

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
4:30 – 6:00  
Conard 120H

**Present:** Kip Curtis, Joe Fahey, Ozeas Costa, Agus Munoz-Garcia, Steve Abedon, Heather Tanner, Dennis Shaffer, Jason Opal, Dawn Kitchen, Amy Brunell, Mollie Cavendar, Carol Landry, Sergie Chmutov, Glenn Hartz, Jamison Kantor, Del Lindsey, Phil Mazzocco, John Thrasher, Elizabeth Kolkovich, Terri Bucci, Gabe Karns, Faith Wyzgoski, Tara Hines

**I. Approval of January 21, 2025 Faculty Assembly Minutes**

Heather made a motion to approve the 05 December 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Steve Abedon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 15 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

**II. Committee Reports**

- a. Resource Stewardship—Carol Landry, member. Organizing SAP—attendance was very good. Mollie Cavendar is continuing collecting A+ forms. Terri is organizing domestic abuse events for the month of March.
- b. Student Support & Enrichment—Chair, Agus Munoz-Garcia. Met last week and currently working on student awards. Have lists of students for awards. Getting people to vote on students via Qualtrics for Faculty-Staff Merit award. Next meeting they will discuss/vote on award-winners.

*Question*—Long term plan for funding of awards--can we get a long-term plan? Dawn said that the only way we can build the funds is through faculty contributions with the exception of the Mansfield Campus Academic Excellence Award, which is funded indefinitely.

- c. Teaching & Learning—Chair, Mirel Caibar. Going to review the SEI at the next meeting.
- d. PDC—Steve Abedon—Faculty Brown-brown-bag last week. Went very well—lots of positive feedback. Faculty on-campus Research Frenzy will occur on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Faculty Senate Reports**

*Arts & Sciences Senate Report: Senator Heather Tanner*--wrote a response to Senate Bill 1 letter to the Provost ad President opposing the bill. Meet tomorrow--talking to Andrew Martin, *Associate Vice Provost of Academic Affairs*--see how we are going to handle this moving forward assuming the Bill is passed and what the contingency plan might look like. Small majors that might get taking out of existence because they have too few students will

likely be folded into other departments to keep them continuing. Ethnic and Women's studies are very worried about the classes they are teaching and the implications of Senate Bill 1.

### *Questions*

How small is a small department? Less than 5 majors over a three-year period.

Any discussion of the proposal for retrenchment? No.

When is Heather's tenure ending? In theory her tenure continues for another year.

Donna Farland-Smith's tenure is up at the end of this year.

### IV. Dean's Report

3 Categories of things working on—

(1) POA for campus. Trying to do it currently. Besides changing Amy and Cynthia's roles, wants to create a Student Ombudsperson position. Approached Joe about taking on that role and setting up training.

(2) Space-related things—purpose is to make different parts of campus welcoming and a good experience for students and faculty. Scarlet and Gray café, Student Union—trying to make those places better.

(3) American 250 commission—Jason is on this commission. He would like to include folks in the community as much as possible. Would like to do something on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. In the brainstorming stages right now.

Campus Act—address religious discrimination on Ohio campuses. Trying to get scholars and others to provide more information to give to the commission.

### *Question*

Can we do anything about the pathway from Conard-Ovalwood--sidewalk often gets icy?

Schedule is built in for next year. Lighting between Molyet and campus will be happening in June. Setting hierarchy of needs and trying to get monies for a new bridge between Molyet Village and campus.

### V. Senior Associate Dean's Report

Dawn Kitchen—STEAM event went very well. Virtually everyone attended. The students loved it. Received a lot of spontaneous positive feedback. Two students signed up to come to OSU Mansfield during the event. Would like to go back school-to-school to recruit students. Eight schools who did not have school on February 14<sup>th</sup> wanted to see if they could come at another scheduled time.

In the midst of annual reviews

Conducting student previews and admitted student events.

Working on the Day of Celebration. May be on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will be a luncheon and evening event.

*Question*

How many students came to the STEAM event? 188 students were here.

VI. Associate Dean for Faculty Enrichment Report, Amy Brunell

Student Research Forum is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 in Riedl prior to the Academic Awards ceremony.

Other:

Romeo and Juliet performance next weekend

Ceramics Show currently ongoing

Students Research Frenzy—great event, standing room only—shout out to Kate Shannon.

Look at the OSU Mansfield website—great newsworthy item.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.