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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in room 208 of the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA, at 1:00 p.m. on November 8, 2018.

The following committee members were present: Chair David Han, Vice Chair Valerie Detwiler, Dan Delligatti, Michael Hoeschele, Chris Hoffman, and Alice Pope.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost; Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education; Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Ann Wyatt. University Staff Advisory Committee representative JeanMarie Jacob, Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) President Brianne Pragg, and University Faculty Senate representative, Beth Seymour, were present. Also invited as presenters were Renata S. Engel, Vice Provost for Online Education and members of the University staff and faculty.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Han at 1:00 p.m. *Minutes* of the July 19, 2018 meeting of the committee were approved.

Chair Han welcomed those in attendance and called on Provost Jones to introduce the topic for a generative discussion. Nick Jones opened by speaking about the “transforming education” theme of the University’s Strategic Plan and its connection to One Penn State 2025. He introduced Renata Engel, co-chair of the task force that led to the creation of One Penn State 2025, which proposes to provide “*seamless, online access to curricula and processes throughout the Commonwealth*”. Renata was joined by panelist colleagues Lance Kennedy-Phillips, Vice Provost for Planning and Assessment; Robert Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education; Suzanne Weinstein, Assistant Vice Provost for Learning Outcomes Assessment; Michael Berube, Chair of the University Faculty Senate; Dawn Blasko, Executive Director of the University Faculty Senate; Michele Duffey, Faculty Senator representing the College of Health and Human Development; David R. Smith, Associate Dean for Advising and Executive Director of the Division of Undergraduate Studies; and Mary Beth Williams, Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the Eberly College of Science.

Following an overview of the five guiding principles used to develop the One Penn State 2025 model, the group focused its conversation on guiding principle 2: achieving curricular coherence. Points of discussion included what it means to be “one University”; assessment planning for all campuses and locations; uniform course abbreviation processes; curriculum management; student mobility through the system; post-graduate engagement and learning opportunities; pathways to additional degrees; and finally, how to mediate challenges and define successes.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,
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