

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2015

The meeting began at 3:36 pm with approximately 75 faculty in attendance.

I The draft minutes of March 4, 2015 were accepted as submitted.

II. Reports.

A. Sara Jayne Steen, President

B. Julie Bernier, Provost and Vice President

C. Michelle Fistek, Faculty Welfare Committee

The Committee worked on setting an extended due date for submitting grades. Grades will be due the 2nd Sunday after finals (May 24th).

D. Ann McClellan, URSA

III. Old Business. (none)

IV. New Business.

A. Resolutions of the Principal Policy-making Committees.

Curriculum Committee:

In October 2014, the Committee voted to delete the B.S. in Biotechnology program;

In February 2015, the Committee voted to delete the B.A. in Humanities and the minors in Sport Physiology, Exercise Biology and Medieval Studies.

It was moved and seconded that these resolutions be accepted. A vote was taken. *These resolutions were accepted.*

B. MOTION: (Robyn Parker, for the Academic Affairs Committee.)

“To amend the Faculty Bylaws, XI, F, 1, a, to omit from the composition of the Academic Affairs Committee the title of Senior Admissions Associate.”

Moved and seconded. Eric Hoffman spoke to the motion. VP Hundrieser, whose position is part of the AA Committee, will represent the Admissions Office. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

V. Announcements.

- Emma Wright announced that the Mathematics Department is bringing back math placement assessment. Math faculty will be available to help advisors. The assessment tool has been updated from previous versions. They are implementing more support for the students and advisors.
- Karolyn Kinane for CETL – Mark your calendars for June 2-5 for the “Summer Symposium to Develop Your Teaching.” Information will be coming out soon.

- Lamson Learning Commons' Art Display Wall on the main level has a new exhibit starting today. The exhibit, "Art from Environmental Data," was coordinated by Mark Green and the PSU Center for the Environment, and features the work of colleagues and students representing PSU and the Northern Research Station of the US Forest Service. Lamson is also hosting the PSU Student Poets and Writers Exhibition.
- Sidore Lecture: April 7th, 7:00 p.m. in the Silver Recital Hall. This month's speaker, Martin Gillens, will be talking on "Is the United States a Democracy or an Oligarchy?" Dr. Gillens is a Professor of Political Science at Princeton.
- Maria Sanders announced a writing retreat to be held in Pittsburg, NH, September 18-20.
- Katharine Harrington announced a Foreign Film Festival, April 15-18, 7 pm in Hyde 220.
- Alex Herbst advised the faculty that student government elections will be going on April 14-16, and asked that faculty encourage their students to participate. An information meeting will be held in HUB 119 April 8, 6:00 p.m.
- Barbara McCahan invited the faculty to "Drums Alive" on Monday, 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Welcome Center, sponsored by HHP and the Center for Active Living and Healthy Communities.
- Steve Flynn – PSU is hosting a "Diversity Institute," April 11, 9:00-4:00 pm, in the Boyd Science Center, and is free for PSU students.
- This Friday night, Provost Bernier is hosting an S-O-S Fundraiser at her home. Let her know if you would like a ticket.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

This month's SOS basket was donated by the Provost's Council, and was won by Alice O'Connor ☺

Respectfully submitted,
Alice O'Connor, Scribe