

Faculty Organization Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2011
10:00 a.m. - Burke 180

Faculty Council Website: <http://www.pennstatebehrend.psu.edu/faculty/council/index.htm>

- I. Call to Order and Welcome – Dawn Blasko, Faculty Organization Chair**
- Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.
 - Meeting minutes approved from the Faculty Organization Meeting of April 28, 2011
- II. Introduction of Members of Faculty Senate**
- Paul Barney
 - Dawn Blasko
 - Jo Anne Carrick
 - Juan Fernandez-Jimenez
 - Zach Irwin
 - Amir Khalilollahi
 - Lisa Mangel
 - Ron McCarty
 - Kathy Noce
 - Rod Troester
- III. Introduction of Members of Faculty Council**
- Margaret Voss, Vice-President and Parliamentarian
 - Melanie Ford, Secretary
 - Committee Chairs:
 - Gary Walker, Academic Computing
 - Dave Causgrove, Athletics
 - Ron McCarty, Curricular Affairs
 - Mike Brown, Faculty Affairs
 - Simon Fan, Research
 - Courtney Nagle, Scholarship and Awards
 - Randy Brown, Student Life
 - Dean Lewis, Undergraduate Studies
 - Zach Irwin, Senate Representative
 - John Stone, Part-Time Faculty Representative
 - Jeff Tseng, SGA President, Student Representative
 - Jim Keeley, SGA Vice President, Student Representative

 - Rick Hart, College Ombudsman
 - Mary Beth Pinto, Alternate College Ombudsman
- IV. Introduction of New Faculty by School Directors and Brief Highlights From Each School**
- Ralph Ford, School of Engineering
 - New Faculty:
 - Agasthya Ayachit

- School Highlights:
 - SAE Super Mileage Vehicle Team came in the top five this summer
 - Video Game Certificate, first course this fall
 - Bill Lasher headed a school committee that drafted a proposal on how to evaluate research and creative accomplishments in the School of Engineering
 - Fadi Abu-Farha received an NSF grant of \$220k
 - Received \$600k NSF S-STEM grant to continue these scholarships and programs
 - Moving forward on Building 6 in Knowledge Park

- Steve Hicks, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - New Faculty:
 - Hilary Baker, Lecturer in Music
 - Amy Carney, Assistant Professor of History
 - Huan Chen, Assistant Professor of Communication
 - Dennis Dorman, Lecturer in Sociology
 - Rachel Goertel, Lecturer in English
 - Kilic Kanat, Assistant Professor of Political Science
 - Glenn Kumhera, Assistant Professor of History
 - Heather Lum, Research Associate
 - Sara Luttfiring, Assistant Professor of English
 - Janet Neight, Assistant Professor of English
 - Aimee Pogson, Lecturer in English and Creative Writing
 - G. Scott Rispin, Lecturer in Art
 - Shariffah Sheik Dawood, Lecturer in Psychology
 - Laurie Urraro, Lecturer in Spanish
 - Chong Wojtkowski, Lecturer in French
 - Joanne Zerdy, Lecturer in Theatre
 - Lili Zhang, Fulbright, Visiting Scholar/Lecturer in Women's Studies
 - Promotions
 - Mary Connerty who was promoted to Senior Lecturer in English
 - School Highlights:
 - Elena Corbett received the 2011 John Romano Faculty/Staff Diversity Recognition Award
 - Dawn Blasko received one of Penn State's two 2011 Milton S. Eisenhower Awards for Distinguished Teaching, and she was also a winner of the Penn State Commission for Women's 2011 Achieving Women Award.
 - Tom Noyes, who won the 2010 Council of Fellows Teaching Award, was recently awarded a grant from the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, PSU, to support his project Come by Here: Novella and Stories.
 - Congratulations to Tom Noyes and Joshua Shaw whose online course design proposals were selected to receive grants awarded by the college.

- Melissa Hayes Shirey, a 1997 political science alumna, was a recipient of the 2011 Penn State Alumni Achievement Award presented by the University's Alumni Association.
 - Dan Frankforter, has retired and was given emeritus status
 - Sad new to report, the passing of Ben Lane. A campus memorial service is being planned and details will be announced at a future date.
- John Magenau, Black School of Business
 - School Highlights:
 - Center for Financial and Consumer Outreach held a financial symposium for high school students
 - MBA program tested once again in the top 10%
 - The Hammermill “Lighter than Air Paper Factory” sculpture is now hanging in the Clark Café
 - Economic Research Institute of Erie Conference was held this summer
 - MPM Conference held in August
 - Finance Speaker Series this semester, more information coming
 - Dan Mead, CEO Verizon, speaking Sept 15th
- Chuck Yeung, School of Science
 - New Faculty
 - Alison Davis -- Lecturer in Nursing
 - Amy Haggerty -- Lecturer in Nursing
 - Mary Grace Galinato -- Assistant Professor in Chemistry
 - Davison Sangweme -- Lecturer in Biology
 - Promotions
 - Michael Rutter -- tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Statistics
 - Michael Justik -- tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Chemistry
 - School Highlights:
 - Nursing now in the School of Science
 - Dedication of the renovated Chemistry labs went very well
 - The Thomas Lord Charitable Trust donated \$250,000 to the renovations in addition to the \$250,000 donated by Lord Corporation
 - The Advanced Chemistry Lab has been named the Donald Alstadt Advanced Chemistry Laboratory
 - Plans to deck the Fasenmyer building to add space for Nursing and Physics as well as classroom space
 - The Science Olympiad will be held in the spring. Paul Ashcraft will be coordinating.
 - New Certificates for Actuarial Mathematic and Pre-Med
- Sara Whitney introduced Lili Zhang, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence and Lecturer in Women’s Studies

V. College Update, Don Birx

- Came out of the budget issue pretty well programmatically by drawing on reserves, but suffered from a salary increase perspective.
- Completed the strategic plan that was worked on last year by committees. Implementation will start this year with faculty intellectual and organizational contributions.
- Soccer and Track complex was approved this morning. Phase 1 are the fields and phase 2 are the buildings (phase 2 has yet to be funded).
- Convenience store by Bruno's should be finished by end of semester, November time frame
- 1,150 freshman students, down overall 100 students at Penn State Behrend, but 2nd largest entering class.
- Proposal being made for the Fasenmyer project (to UP)
- Building 3 in Knowledge Park will now house Adult Learning / Life Long Learning Center.
- Long term, Building 6 will be the open lab concept building (Engineering)
- Also, plans are in the exploratory stage to build a Digital Media and Technical Arts Center
- Planning for a retail space across the street from University Gates on PSB land that will have 160 beds on second and third floors. Next summer time frame to start construction.
- Also still pursuing Tripp Hall, 300 – 400 student residence hall on campus
- We do have budgeting for new faculty and staff position to support the student growth and new programs
- The student Leadership Conference was held on campus this summer and students were impressed with the Penn State Behrend campus

VI. Presentation of Faculty Awards

- Guy W. Wilson Award for Excellence in Academic Advising – Paul Barney
- Council of Fellows Faculty Excellence in Outreach Award – Paul Ashcraft and Melanie Ford
- Council of Fellows Faculty Research Award – Greg Filbeck
- Council of Fellows Excellence in Teaching Award – Charles Brown

VII. Comments & Announcements

- Reception following the meeting to honor the awards winners

VIII. Motion to Adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Ford, Secretary