University Faculty Senate
Outreach Committee
December 10, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Blanco, Copeland, Gifford, Vice Chair Harrison, Lamont, Lengerich, Chair Seymour, Sidhu

Members Absent: T. Alter, KR Bridges, D. Calvin, J. Henry, W. Rybka, C. Weidemann (J. Conner attended the meeting in his absence)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Seymour @ 8:45.

1. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

2. Update on Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
   Anna Griswold, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Executive Director for Student Aid, provided the committee with an update on the status of PHEAA awards for students enrolled in online and World Campus (WD) courses. The eligibility for receiving a grant depends on a 50% classroom experience each semester; PHEAA determined that all WD programs are not eligible for the grant. Penn State is part of a 5 year pilot that will explore the ‘eligible program’ rule, thus opening the eligibility for WD students each semester (this year, roughly 800 students). There will be annual reporting through all five years of the pilot with tracking of students to begin 10-13-14. Fifty three other schools are taking part in the pilot. If the pilot was dropped, roughly 1000 Penn State students would not receive the PHEAA grant, which averages $2000 per student.
   Chair Seymour will approach ARSSA to see if this could be part of a larger report on financial aid rather than a report on its own on the Senate web page.

3. Update on Priority Items
   The Outreach Committee’s Engaged Scholarship report was finalized for submission to the Senate office. It will be merged with other committee reports and will be an Informational Report on the Senate agenda for the January meeting. In April we will be presenting an Advisory and Consultative report on Engaged Scholarship as well.

4. Announcements
   Update from Officers and Chairs meeting - there was none.
   Update from PSOSC (Penn State Online Steering Committee):
   Penn State has sent out an RFP for new MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) at Penn State. Six new proposals have been put forward. At the next meeting we will be discussing MOOCS and MOCCS (Midsize Online Credit Course). Seymour would like to invite Anthony Robinson to talk about the MOOC he developed for Penn State this past fall. We want to talk about the benefits of MOOCs (positive advertisement for Penn State; possibilities of bringing people to credit bearing courses in World Campus) for an informational report in April.
Chair Seymour will contact Dennis Calvin to see about the status of the Informational Report on Extension, that the committee would like to see presented by the April meeting.

4. Work in Subcommittees
   Engaged Scholarship - Seymour, Bridges, Blanco
   Report on Outreach Activities across Penn State - Copeland, Lengerich, Rybka
   Overview of Program Development and Approval Process across University for Online Delivery - Harrison, Gifford, Henry and Lamont

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Beth Seymour, Committee Chair