



Portsmouth Faculty Senate (PFS) Minutes

Date & Time: Friday February 26, 2021 - 12:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Correction and Approval of October 30 minutes
- III. Guest Speakers - None
- IV. Reports (if any) – try to keep to 2 minutes or less
 - A. CWFS /VFS – ***any/all who were in attendance***
 - B. Pathway reports (any vital info from our pathways) – department chairs or pathway faculty
 - C. Academic Affairs Council
 - D. Student Services
 - E. Library Services
 - F. Other committees/planning groups
- V. Open Business
 - A. Senate Vacancy (need nominations to replace Lorenz)
- VI. New Business
 - A. Changes in Semester Length and Fall 2021 Return to Instruction/Campus (beyond concerns from CFS)
 - B. Changes in Semester Length and Fall 2021 Return to Instruction/Campus (beyond concerns from CFS)
 1. The current goal is to increase face to face offerings to 50% of course sections (current offerings are at 18%).
 2. Social distancing guidelines still need to be followed so rooms will be kept at 50% capacity. Room availability is a concern, but fewer shipyard students will be on campus so there will be more rooms available.

3. Individual pathways are being asked to develop plans for their courses. In science, the focus is on bringing labs back to campus while keeping lectures online.

C. Accelerated Degree Programs

1. Additional ADP are being added but work is being done to ensure all the programs align. Enrollment is increasing in the program so that there will be large enough cohorts to fill sections devoted to ADP without opening registration to the general student population.

2. Faculty have concerns about accelerated courses being added to the schedule at the last minute, but curriculum mapping is being completed in advance to help avoid that. This was especially a problem in the sciences, so the ADP has chosen their science electives in advance to prevent this. The programs will use ENV 121 and BIO 106 as their science electives.

3. Courses needed for the next two semesters are already outlined and have been seen to Dr. Woodhouse for approval.

4. Faculty teaching ADP courses will be assigned an advisor contact to help struggling students more efficiently.

D. Changes in Summer Pay

1. There have not been any official decisions made about changes in summer pay, but based on discussions from CFAC it is a likely change coming soon.

E. PD Fund request processes

F. Membership and elections

1. Elections for new senate members and officers will be held in April. Tiffanye will begin the nomination process shortly so that there is plenty of time for voting.

G. PFS Social Hour

1. There is interest in holding a social hour for both faculty and staff to decrease feelings of isolation. There were concerns about whether this would be allowed after the Portsmouth Christmas party had to be cancelled.

H. CFS Canvas shell

1. The CWFS developed a faculty course shell, but none of the faculty had access. Elizabeth Briggs joined the meeting to show faculty how to request access and demonstrate the features of the shell.
2. The Canvas shell consolidates information about faculty senate, general information for faculty, and important forms that faculty need.

VII. Other items

VIII. Next PFS meeting – Friday, March 26th at 12:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment