

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Newfound Room, Prospect Hall

The meeting began at 3:45 pm with approximately 85 faculty in attendance.

- I. The minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting were accepted as accepted.
- II. Introduction: Steven Temperino, Deputy Director, University Police  
Mr. Temperino is newly hired into his position. He shared his background and what he will be doing at PSU.
- III. Reports.
  - A. Sara Jayne Steen, President  
The President took questions related to the campus forum held this morning.
  - B. Julie Bernier, Provost and Vice President  
The Provost took questions.
  - C. Cathie LeBlanc, Interim Report of the Four Credit Task Force (Attachment #1)  
No questions.
  - D. Reports of the Principal Policy-making Committees  
No reports.
- IV. Old Business (none)
- V. New Business
  - A. Resolutions of the Standing Committees (none)
  - B. MOTION by Dennis Machnik: that the Steering Committee define and appoint a Faculty Task Force to perform an evaluation of the current General Education Program.  
Moved and seconded.  
Discussion. Jim Stiles spoke to the motion and said that the Steering Committee is working on this. Sandra Gamble felt that we need to focus on the NEASC requirements so this is a timely motion. The work of the committee has been focused on the assessment of the courses as they relate to gen ed. She feels a separate committee should be formed to evaluate the entire gen ed program. She also suggested that the GenEd committee should come up with a motion to bring forward to the faculty. Speaker Egbert said the Steering Committee may form a task force. Clarification was asked for: what are we voting on (Lourdes Aviles)? If a vote is taken on the motion as written, it's not the same as was read on the floor. Discussion. AVP Zehr felt it was premature to vote because we are also looking at 4-credit program which would affect the gen ed prog. Ann McClellan moved to table this motion. Seconded. Discussion. Speaker Egbert read a portion of the Faculty By-laws pertaining to the creation of task forces, which supported that the original motion made today is out of order in relation to the bylaws. A vote to table the motion was taken and approved. Motion tabled.
  - C. MOTION by Michelle Fistek for the Faculty Welfare Committee: that the Faculty endorse the Intellectual Property Policy for Plymouth State University.

Moved and seconded. Vice Provost Thad Guldbrandsen spoke to the motion, explaining that it has been vetted by many groups on campus. Discussion. Has legal staff looked at this Policy? Tremonti has provided this policy to us and it has been vetted at other institution. Ron Rodgers, USNH Counsel, has met with Thad and given an okay. This Policy is in line with other policies in place. Concerns were raised and addressed. A vote was taken. The motion was approved. Stephanie Halter thanked the Faculty Welfare Committee for their hard work.

#### VI. Announcements.

- Jayme Yahr – Monday, 4-6 pm, Beehive Collection (interdisciplinary) in Drerup gallery
- Trish Lindberg – auditions for the ETC production of “Sound of Music” are coming up and rehearsals start January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Jen Green – new exhibit in Lamson in the David Beronä exhibition area.
- Michelle Fistek – going to be spearheading efforts to collect items for local animal shelter.
- Sidore – Nov. 17, 7 pm in the Silver Center, Professor Erin O’Brien from UMass on “voting laws are racist.”
- Cynthia Vascak – exhibit tonight, 4-6 pm in the Drerup Art Galley, Senior Art student, “African Cloth.”
- Marianne True – Meg Petersen giving the Stevens Bristow address tomorrow.
- Steve Flynn – 1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Research Symposium in the Savage Welcome Center tomorrow
- SOS Scholarship – forms for faculty to fill out to do automatic donations were available at the meeting. Over \$60,000 has been raised, which means the endowment level has been reached. Alex Herbst (student) chose the basket winner – Stephanie Halter.

The meeting closed at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice O’Connor, Scribe