**Subject:** Agenda for Penn State York Campus Senate Meeting

**Date and Time:**  February 25, 2021, 12:15-1:30 p.m.,

**Location:** Online Zoom meeting

**Attendees:** R. Bartell, Y. Botanov, J. Burkholder, W. Cantor, M. Casteel, M. Coyle, J. Crivaro, J. Downing, B. Eshbach, A. Fetterman, D. Folkers, R. Foschia, S. Foster, G. Gawo, J. Giguere,

S. Gill, A. Giorgioni, F. Haag, A. Harmon-Krtanjek,C. Heydl-Cortinez, J. Kasten, D. Latzko, M. Lorenz, F. Lugemwa, M. Marcus, S. Molloy, M. Muller,J. Nesbitt, M. Nicholas, J. Owen,J. Petko, J. Price, M. Ritchey, H. Sarafian, A. Seidel, J. Siddique, A. Siddiqui, J. Smeltzer, K. Trout,A. Vardo-Zalik, E. Wenk, S. Lentz, J. Pflaum, J. Royer,S. Ruch, R. Service, A. Caldwell, D. Christiansen, R. Farrell, H. Gumke, A. Lehman, R. Lehman, S. Shaffer, and Kristen Grey.

1. **Approval of minutes from the January 8, 2021, Senate Meeting**

**Minutes approved**

**II. Communications from administration, faculty, and committees**

1. Announcements from the Chancellor, Dr. Dave Christiansen

* On the replacement of our instructional designer, Suzanne Shaffer upon her retirement: The position is currently funded by Teaching and Learning with Technology at University Park. The University will not extend the funding on this. We will have to come up with funding on our own. The campus come up with a short-term solution, so we do not have a break in coverage.
* The University made announcement on summer and fall teaching modes. Robert Farrell - summer is transitional. Same teaching methods available now will be in place, but expectation is to have students on campus all six weeks for on campus classes. Schedule for summer will be published March 17and students should be able to register on the March 25. For the fall, the plan is to no longer to have COVID modalities. More on that as we get closer to these semesters.
* The University is changing strategic budgeting process and there is a separate initiative for employee classification. The way these intersect is causing some consternation. Faculty positions will be defined as tenure or non-tenure positions. Appointment types will be standing or fixed term. Now if a faculty position is fixed term, the campus must provide a justification for this to the Office of the Vice President of the Commonwealth College (OVPCC). There is concern from other campuses on how classification of these positions affects University budget. This is because they use temporary dollars (carry over) to pay for those salaries. We can no longer do that. Penn State York never did this, so this change does not affect us.

1. Announcements from the DAA, Dr. Bob Farrell

* Summer schedule is ready to go. If you are back on campus teaching, you no longer must call in advance before coming to campus. If teaching remote only, then you do need to call in advance.
* Report that 84 percent submitted early indicators. Midsemester will be coming up soon.
* Shout out to Abdul Siddique and Amber Seidel who have been nominated for the research scholarship award.

Marcy Nicholas – How can we do Starfish reporting when it is too soon in the semester to tell how they are doing? May not have any assignments yet.

Bob Farrell – These Early Progress Reports (EPRs) are mainly pointed at attendance.

Fred Haag – Can we expect that class sizes will stay the same from spring to summer.

Bob Farrell -Yes, for summer but in fall we will go back to standard classroom capacity

Jennifer Nesbitt – Same three categories in the fall?

Bob Farrell - No COVID Remote, COVID Mixed Mode, COVID In Person, COVID WEB, – expectation is that they will be back to in person - P. Still have opportunity to share on Digital Learning Cooperative. Guidance will be provided to accommodate faculty.

Joan Smeltzer– Students with health conditions? Will they be penalized financial aid wise?

Bob Farrell - When the pandemic manifested, guidelines were relaxed. Extent to which these will remain relaxed is being determined.

C. Announcements from University Senators, Deirdre Folkers and Dr. Jennifer Nesbitt

Deirdre Folkers – Senate meeting report – Lengthy meeting at the end of January. Highlights – Provost Jones reported on the budget. He did not say that contracts were going away, but language about being “dismissed without cause” will go away. Also, discussed ongoing problems with SIMBA. A taskforce has been developed to investigate these problems. ARSSA (Admissions, Records, Scheduling, and Student Aid) committee brought forth legislation on the number of credits that can be scheduled in a semester. Cannot register for more than 24. Legislation passed. Another move to bring forth extending alternative grading for this semester. Passed. We are an outlier on the big 10 (many not using alternative grading or placing limits). Additional legislation to include satisfactory grades for semester standing. Passed. Piloting Barnes and Noble textbook program in fall. Students must opt out for each semester. If they don’t, they will receive course materials for per credit hour fee. Only have access to materials during enrolled semester. Give students stability in pricing. Legislation passed.

Jennifer Nesbit – Follow up to teaching evaluations. Good faith language will probably go away. Included as a response to faculty having a struggle for getting courses online and an alternative to student assessment.

D. Announcements from Senate Committee Chairs

* Bob Bartell, Co-Chair of Faculty Affairs: schedule of Colloquia for Spring 2021 Fridays 12:15pm.
  + March 5- Barb Eshbach
  + March 12- Bobby Foschia
  + Another in April
  + Ann Fetterman – Rotary and Walker Award decisions will be made next week. Few more weeks for department awards.

E. Announcements from Faculty Council Representatives, Drs. Joe Downing and Joy Giguere

Joy Giguere – Discussed academic integrity issues and faculty workload equity for those with unique roles. Some faculty do more service and advising than others. No easy solutions. Discrepancies with teaching reviews. Some campuses have suspended teaching reviews. Motion to accept our new constitution passed. Part-time faculty are now eligible for service awards. Need diversity, equity, and inclusion in these awards. Qualtrics access for non-tenure line faculty, can contact IT through UP to get access. Grading policy for spring 2021- question rose about how this affects accreditation. Transitioning Box to OneDrive, do this manually. A lot of personal material could be lost.

F. Announcements from Faculty

Joy Giguere– Laureate March 19 during the common hour. Must RSVP by email to get the ZOOM link.

G. Announcement from Staff Advisory Council Chair, Jane Pflaum

Email will be sent on Tuesday with upcoming events.

Suggestions and feedback welcome on the website.

H. Announcements from Staff

Andrew Caldwell - Reminder next Thursday, March 4 at noon, adviser development session on transfer students.

Ryan J Service Manzo – Introduced Kris Gray new financial aid coordinator.

H. Announcements from Student Governance, Khara James

SGA created conversations about antiracism group. Got books for students. Dr. Giguere will help facilitate conversations. Sign-ups open until March 12.

1. Announcements from Senate Chair, Joan Smeltzer

Electronic voting approved for constitution

Nominating Committee has been appointed

Committee reports are due April 16 on Canvas

Elections will be held in the April meeting

J. Announcements from Senate Chair-Elect, Dr. Anne Vardo-Zalik

**III. Unfinished Business**

**IV. New Business**

* **Motion from Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee**

*The Cultural Diversity and Enrichment Committee of the York Campus Senate moves that the Constitution be amended to remove the committee from the jurisdiction of the Campus Senate.  It is proposed that a new committee be formed under the auspices of the Chancellor's Office that would have equal membership comprised of faculty, staff and students.*

* Joel Burkholder brings forth the motion. Impetus is two-fold. Chair has to be a faculty member. This would allow staff to bring more diversity of the leadership. No dedicated budget. This would allow some money to be allocated so the committee can do its work. Make the work more effective, inclusive, more integrated. This doesn’t really fit into faculty or student concerns like the other committees do. Create larger appreciation as to what diversity means. No requirement that this must be maintained under the Senate. May include students as well. The Campus Senate Chair would identify faculty members that would be on this committee and SAC and SGA as well to have student members. Will appear on agenda for a vote. Another revised Constitution will be sent to UC Senate to make this change if approved.

**V. Forensic Business**

**VI. Adjournment**

**VII. Next Meeting:** March 16, 2021, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Proposals for new business by committees must be distributed to all members at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at which they are to be discussed. Except as otherwise provided, all meeting notices and agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours in advance. Please send materials to the secretary in time for distribution.