. Faculty Senate Council discussed and noted that an interruption takes a person 15 minutes to get focused back on task. Therefore, Council will relay that this is not a good idea.

A motion was made by Tim Ziaukas to adjourn. Kim Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.