3:30 Welcome and Call to Order
Call to order 3:30pm //
Request for change to Agenda – Request to remove Resolution Regarding International Grad Student Fees due to receipt of recent information.
No objections to change / Item removed

3:30 Approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting
Approval of Dec minutes // Motion to approve, R. Kamath, Seconded, Approved

3:35 Report of the Faculty Chair - Sally Moomaw
Steering Committee Service opportunities – more info to come
Cincinnati Online – includes Senate/Faculty representation
Capitol Advisory Committee met 11 January – recos to President’s Budget Advisory Committee – the Assoc for Adv of Sustainability in Higher Ed – gave UC a gold recognition. UC will receive $34million partially for removal of labs in Crosley and it’s demolition. Vontz Hall work, redesign of Crosley space, Blagen
C. Miller – enrollments up 800 compared to 2017, Cincinnatus eligibility up 13%

Important Dates
- Feb 5 – COACHE Survey launched (IMPORTANT FOR FACULTY TO PARTICIPATE)
- April 5, 3:30 – All University Meeting
- April 17, 3:00 – University Faculty Awards

3:40 Report from the President – Neville Pinto
Strategic Direction // Launches Feb 20 if approved by Board of Trustees
- February 20, Annie Laws, 8:30am
Three platforms/focal points:

Academic Excellence // Urban Impact // Innovation

9 pathways that support these platforms will evolve and change as time goes on in order to support needs

Need to build resources/goals to drive the University to increase budget/offerings/rank

Own the vision, be committed to moving in a unified direction

Leadership team // formally welcome Provost Kristi Nelson

UC Economic Impact

- $3.3 Billion impact on 5 surrounding counties
- $1.1 Billion in wages
- $92.2 Million to State of Ohio $30 Million locally

Developments on Uninvited Speaker

We’ve been consistent with our principles, supporting dialogue and equity and inclusion

Step forward by proposing Spring Break date

Allocated costs

General Counsel – Lori Ross – working through time/place/manner

While awaiting contract signature which requires fees (including safety), assessment plan was developed. UC could not transfer entire cost but could pass on costs if ANY public figure came to speak. It was only a fraction of the actual cost. Federal lawsuit was filed against UC. Working through defensive strategies while respecting right to free speech.

Q // is there any chance to reach a resolution to the lawsuit by the spring break timeframe? A// possible, but unlikely

NP// hoping Judge will be reasonable and understand that we have always respected the right to speak

Q // This is not some unusual thing – it is normal to pay for security for an event! Any event space charges for this. It is not a trick, it is a common expectation/reality.

Q // He has sued other Universities that have said ‘No’. What about Universities who have said ‘yes’? A// Other institutions have said no, so this is a different situation

Q // In terms of Campus Free Speech Bill intro’d by legislature – can we encourage legislators to force us to hold these events, the state should assist in the cost NP // this is starting in the legislature

Classics/Archeology – Sharon Stocker and Jack Davis– Bronze Age Warrior – Remarkable work!

3500BC, excellent scholarly work
4:00  Report from the Provost – Kristi Nelson
Platforms and Pathways – last week’s memo

Provost Office Focus is Academic Excellence – Faculty Investment, Bearcat Promise, Co-op 2.0
Faculty Enrichment Center (Love, A. Miller) // Co-op 2.0 // Bearcat Promise
Co-op 2.0 (Escoe, Adams) // Co-op is our brand/rep, 100 years old, let's put a fresh look on the next 100 years – how to expand the definition of co-op, broader reach across all platforms. Heard a lot about how important co-op was, but students wanted opp to work while in school. Broaden the definition to engage while in school
Bearcat Promise (C. Miller) // Focus on undergrad primarily, then modify for grad, etc App might be a good advising tool

Student Success
First year retention and grad rates are also focus areas
Strengthen Grad Programs
Int. partnerships
Co-op 2
Bearcat Promise

Decanal Searches
CCM + DAAP positions posted and have some applicants
UCBA search is electing committee and will be charged by end of January
What about CEAS and Law? Searches will launch at beginning of Fall term

Reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission – fac can provide feedback in Feb open forum
Accessibility – a lot of work to be done in this area, will need fac support moving forward
Follow up to Uninvited – Faculty Panel Discussion // Speech and Equality on Campus 2:00pm, TUC Cinema, Monday, January 22, Using faculty resources to promote learning about these issues and provide counterprogramming to the Uninvited Speaker

4:15  Report from the Office of Research – Jennifer Krivickas
Report will be emailed by Sally – Jennifer couldn’t make it

4:20  Report of the AAUP President – Ron Jones
Next AAUP meeting is Feb 8 12:30-2:30, 425 TUC

4:25  Report of Undergraduate Student Government – Bashir Emlemdi
- None -
4:30 Report of the Graduate Student Government – Arun Muthusamy; Jelena Vicic

Grad Student Assistantships will not be taxed

GSGA organizing Spring Ball in March – proceeds going to charity (SPCA, City Gospel Mission, UC Epilepsy) Will be at Kingsgate. Jelena Vicic is organizing.

Grad Café on Tuesday – Steger

Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence – honorary medal given to a student close to graduating for outstanding contributions. Impressive applicants.

Bearcat Pantry Drive (Daniel Cummins) 8 centers to help students who have food insecurity. Will work with Sally if faculty want to get involved in drive

4:35 Unfinished Business

None

4:40 New Business

- Confirmation of Chair of Committee on Committees, Joe Girondola
  Motion by Krukowski, Seconded, Unanimous Approval

- Overview of Spring Elections
  Nominating Committee – All First Year Senators
  Committee on Committees – All Second Year Senators

  Election Calendar Announcement – See chart for details

- Resolution of Board of Trustees Affirmation of UC Core Values
  Motion to Accept Resolution, N Anwar, Second, Unanimous Approval
  Motion passes

5:00 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, R. Miller 4:50

Respectfully Submitted,
Datina Juran, Secretary

Attachments // Report of the Chair