

Report of the Faculty Chair
February 8, 2018

Welcome everyone, and many thanks to Dean Ball for securing a meeting room for Faculty Senate on East Campus.

- **Spring Elections**

The first call for nominations was sent to Faculty on February 5. Many thanks to Joe Girandola for chairing these elections. The election system is somewhat confusing because the bylaws have different specifications that govern various positions. This year, with Cabinet support, I decided to run the two elections in parallel as much as possible, as you can see from the combined election calendar.

Date	Nominating Committee	Committee on Committees
Jan 18	Committee Convened	Committee Convened
	Calendar Announced	Calendar Announced
Feb. 5	1st Call for Nominations	1st Call for Nominations
Feb. 19	2nd Call for Nominations	2nd Call for Nominations
Mar. 2	-----	Nominations Due by 5:00 PM
Mar. 8	Nominee List to Senate	Nominations – Floor of Senate
3/19-23	Petition Period	Electronic Vote by Senate (begins 3/19 and ends 3/21)
Mar. 26	Confirm Slate to Senate	Election Results Announced
April 5	Nominations - Floor AUM	
April 9	Election Begins	
April 13	Election Ends – 5:00 PM	
April 19	Results Announced	

For the 2018-19 academic year, we will be electing **5 At-Large Faculty Senators, 1 Representative to the Board of Trustees, Co-Coordinator of the Grievance Committee, and 50 Committee members**. These positions begin August 1, 2018; in most cases they are two-year terms that extend until July 31, 2020. Please talk to your faculty and encourage them to run for these important positions. Shared governance depends on faculty serving in these roles.

- **Faculty Enrichment Center**

The administration is moving forward with plans for a Faculty Enrichment Center, which President Pinto previously discussed with Senate as part of his Strategic Direction. The official goal for the Faculty Enrichment Center is: ***to create physical and cyber centers that enhance the professional growth of UC faculty at all career stages and help transform UC into a truly integrative institution in which faculty routinely collaborate across disciplines and colleges, thereby enhancing opportunities for success in all of UC's Strategic Directions.***

The committee that is working on this initiative is chaired by Vice Provost Keisha Love and Arnold Miller, Associate Dean of A&S. There are currently six administrators on the committee and four faculty, of which two are from A&S. Senate Cabinet has requested increased faculty representation on this committee, and I will be meeting with the committee chairs to discuss this. The committee's charge is as follows:

- Conduct an audit of existing resources and programs and identify holes and shortcomings
- Consider new initiatives. Explore ideas from benchmark institutions
- Develop a vision, mission, and scope of the center
- Partner with PDC and the library to prepare for a physical space, and IT to plan cyberinfrastructure
- Establish a budget
- Identify/recruit a team to lead the Center
- Launch Center by August 2018

- **IT Accessibility Committees**

UC Information Technology has asked for Faculty Senate help in locating faculty to serve on Accessibility Steering Committees. The purpose of these committees is to ensure that all information that is communicated via IT sources is fully accessible to all users.

- **Course Content Steering Committee** - defines and oversees the operational strategy for incorporation of accessibility into university course content, electronic or online tools, and other electronic materials utilized or recommended as part of an academic course, including learning and content management systems
- **Web Steering Committee** - defines and oversees the operational strategy for incorporation of accessibility into university websites, university-developed web or online tools, and other university-developed electronic materials utilized or recommended as part of the university online web presence
- **Procurement Steering Committee** - defines and oversees the operational strategy for incorporation of accessibility into university purchasing processes, purchases, and other electronic materials utilized or recommended as part of the university procurement process
- **Change Management Steering Committee** - defines and oversees the operational strategy for incorporation of accessibility into university training processes,

compliance resources, and/or other electronic materials or processes utilized or part of university staffing processes

- **Accessibility Constituent Advisory Committee** - advises the program on end user impact of operational strategy for incorporation of accessibility into university processes and culture

- **Assistant Vice President of Enterprise Academic Technologies**

Candidates for this position will be on campus next week. The Assistant Vice President of Enterprise Academic Technologies at the University of Cincinnati provides collaborative leadership for the development and delivery of the enterprise academic technologies roadmap and framework that is strategic, standardized, sustainable, supportable, scalable, and secure. The candidate schedule is as follows:

- Connie Dixon – Mon., Feb. 12, 11:00-12:00, 407 Teachers/Dyer
- Mike Bestul – Tue., Feb. 13, 1:00-2:00, 320 Teachers/Dyer
- Paul Foster – Thur., Feb. 15, 1:00-2:00, 160 Teachers/Dyer
- Tim Murphy – Fri., Feb. 16, 11:00-12:00, 480C Langsam Library

- **Spring Graduation Ceremonies**

The schedule for Spring Graduation Ceremonies has now been released. Please consider attending the appropriate ceremony to support the accomplishments of the students from your college. Faculty attendance at Commencement shows students that their accomplishments are recognized and appreciated by the faculty. Students are delighted when they recognize a faculty member they know in the procession.

Faculty can rent regalia at no cost through the UC Bookstore. The Rental Regalia site is now open and will close on Wednesday, February 14 for guaranteed Hood colors. This date can be extended an additional week, but there is no guarantee of Hood colors. The link to order regalia is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Regaliaapril18>

Rental Regalia Timeline

Site Open: 2/1/18

Site Closes: 2/14/18 for guaranteed Hood colors

Site Closes: 2/21/18 for non-guaranteed Hood colors

Pickup: Begins 4/24/18 thru the day of the ceremony

Return: no later than 5/4/18

Questions: Contact Tabitha at the UC Bookstore at (513) 556-1291

Commencement Details (Four Ceremonies)

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony: Friday, April 27 at 9 a.m. at Campus Rec Center

Master's Recognition Ceremony: Friday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at Nippert Stadium

Undergraduate Ceremonies: Saturday, April 28 at Nippert Stadium

- **9 a.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.)** – CCM, CLER, CoN, CAHS, CoM, CEAS, LCoB
- **2 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.)** – A&S, CECH, DAAP, UCBA

Earlier this week I was asked to speak to a graduate class in higher education about Faculty Senate. Afterward I was stopped by an Associate Dean who said, "I don't think it can be stressed enough how important the role of the Faculty Senate is. I can tell you that when something comes from Faculty Senate, people stop and can notice." That was good to hear, because it doesn't always feel that way from the inside. Some initiatives take months to resolve or produce a change. Some, such as the report from the Online Task Force, take years, but if the work hadn't been done two years ago, it wouldn't be coming to fruition now. So thank you for the time you devote to Faculty Senate and shared governance.

Respectfully submitted,

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