Present: (see attached sign-in sheet) Quorum present.

Opening Remarks: Matthew Kropf, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, opened the meeting by welcoming new faculty members to Pitt-Bradford, thanking current faculty members for their continued efforts, and thanking administration for the continued support of the Faculty Senate.

Kropf recognized the outgoing Faculty Senate Officers, Dick Melka, who served as President; Warren Fass, who served as Vice President; and Kim Bailey, who served as Secretary and will continue this year as Secretary. Francis Mulcahy motioned to officially recognize these faculty members for their efforts in the minutes. Helma de Vries-Jordan seconded. The motion passed.

Faculty Senate History: By way of a Pitt-Bradford Faculty Senate Constitution, which is supported and recognized by the Pitt-Bradford Campus President and Advisory Board, Faculty Senate members have a voice in the governance of Pitt-Bradford. The Constitution states:

“The Senate Council shall be consulted before policy decisions are made or action taken on matters of student and faculty concern. . . . The Senate Council may make recommendations in writing to the President, regarding the operation and development of the campus. The President [i.e. Alexander] shall inform the Faculty Senate of action on such recommendations.”

With this shared governance, Faculty Senate has the ability to positively affect policy here at Pitt-Bradford, which makes it important for Faculty members to participate. Faculty members can participate in many ways such as reading emails and updates from campus administration, bringing issues to council representatives, voting in elections, completing annual evaluations, and mainly just staying current about Pitt-Bradford governance.

Items of Business:

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2014 full Faculty Senate meeting was made by Rick Frederick. Helene Lawson seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Next Faculty Senate Council Meeting: September 9, 2014 in the Academic Dean’s Conference Room at 11:30 a.m.

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

Introduction of Senate Council Representatives: The following Faculty Senate Council Members were introduced:

- Kira Leck – Behavioral and Social Sciences Division Representative
- David Merwine – Biological and Health Sciences Division Representative
- Tim Ziaukas – Communication and The Arts Division Representative
- Ernie Kallenbach – Management and Education Division Representative
- John Slimick – Physical and Computational Sciences Division Representative
Introduction of Senate Committee Chairs: The following Senate Committee Chairs were introduced:

- Ken Wang – Academic Technology Committee
- Matt Kropf – Education Policies Committee
- Nancy McCabe – Faculty Development Committee
- Om Singh – Faculty Welfare
- James Salvo – Health & Safety
- Brieanne Seguin – Promotion and Renewal
- Anna Lemnitzer – Student Affairs
- Dave Soriano – Tenure

*Helene Lawson will also continue to chair the Academic Integrity Board which is a Pitt-Bradford Committee, but not a Faculty Senate Committee.

University Faculty Assembly Representative: Jeff Guterman has volunteered to fill one of the two positions available as Faculty Assembly Representatives to the University Senate. This committee meets down in Pittsburgh once a month. One more representative is needed. Robar nominated John Slimick to continue as a representative to the faculty assembly. Slimick will be asked if he will accept the position.

Next Full Senate Meeting – Goals and Priorities: The next Full Senate Meeting on September 30, 2014 will focus on discussing goals and priorities for Faculty Senate this year.

Matters Arising:

Sports Medicine: Mark Kelley announced that Sports Medicine has a new curriculum, a new name, and a new minor. The Major will now be called Exercise Science.

Freshman Seminar: Kristin Asinger, Director of Freshman Seminar, talked about the process to develop this year’s Freshman Seminar, which was through a series of conferences, input from instructors and students, and other schools’ recommendations. Once it was developed, then a topic was decided upon to adapt.

Asinger states that all courses will have topics this year and that they will all be the same. She is keeping the social aspect of the seminar and bringing in college success to help develop students’ organization and study skills. Her hope is to produce the high quality college students. The seminar will involve community service, which will transfer to points; academic resources; standard intervention and sexual assault; alcohol and drug use/abuse; and how to stay safe. Each student will be given a meal ticket with a guest pass so they have the opportunity to have a meal with a faculty or staff member to help develop relationships. There will be a peer mentoring program and many other required campus activities. They will work towards emotional intelligence, developing diversity empathy, and college success. These courses are not intended to be lecture courses; they should be very active.

A motion was made by Greg Page to adjourn. Warren Fass seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.