University Faculty Senate Outreach Committee  
January 28, 2014  
Minutes

Members Present: Blanco, Copeland, Gifford, Henry, Lengerich, Rybka, Chair Seymour

Members Absent: Alter, Bridges, Calvin, Harrison, Lamont, Sidhu, Weidemann (J. Conner attended the meeting in his absence)

Guest: Anthony Robinson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Seymour @ 8:40.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

2 PHEAA Update

Chair Seymour approached the Admissions, Records Scheduling and Student Aid Committee (ARSSA) to see if the issue of PHEAA awards for students enrolled in online and World Campus courses could be folded into a larger report on financial aid rather than a report on its own on the Senate web page. They agreed. The two committees will work on this report for presentation to the Senate, Fall 2014.

3 Anthony Robinson on MOOCs at Penn State

Anthony Robinson led a conversation about MOOCs at Penn State based on the MOOC he presented created last fall, Maps and the Geospatial Revolution, https://www.coursera.org/course/maps He talked about the many benefits of MOOCs (positive advertisement for Penn State; possibilities of bringing people to credit bearing courses in World Campus, potential for alumni and international audiences, spreading the gospel to thousands). We also explored the issue of creating a portion of a MOOC to a MOCC for credit. We can use much of what he shared for our informational report due to the Senate in April.

4 Report of Subcommittee

At the close of our meeting, Copeland, Lengerich, and Rybka briefly discussed the survey they are preparing to send out to colleges through the Academic Leadership Council concerning Outreach Activities across Penn State (Informational report due in April).

5 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Beth Seymour, Committee Chair