

## PAT Senate Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2015

8:15am HUB 109

### I. **Guest Speakers:** John Clark – ALLWell North – Building & Parking

On Monday all parking will be eliminated at the PE Center. Field House Road will remain open. The exception will be ADA parking. Team buses will be allowed. There has been a dramatic reduction in playing fields. A large retention pond will be put in to filter out runoff and water which will then be sent to the river. There will be a parking garage (140 spaces) on the first floor of AllWell North. It has yet to be determined who will park there but there will be a kiosk for folks to pay. Lower level will have ample space for HHP, Adventure Ed, and the wellness communities. Facility will be very green, biomass, wood pellet run. Building being built to LEED silver certification. Track has maximum radius allowed by NCAA. Track area will have an elaborate netting system to allow for multiple activities at a time while keeping the track accessible. The project is on schedule and the architect and contractor are wonderful. We will officially be able to use the space on October 15. Intend to start moving in August and September. Contractor has promised that on October 3 we will be able to use some of the space for Homecoming and Family Weekend. Phase 3 of AllWell is a Health and Wellness space and phase 4 is the current PE Center. AllWell North does not address the needs of the current PE Center. Question: Is the building air conditioned? Parts of it are with state of the art ventilation.

### II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Unless there are corrections, we shall enter the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting as approved.

### III. **New P.A.Ts:** Ashley Phillips

### IV. **Speaker's Report:** Kim Bownes

Courtney and Kim have taken over the DPAT awards. Someone has been chosen. It will be May 1<sup>st</sup> in Heritage. We need commencement volunteers, please sign up with Angela Adams.

Yesterday was Theo Kalikow Award, President Steen won.

### V. **Committee Reports:**

1. **Athletic Council:** Denise Normandin, John Scheinman—No report

2. **Fundraising and Benevolence:** John Scheinman, Angie Ricciardi, Lauren Lavigne, Leslie Castonia—No report.

3. **Governance:** Phil Atkinson, Rich Grossman, Ashley Phillips, Courtney O'Clair, Pat Plante—No report.

4. **Honorary Degrees and Awards:** Rodney Ekstrom—No report.

5. **Nominating and Balloting:** Kimberly Gammons, Lisa Ladd, Joyce Larson, Phil Atkinson, Tom Weeks—Later on today you will receive a schedule and April 16<sup>th</sup> you will receive a nomination form.

6. **Observer to Operating Staff (OS)** Jessica Dutille—OS met on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Rich Grossman and Linda Dauer presented about URSA, they asked a lot of questions. Questions were about payment and software and access to survey questions as many don't have access to computers—they will have access at computer clusters. Not many committee reports. OS Scholarship is available. Parking committee met, Rodney Ekstrom asking for parking for alumni and friends. Showcase of Excellence will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the HUB. Randy announced, HUB 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

7. **Observer to Student Senate:** Sara Grady, Justin Thibeault, Sam Wisel, Terri Potter—Approved a lot of CEA requests. Election info session on April 8, they are looking for student leaders. Banquet next Sunday, April 12.

8. **Parking Committee:** Brendon Hoch, Ted Wisniewski—Parking Committee met on March 11th. The committee considered the request from Alumni Relations to set aside parking spaces in lots near Holmes House for its guests. After much discussion, no formal action was taken, with a recommendation to Alumni Relations to more actively used the existing process for visitors coming to campus. The committee unanimously approved a measure to raise violation fees for parking in 15/30 minute spaces from \$30 to \$50

The subject of having Faculty/Staff pay for parking permits was raised.

The committee voted to form a sub-committee to discuss the issue in more detail.

The subject of adding more kiosk parking to campus in conjunction with existing commuter lots was also raised. The committee voted to form a sub-committee to explore the issue in greater detail.

Both subcommittees will be reporting at the next parking committee meeting, schedule for April 15 Keating, are students aware and active of this? Brendon discussed with Alex Herbst, the student participation this year has been dismal. It has been discussed at length. May develop a survey to get feedback from all constituency groups. Brendon is very sensitive to that concern. Diane Jeffrey it is never students that violate in our parking lots. Heidi will share document from 2007.

9. Planning and Budget Leadership Group (PBLG): Pat Cate, Rich Grossman—All URSA all the time. Town Hall was well attended. Engaging with the consultants and may have them on campus to work with some of the committees. Program Identification for Non-Credit Generating Programs are due on Monday.
10. Professional Development: Deb Tobine, Patti May, Lauren Lavigne, Sarah Robertson, Alan Baker—Still have a little bit of money. Can still get applications in. Diane Jeffrey, since travel money has been taken, has any thought been given to raising the amount? As a committee we are waiting to hear if we will even have the money next year. We always meet in July after fiscal year. Original decrease was to accommodate more people. We will revisit in the fall.
11. Representative to the Faculty: Mary Campbell  
The reports of the President and the Provost were distributed prior to the meeting and there were no questions asked at the meeting.

The Faculty Welfare Committee was on the agenda as a report; Michelle Fistek was not present; the Speaker noted that her report concerned extending the deadline for faculty to submit grades for each semester. Ann Thurston was asked to speak to the issue. She and David Zehr had met with the Faculty Welfare Committee and the agreement reached by both parties was that the due date for grades was extended to the second Sunday after the end of the final week of the semester.

The following resolution for the Curriculum Committee was approved unanimously:

In October 2014, the Committee voted to delete the BS in Biotechnology program; in February 2015, the Committee voted to delete the BA in Humanities and the minors in Sport Physiology, Exercise Biology and Medieval Studies.

A motion from the Academic Affairs Committee was approved unanimously:

To amend the Faculty Bylaws to omit from the Composition of the Academic Affairs Committee the title of Senior Admissions Associate. It was noted that Jim Hundrieser serves on this Committee and therefore, Admissions would be represented.

The Mathematics Department announced their revised Mathematics Placement Assessment, which will now be required of all entering students in order to know the appropriate math course they should take to satisfy our Mathematics Foundations requirement:

Mathematics Placement Assessment. The Department of Mathematics offers an online placement exam. The goal of the placement exam is to help students enroll in the math course most suited to their background. Students may take the assessment a total of two times. Students are encouraged to study after they take the exam the first time and then retake it. The score determines placement in the algebra/precalculus/calculus sequence. Note that not all students are required to take courses in this sequence. Based on the score of the exam students may also receive a recommendation to complete MA 1200 Topics in Algebra and Geometry (four credits) before taking their required Mathematics Foundations course. The mathematics placement assessment is scored at four levels:

Level 0: Students must complete MA 1800 College Algebra before entering MA 2140 Precalculus or MA 2490 Applied Calculus I. However, students may not be prepared for success in MA 1800 College Algebra or their Mathematics Foundations course and should consult with their academic advisor and the

mathematics department before enrolling. The mathematics department recommends students that score at this level complete MA 1200 Topics in Algebra and Geometry (four credits) prior to subsequent math courses.

Level 1: Students must complete MA 1800 College Algebra before entering MA 2140 Precalculus or MA 2490 Applied Calculus I.

Level 2: Students meet the prerequisite for MA 2140 Precalculus and MA 2490 Applied Calculus I.

Level 3: Students meet the prerequisite for MA 2550 Calculus I.

The mathematics placement assessment is available online for all registered students through the Math Activity Center website: [plymouth.edu/services/math-center/math-placement-assessment](http://plymouth.edu/services/math-center/math-placement-assessment).

12. Safety: Janette Wiggett, Kerry Keating—No report
13. Scholarship: Sara Grady, Deb Tobine, Patti May, Jess Morel—Deadline for scholarships were on Tuesday, we received 14 applications between the 2 and they will be notified next week.
14. Systems Human Resource Committee (SHRC): Phil Atkinson—No report
15. Welfare: Tony Trodella, Ted Winsniewski, Joyce Larson, Rodney Ekstrom, Jeff Furlone, Crystal Gaff—No report

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

VIII. Announcements: Andy Palumbo, presidential candidates coming reminder. Question: are we going to have an opportunity to review applicants materials prior to their meeting? No, all of our candidates are in senior level positions and understandably this makes some difficulties for the campus but wanted to respect the candidates position. Not an easy conversation. Members of the committee will give a brief introduction of the candidates. Please read the challenge documents as they will help inform your questions. We want great hard hitting questions, respectfully hard hitting questions. PAT/OS will pack the room, Andy has promised. Question: are there any other opportunities after their visit to see their materials, concerns about the candidates and our community without having enough information? This has happened at other institutions, and USNH, we have followed the recommendations of the search firm. The committee saw this as the only option to bring 3 qualified candidates to campus. After we see them, are we still expected to keep them confidential? Scuttle butt ensued. John Schienman, it is insulting at this stage in the game to not have the information. Kerry Keating, the candidates are leaders they should be able to say what's going on, their current institution has a right to know, and we have a right to know. Not sure if I want to recommend someone who does something behind the scenes because they could do that to us in a few years. Are we going to get an email with a name before we attend? Ladd Raine, I believe the search committee is making the right decision. I was in a similar situation when I applied the job here. Joyce Larson, it feels a little awkward to show up not having done our homework. The challenge document has been sent out along with questions to help with this area. Committee realizes this is not ideal, but two candidates shared that they were not comfortable so we went in this direction. The candidates are well aware of the difficulties this causes for the campus. Rich Grossman, was at Emerson College during their last Presidential search, there were no PAT members on committee and no open forum. They did not know who the new President was until there was a media announcement. Here we are getting an opportunity to meet the candidates and be a part of the search. Ann Thurston, this is not Emerson, they are different, we are public, they are private. This is not our culture. Pat and Jo-Ann and with the current culture and climate here with so much uncertainty on campus. Heidi Pettigrew can we at least get profiles with no names on them. If there was something you could provide this could assuage this. Andy, I was told nothing can go out. They are all from higher ed. Daphne Bruemmer, can something go out at the time? Andy, nothing can be distributed digitally but I will see if something can be given out at the time. Andy, there will be info, don't know what yet. I will let Kim know. Heidi, if we have to have our phones Googling it takes us out of the moment with the candidates. Brendon Hoch, if we have longer intros it will take away from us asking questions. Andy, feel free to share electronically as well. Everyone thanked Andy after very assertively questioning him and voicing their concerns.

Pat Cate, advising weeks are coming up. Remind them to see their advisor.  
Heidi Pettigrew, we are looking for stories of graduating seniors and grad students.  
Tiffany Pena, accepted student days will be on Mondays in April  
Morgan Stepp, cake on Monday in the HUB, non Sodexo, for the HUB Birthday.  
Kerry Keating, the acapalla groups will also be there.

IX. Motion to adjourn:

*If you are a committee chair and will not be present to make the report, please ask someone else to do so, or send your report via e-mail to Ashley Phillips at [arpbillips1@plymouth.edu](mailto:arpbillips1@plymouth.edu) in advance of the meeting.*