

**Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Posvar Hall, 2700**  
**November 7, 2012**

<b>Topic/Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Call to Order.</b> President Tom Smitherman called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.	The meeting commenced.
<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting.</b> President Smitherman asked for approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2012.	The minutes were approved as written. Request made to spell out acronyms
<b>Introduction of Items of New Business.</b> President asked if there were any new items of business to be brought forward.	No items of new business.
<p><b>Report of the President.</b></p> <p><b>Senate Plenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of plenary is set for Thursday, April 18, 2013, “ the Oncoming Cyber learning Revolution in Higher Education”</li> <li>• Pitt has announced that it will be participating in the new company, Coursera founded by 2 professors at Stanford</li> <li>• Pitt is an elite group of universities participating</li> <li>• Special issue of Education Life in the New York Times included 2 articles on the topic; one was entitled, the Year of MOOC, massive open online course.</li> <li>• Coursera has now enrolled more than 1.7 M students, head, Stanford Professor Ng, noted that multiplying faster than Facebook</li> <li>• Harvard and MIT have enrolled 370,000 students</li> <li>• Google has released MOOC building online tools</li> <li>• Numerous uncertainties about how it will work out.</li> <li>• Drs. Cynthia Golden, CIDDE, Dr. Charles Perfetti, director of the Learning Research and Development Center; and Alan Lesgold, Dean of School of Education will be speakers</li> <li>• Community Affairs, Educational Policy, and computer Usage committees to help with planning</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-tenure Stream Faculty Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal forwarded to the Senate by Dr. Irene Frieze that originated in the Gender Discrimination Initiatives Subcommittee (of ADPC) related to the issues of non-tenure stream faculty.</li> <li>• The subcommittee consented to have this proposal reviewed by the Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee (TAFC).</li> <li>• Proposal will be reviewed by this committee at the November TAFC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commonwealth Relations Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Mike Turzai on November 16, 2012</li> <li>• Second will be held on November 30, 2012 with State Senator Tim</li> </ul>	President’s report was approved as submitted.

<p>Solobay.</p> <p><b>Special Presentation by the Provost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provost Beeson will present on April 2, 2013 and will discuss the accomplishments of Pitt</li> <li>• She will also assist in organizing a special session on graduate programs at Pitt, growing out of discussions about the National Research Council's report</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Reports by and Announcements of Special and Standing Committees of the Senate.</u></b></p> <p><b>Budget Policies Committee (Baker)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 3 departments in Arts and Sciences that were eliminated were asked to submit proposal for their departments (Religious Studies, German, Classics)</li> <li>• Provost expects planning and budget procedures to be followed</li> <li>• Process is ongoing and status of program eliminations is unclear</li> <li>• The Senates role is to monitor if the planning and budget procedures have been followed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Library Committee (Looney)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement to physical space of the library, the top floor of Hillman has been designated a quiet study room; dissertation writing rooms has been designated (71 study carrel, storage, power); can be reserved for a year with option for 1 year renewal</li> <li>• More group study rooms are under consideration at Hillman</li> <li>• There has never been fewer books taken out from the library but never used more for study space; plan to use space strategically</li> <li>• Funding has been found for asbestos removal at Hillman to commence in near future</li> <li>• New configuration of ground floor into "knowledge commons", main reference desk eliminated; places to sit, use computers, obtain information electronically</li> <li>• Created resource education and services unit: support staff who are cross trained in electronic modalities; many of the librarians have retired and some have been reassigned for "liaison librarians" for academic units with the goal of supporting the faculty for teaching and needed resources by "taking the library to the department"</li> <li>• Books can be delivered directly to faculty physically or electronically; librarians becoming more and more digital</li> <li>• Library website; 60% as many hits as the Library of Congress</li> <li>• Experimenting with a new model of buying the book; identify books and inform library liaison through "patron driven acquisitions"</li> <li>• Electronic books are now giving the library access to increasing titles; improved remote access service "easy proxy" anywhere in the world with a CSSD account.</li> </ul> <p>Distributed "Brief Statement of FY 12 Strategic Priorities and Actions" Open Access Initiative (Faculty Plenary)</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resulted in the development of a subcommittee</li> <li>• Health sciences has developed policies, Arts and Sciences policy is under consideration</li> </ul> <p>Becker: what about establishing download statistics on a yearly basis? Will be taken back to the committee</p> <p>Smitherman: Where do we stand on getting every book in digital format? Legal issues have deterred this.</p> <p><b>Plant Utilization and Planning Committee (PUP) Weiss</b>  Calling for Information on Problems with Room Assignments for Scheduled Classes:  This year gathering information about this issue to facilitate a conversation with appropriate persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide useful information about finding classroom space</li> <li>• Need more examples of classroom issues, shortages and mismatches to assist in identification of the scope of the problem.</li> <li>• Please submit issues by December 1, 2012</li> </ul>	
<u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business</u> None	
<u>Announcements</u> None	Information only; no action needed.
<u>Adjournment.</u> The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM	Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Members attending:

Baker, Becker, Bircher, Bledsoe, Borghesi, Burkoff, Butterworth, Chaiklin, Chiarulli, Clark, Constantino, Costantino, Frank, Gallagher, Gleason, Hartman, Hravnak, Karp, Kear, Kelly, Lewicka, Lin, Looney, Lyon, McLaughlin, Molinaro, Neft, Nisnevich, Pinsky, Shaiman, Smith, Smitherman, Song, Spring, Sukits, Tananis, Vieira, Weiss

Members not attending:

Barker, Bauer, Bonneau, Chase, Daley, Erickson, Feuer, Gibson, Jones, Leers, Majumdar, Mulcahy, Neufeld, Riccelli Rougeux, Savinov, Shafiq, Skledar, Smolinski, Tisherman

\*Excused attendance:

Bartholomae, Beck, Buchanich, Caldwell, Cauley, Clermont, Culley, Fabian, Flynn, Gaddy, Kearns, Kovacs, Labrinidis, Lunsford, McKinney, Miller, Savoia, Slimick, Terry, Wendell, Wilson, Withers, Withiam

Others attending:

Barlow, Fedele, Manfredi

\*Notified Senate Office