

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
2700 Posvar Hall
November 29, 2011

Topic/Discussion	Action
<u>Call to Order.</u> President Michael R. Pinsky called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM	The meeting commenced
<u>Approval of the Minutes of the November 1, 2011 Faculty Assembly Meeting.</u> President Pinsky asked for approval of the minutes of the November 1, 2011 Faculty Assembly meeting.	The minutes were approved as written.
<u>Introduction of Items of New Business.</u> No new business.	
<p>Report of the Senate President, Pinsky</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fall Senate Plenary held on November 10, 2011; program engaging, poster session was productive; well attended 2. Senate Budget Policy Committee met with Provost Beeson to discuss: serious threats to State financial support 3. Co-Chairs of Senate Community Relations, Commonwealth Relations, and Senate President met with Chancellor to discuss ways in which the faculty can be more involved and supportive in advocacy for the University of Pittsburgh: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan is to create video vignettes entitled, "Pitt Minute" that will be posted on website and available to legislators, and community. These vignettes will demonstrate in tangible terms about the value of the University to the local community, state, and the US. 4. December 2 the Commonwealth Relations Committee will host Rep Paul Costa 5. Requests for nominations for Senate Executive Committee... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. need dedicated faculty who are interested in shared governance b. Support is provided by the Senate Office. c. Experience is rich and rewarding d. Efforts of the Senate have resulted in a joint faculty and University administration relationship that is positive and productive. 6. Revised mission statement for the Community Relations committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please send report to Senate Secretary, Linda Frank (those submitted, Commonwealth Relations, Athletics, Tenure and Academic Freedom, Antidiscrimination) 	
<p><u>Antidiscrimination Policies Committee (Jane Feuer)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transgender issues focus for the past year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The committees view was that the "certificate of coverage rider" is in violation of the 2008 University policy of avoiding discrimination based on gender identity and expression' b. Report of a subcommittee is pending and will be presented to the Faculty Assembly 2. An issue related to housing discrimination was discussed in the Pitt News on November 28, 2011 where a transgendered student was 	

<p>given the opportunity to have single room housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Admission forms do not include “transgender” as an option on the form <p>3. Permanent subcommittee on Gender Discrimination and provide their own report to the Faculty Assembly</p> <p><u>Athletics Committee (Lou Fabian)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Pitt moves to the Atlantic Coast Conference</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The University of Pittsburgh had 72 hours to commit to invitation b. Media revenue shared by the conference teams based on their own set of rules; c. The Big 10 Conference Championship game will potentially generate \$20 M; after adding 2 teams and conference championship game d. The new contract for the PAC 12 is worth \$250M e. With the Pitt and Syracuse additions there will be an automatic renegotiation of TV contract; f. Greater media exposure for the University of Pittsburgh g. This change is a methods to maintain resources for other athletics that do not generate revenue 2. <u>Recent NCAA Eligibility Changes</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minimum GPA increased from 2.0 to 2.3 to be eligible for competition b. Must complete 10 of 16 core courses by the end of junior year c. Junior college transfer students: minimum GPA increased from 2.0 to 2.5. 3. <u>Academic Progress Rate</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Team must have and APR of 930 to compete in post season competition b. In 2010 , 14 of 120 Division 1 institution fell below a 930 APR (football) c. In 2010, 104 of 345 Division 1 institutions fell below a 930 APR (basketball) d. In 2010, 290 of 475 student athletes (61%) achieved scholar athlete status, achieving a 2 term grade point average of 3.0 and above, including 21 students receiving a 2 term grade point average of 4.0. Average GPA 2.89. 	
<p><u>Announcements.</u> Next Faculty Assembly on January 24, 2012 <u>Adjournment.</u> Meeting was adjourned at. 3:55 PM</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Secretary

Members attending:

Baker, Balaban, Bartholomae, Beatty, Beck, Becker, Bircher, Bonneau, Close, Constantino, Costantino, Daley, Fabian, Feuer, Frank, Hartman, Kear, Kelly, Lin, Lunsford, Lyon, Miller, Molinaro, Neft, Neufeld, Pinsky, Redmond, Rickman, Sereika, Smith, Smitherman, Song, Spring, Sukits, Tananis, Terry, Weiss

Members not attending:

Barker, Bauer, Chaiklin, Chase, Chiarulli, Clermont, Cohen, Frieze, Gallagher, Gleason, Greenberg, Hravnak, Kane, Kearns, Labrinidis, Majumdar, Munro, Pan, Rougeux, Savinov, Skledar, Smolinski, Steinberg, Towers, Wilson

*Excused attendance:

Berkowitz, Buchanich, Burkoff, Caldwell, Culley, Flynn, Gaddy, Galloway, Harbert, Kovacs, Looney, Muenzer, Savoia, Shaiman, Singh, Slimick, Wendell, Withiam

Others attending:

Blair, Fedele, Hart

*Notified Senate Office