

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
 Conference Room A, University Club
 June 4, 2013

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Thomas Smitherman called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.	The meeting commenced.
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the April 30, 2013 Faculty Assembly Meeting.</u> President Smitherman asked for approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Faculty Assembly meeting.	The minutes were approved as written.
<u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> President Smitherman asked if there were any new items of business to be brought forward.	No items of new business were brought forward.
<u>Report of the President.</u> President Smitherman gave the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations and Thanks to Faculty Assembly • Welcome to incoming officers; Dr. Michael Spring, President, and Dr. Irene Frieze, Vice President, and acknowledgement of Dr. Linda Frank, returning Secretary • Major work completed on updating University Senate website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanks to Dr. Spring for his expertise and the Chancellor for providing the necessary budget ○ No “go-live” date at present but should be by early September • Retrospective review of decisions about the future of Graduate programs in German, Religious Studies, and Classics is nearing an end <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provost Beeson reports full review was undertaken with faculty members of affected departments; proposals developed and approved by Dietrich School Council and Dietrich School Planning & Budget committee approved all 3 proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing of Religious Studies graduate programs ▪ Suspension of admissions to Classics and German graduate programs ○ Dietrich School will forward the proposal to the Provost for final decision • Tenure & Academic Freedom committee may be asked to conduct informal investigation and mediation effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests from tenured faculty within SOM who are not also members of UPP for guidance, advice and informal mediation re: planned salary reductions ○ Most common concern; lack of knowledge about Pitt & SOM policy & procedure ○ Relevant documents have been posted on SOM website, thanks to Dean of SOM for getting them widely, easily & readily available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Levine’s address on the subject is available on SOM website for viewing 	President Smitherman report submitted.

<http://mediasite.cidde.pitt.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=1ac4875994e64df0b5321b64fcf8cccc>

- Local chapter of American Association of University Professors letter to University Times and Dr. Levine's response to appear in June 13th issue
- Officers of local chapter of AAUP will present a PowerPoint after committee reports

Reports by and Announcements of Special and Standing Committees of the Senate.

Bylaws and Procedures: Nicholas Bircher, Chair

- Committee met twice
- First meeting
 - Awaiting posting of Guidelines for Search Committees for Senior Academic Administrators on Pitt website.
 - Options available for bylaws modifications re: Sustainability Committee. Executive committee resolved issue without need for modifications
- Second meeting
 - Proposed name change – Anti-discriminatory Policies Committee – Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-discriminatory Advocacy Committee
 - Options
 - Editorial – simply name change
 - Substantive – having the name “catch up” with current level of function
 - ADP Committee will consider the matter over the summer

Educational Policies: Kathleen Kelly, Chair

Circulated a report.

- Committee met 7 times
- Two major issues
 - Transcript Detail (resolved in December) – to include detail about courses brought in
 - Students would like access to “legitimate” information about courses beyond “Rate my professor”
 - Option of what information made available will reside at school/unit level
 - Importance of course information being up-to-date, working on portal option

Complete information contained in report and posted minutes

American Association of University Professors presentation: Dr. Beverly Gaddy & Dr. John Baker

AAUP PowerPoint posted on AAUP website <http://pittaaup.org/>

<u>Announcements.</u> Pitt AAUP General membership meeting June 24 th , 1pm at the Lutheran Center Chancellor's reception immediately following June 12 Senate Council meeting	Information only; no action needed.
<u>Adjournment.</u> The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM	Meeting adjourned.

Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, FAAN
Senate Secretary
Associate Professor of Public Health, Medicine, and Nursing
Graduate School of Public Health
Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology

Members attending:

Baker, Becker, Bircher, Borghesi, Butterworth, Caldwell, Cauley, Clark, Constantino, Costantino, Erickson, Flynn, Frank, Gaddy, Hartman, Kear, Kelly, Lunsford, Lyon, Miller, Molinaro, Neft, Savinov, Shafiq, Shaiman, Slimick, Smith, Smitherman, Song, Spring, Terry, Wilson, Withers

Members not attending:

Ansell, Barker, Bartholomae, Bauer, Bledsoe, Bonneau, Buchanich, Chase, Chiarulli, Cohen, Culley, Daley, Fabian, Gallagher, Gibson, Gleason, Jones, Leers, Lin, Majumdar, McKinney, Mulcahy, Neufeld, Nisnevich, Riccelli, Rougeux, Savoia, Skledar, Smolinski, Sukits, Tananis, Tisherman, Vieira, Weiss, Wilson

*Excused attendance:

Alexander, Beck, Burkoff, Clermont, Hravnak, Karp, Kearns, Kovacs, Labrinidis, Lewicka, McLaughlin, Pinsky, Withiam

Others attending:

Balaban, Barlow, DeJong, Fedele, Frieze, Schackner

*Notified Senate Office