# Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes University Club September 6, 2011

Topic/Discussion	Action
Call to Order. President called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.	The meeting
<u>can to order.</u> Tresident cance the meeting to order at 5.00 pm.	commenced.
Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Faculty Assembly	The minutes were
Meeting. President asked for approval of the minutes of the	approved as written.
Faculty Assembly meeting.	approved as written.
Introduction of Items of New Business. President asked if there were	No items of new
any new items of business to be brought forward.	business were
any new reems of business to be brought for ward.	brought forward.
	brought for ward.
Report of the President.	President s report
	was approved as
Assembly welcome and introduction of Executive Committee	submitted.
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Orientation of new Faculty Assembly members occurred and	
presented by Dr. John Baker. New faculty members	
included:	
John Lyon - A&S Humanities, German Department	
Don Chiarulli - A&S Natural Sciences, Computer Science	
David Barker - A&S Social Sciences, Political Science	
Daniel Berkowitz - A&S Social Sciences, Economics	
Kimberly Gleason - Business	
Cindy Tananis - Education	
Clyde Mitchell-Weaver – GSPIA	
Roger Flynn - Information Science	
Gilles Clermont Medicine	
Carol Redmond - Public Health	
David Beck – SHRS	
Liping Song – HSLS	
Susan Skledar – Pharmacy	
Michael Neft –Nursing	
Discussion of faculty outreach led by Dr. Bircher. Members of	
faculty assembly are encouraged to present at faculty	
meetings with schools to encourage more faculty	
participation. Orientation PowerPoint will be on the Senate	
website Presentation of slides (available on Senate website)	
and includes the following:	
• What is the Senate? • Who are the gurrent are cutive committee?	
Who are the current executive committee?  Here does it words?	
How does it work?  What has the Sanata assemplished?	
O What has the Senate accomplished?	

- o Senate components: assembly, council, committees
- How can I get involved?
- Membership was encouraged to notify Senate Office if unable to attend meetings. Attendance is taken at meetings.
- Standing Committees were requested to review the committee mission statements and revise if needed
- Revisions should be forward to the Senate Office and placed on agenda for approval at the next meeting
- Modification of Faculty Assembly Minutes: status of previous action items will be included and put on the Senate webpage with the aim to improve efficiency and facilitate completion or resolution.
- Standing committees will present this year and schedule will be set
- Discussion of increasing the roster of candidates to run for Senate President as Dr. Pinsky is serving a 3<sup>rd</sup> term and will be ineligible to run.
- University Club is not available for all dates of the Faculty Assembly in 2011-2012. Membership will be notified of these dates and the assembly on those dates will be held in 2700 Posvar Hall. As a cost saving measure, refreshments will no longer be served at the Faculty Assembly.
- Open access proposal was discussed. The purpose is to have scholarly work published through a repository at the university. Many discussions will occur and input from faculty assembly is needed.
- The Chancellor's Reception for the Senate faculty membership will be held on Wednesday, Sept 14, 2011 immediately after the Senate Council meeting

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

## **Community Relations Committee:** Martha Terry reporting

- <u>Mission statement</u>: the committee is a facilitator and observer of the interactions between the University of Pittsburgh and its many external communities. Its purpose is to understand and communicate the mutual needs and benefits of the University and its communities at their points of intersection. In the three-fold mission of the University (research, teaching, public service) community interfaces are frequent and deserve care consideration and treatment This committee monitors activities and reports annually to the Senate on its findings.
- Goal: to support increased collaboration with the University

of Pittsburgh's partners.

• <u>Activities</u>: the committee meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) at Hillman Library (Rm 272). The meeting agenda includes presentations, Senate meeting reports, University and Student Government updates, community service event, news/media events, and field trips.

Discussion: President Pinsky: cited many examples of work that has been accomplished. Dr. Slimick initiated discussion regarding how this relates to regional campuses. There were recommendations to work with the local community and determine needs. Dr. Bircher commented that there is a precedent for holding meetings are regional campuses.

<u>Unfinished Business and/or New Business</u>

#### Announcements.

Members of Assembly:

Labrinidis: Provided information from the Senate Committee on computer use and indicated that Peoplesoft now has photos of the students

Muenzer: Raised concern regarding new policies on computer labs and the now limited printing privileges for faculty (900 copies per semester) and wondered if faculty governance involved in this decision?

Labrinidis: Indicated that computer labs are supported through the student computing fee and that faculty printing could not be sustained since faculty have access to printing within their department.

- In the case of faculty who also are students (joint status) the individual should contact the HELP desk.
- There was discussion about part time faculty obtaining ID cards.

Muenzer: indicated that better communication was needed. Pinsky: Muenzer should be invited to the next Computer Usage committee to work on clarifications and/or solutions.

Becker: Indicated that the Faculty Assembly should consider the question more generally: What is the relationship between any given individual between the faculty and University?

Pinsky: Indicated that the discussion should be considered by one of the Senate Standing committees.

Dr. Muenzer will attend the next Computer Usage Committee to discuss these issues

Dr. Blair and Pinsky will discuss Pinsky will also discuss with Chancellor prior to the next Senate Council

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

### Members attending:

Baker, Bartholomae, Bauer, Beck, Becker, Berkowitz, Bircher, Caldwell, Chiarulli, Close, Cohen, Constantino, Costantino, Flynn, Frank, Frieze, Gallagher, Galloway, Gleason, Hartman, Kane, Kelly, Kovacs, Labrinidis, Lin, Lyon, Majumdar, Miller, Molinaro, Muenzer, Neft, Neufeld, Pinsky, Redmond, Rickman, Savinov, Savoia, Shaiman, Skledar, Slimick, Smith, Song, Spring, Tananis, Terry, Weiss, Wilson, Withiam

### Members not attending:

Bonneau, Buchanich, Chase, Clermont, Daley, Feuer, Greenberg, Mark, Munro, Pan, Smitherman, Smolinski, Steinberg, Towers

#### \*Excused attendance:

Balaban, Barker, Beatty, Burkoff, Chaiklin, Culley, Fabian, Gaddy, Harbert, Hravnak, Kear, Kearns, Lunsford, Singh, Sukits, Wendell

#### Others attending:

Blair, Fedele, Hart

\*Notified Senate Office