University of Cincinnati
Faculty Senate Meeting – March 8, 2018
TUC 400ABC

MINUTES

3:30  Welcome and Call to Order // 3:31pm

3:30  Approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting
Motion // Bruce Davis Second // Greg Loving // Approved

3:35  Report of the Faculty Chair - Sally Moomaw

Representative Brigid Kelly Visit based on Kasich’s idea that ‘faculty should spend a day with a businessperson’ John McNay offered that ‘legislators spend a day with faculty’
Rep Kelly was the only person to take him up on this offer.
Itinerary:
Visit to UCBA Learning and Teaching Center
WWI History Class
Oral Radiology Class
Lunch with Faculty Senate Cabinet on Main Campus
Co-op Program Presentation
Religious Studies Course
Rep Kelly was impressed with faculty. Had questions and took many notes.

COACHE Survey
Return rates are low – we need to solicit more response, Keisha will resend

Elections Update
Reminder to elect Faculty Senators from each college

3:40  Report of the President – Neville Pinto

Formal launch of strategic direction last month – execution phase is in progress
Provost Nelson will lead the execution

“Most important work is around the culture – this University belongs to each one of us…”
Concern about ‘Innovation’ agenda. Is it STEM focused? – No – Not at all limited to STEM.
Core idea of innovation is how we infuse innovation in student experience.
Updates:

Uninvited speaker – we are still fighting the lawsuit. General Counsel and Attorney General working hard – no additional updates

Q: JD, how did OSU get out of it?
A: NP, speculation, but this groups resource might be drying up? Not sure what UC over OSU was chosen to be sued? Not sure why...

National Cancer Institute Campaign – ramped up efforts to attract a national cancer research center to Cincinnati
Long process – we are one of few cities of its size without a national institute. It is our responsibility to insure we get those resources. 90% of all cancer funding goes to National Cancer Institutes. $10 million commitments each from Gardner Family, W&S, P&G, 5/3 Bank.

Q: DC, Cancer Institute – is there room at the table for us?
A: NP, There is space, opportunity to engage units here ‘Urban Heath/Urban Impact’ umbrella

Richard Harknett – CyberSecurity National Expert

NY Times features article by Prof B. Jane’s work about snakes
Met Brigid Kelly, great supporter of UC
$37.5 million for capital projects

Investing in UCBA Muntz, Vontz, Rieveschl, Kettering

Buckeye and Bearcat Day with the legislators – Alum and leadership from both schools, along with students. Go to groups of leg. who mostly ask the students schedules

DACA – still in limbo, sending letters, offering support

Advocating for protecting student aid and grad education

Q: EK, Regarding part-time and adjunct faculty, what’s in your strategic direction?
A: NP, Focus around what it takes to get stronger by empowering faculty who are here. This would be included in this broad goal. While it’s not a specific item, but Provost Nelson is working with specific Deans to figure out where we stand and how we deliver. For us to be a strong faculty and university, a tenured core model is vitally important for the future.

Eva bringing to attention the survey that was generated to represent the part-time faculty situation.

SM: The Task Force is being developed and will be developing more content soon
NP: We will be connected regarding Task Force through Faculty Senate Cabinet
JMcN: Constantly talking about this to legislature – has been brought up many times

UCBA English has 20 tenure and 20 adjuncts. That’s not flexibility, that’s exploitation. We understand the budget issues, but more revenue needs to be turned to making those full-time

KN: We will look forward to working with the Task Force

Very busy in Provost Office! Three strategic pathways under way – beginning stages

Faculty Enrichment Center – will be in Langsam Library – Will be for ALL faculty

3 Dean searches – goal is to get candidates CCM, DAAP, and UCBA on campus in April

Fall will launch Linder, Engineering and Law Dean searches. Want to get Committees ready in summer for fall start

Visit from some senators – Appointed Gigi Escoe as Interim-Dean for ELCE, given the scope of work and that it is a faculty unit.

Textbook Affordability – Gigi Escoe led panel discussion

Recruiting // Time of year when we focus on landing the freshman class for next year. Offer letters are out, confirms are coming in, financial aid awards are going out. Caroline Miller says we are tracking well, high-quality. Out of state confirms are up! 18 yo population in Ohio is trending down, so we must look outside. Watching graduate applications as well

Innovation platform for Next Lives Here // 1819 Building will be done in fall with three classrooms. Access to creativity and innovations. Opportunity to teach classes there in the fall.

Q: GL, Consider giving any faculty dev funds an incentive to complete the COACHE survey? The college with the highest rate gets some funds

A: KL, maybe, will talk to Keisha Love

Q: RM, Thank you for hearing faculty when it comes to the Dean for ELCE. Can we consider a Faculty Club like offering in the Faculty Enrichment Center?

A: Cynthia is working on this with the committee

4:05  **Report from the Office of Research – Jennifer Krivickas (not present)**

4:10  **Report of the AAUP President – Ron Jones**

National AAUP – web page dealing with targeted faculty harassment, there is a website to report this and report to Dean and AAUP chapter.

Thrilled to hear both the President, Provost and faculty talk about shared governance!

Social event – Saturday, March 10 – Irish Heritage Center – ticket price goes to East End Adult Education Center

Ron was very near the recent shooting near Starbucks – National AAUP has a petition to sign regarding gun control/guns on campus.
Q: GL, regarding COACHE, said you have to answer the questions if you have a Faculty Senate or a bargaining unit. Had to pick either/or. Not sure how to answer. Need to be aware as we pull the data

A: KN – will work with Keisha to note this potential issue

Q: CR, anything on the issues around arming educators? Any recommendation around that movement?

A: KN, will start with Greg Vehr

JD, can we make a statement as FS about our feelings about this? Someone was recently removed from the Rec Center for brandishing a gun. We don’t hear about it unless a shot is fired. Doesn’t feel we are saying enough or expressing our views enough.

KN: perhaps we should invite Robin Engel to Senate to discuss

SM: will talk to JD to get her thoughts and get moving

JMcN: AAUP testified against guns on campus a year or so ago. Passed but left the decision up to Board of Trustees for each place.

4:15 Faculty Enrichment Center – Cynthia Ris

Provided description of new idea. Handouts provided with 6 questions. On that list, there are units that are being contacted regarding collaboration with ALL units. Encouraging collabs with other units. Seeking ideas. Survey Monkey to come...

Q: JD, where in the Library will this be?

A: KN, not sure yet. JD, has heard so much about the Faculty Club, thinks about the library and not about food. If we have a space, it seems past visionary phase...

RM: suggest that the library is not just one place, we have many library spaces

Enrichment could be about work/life balance, not just work! Let imaginations run wild and please provide thoughts and feedback.

KN: This could be a great recruiting tool if we do this right...the sky’s the limit

4:25 Unfinished Business

- Nominating Committee Slate – Joe Girandola
  FS Academic Affairs – add Debbie Page, Marla Hall, Allison Hammond, Holly Jones
  FS Budget and Priorities - add Cheryl Cates, Holly Jones
  FS Governance – add Wanda McCarthy, Kay Sao, Rich Miller
  FS Human Relations – add Emily Frazier, Melanie Kroger-Jarvis
  FS IT – add Fred Annexstein, Sharon Purtee
  FS Planning – add Wanda McCarthy
  FS Research and Scholarship – add Hong-Sheng Wang, Anca Ralescu, Ben Kelcey

University Academic Committee – add Dan Carl, Brittany Arthur
IT Core Services/Shared Infrastructure –
ELearning - add Joan Sevy Majer, Christine Ouma, Prince Ellis
Information Security – add Susan Boland, Russell McMahon
Intellectual Property – add Jenny Doctor
PANCES –
Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence –
Rieveschl Award –
Standing Committee on Conflicts of Interest – add Cal Adler
University Calendar Committee – Andy Curran
Graduate Council – add Flavia Bastos
Library Committee – add Morgan Thomas, Gino Pasi, Jenny Doctor
University Naming Committee – add Melanie Kroger-Jarvis, Ted Baldwin
University Research Council
    Arts & Humanities –
    Physical Science and Engineering –
    Life Sciences –
    Behavioral and Social Sciences -

Joe will assign a date when candidates must have statements submitted, if they wish.
Sally – any more nominations?

Motion to close nominations – Tamika Odum / Motion Second / Unanimously Closed

- Committee on Committees – Nominations from Floor – Joe Girandola
Slate – shown and people can be nominated from the floor of the AUF

Doug Burgess – VP and Registrar – end of 10th week is last time to withdraw from full-semester, since 2012. Data is showing that college and faculty are approving exceptions (400 per term)...manual. Asking if we can just push withdrawal exceptions two weeks later in the term to try to alleviate the number of manual withdrawals.

4:35 IT Video Practices – Tina Meagher and J.P. Leong
Tina – Senior Video Strategist, JP- CEAS Multimedia Coordinator
Charged with developing a strategy for the effective use of video tools (Echo360, Kaltura)
Seven Circles for Content Creation –
    Current Term
    Classroom Capture
    Multi-Term
    Student Created Video
    3d Party Sources/UC Licensed
    Live Video
    Marketing/Recruiting/For Profit
Large Taskforce, bi-weekly summer meetings, excellent attendance
Pillar 1 // Best Practices
Pillar 2 // Common Toolset
Pillar 3 // Resources (creating media lab)
Pillar 4 // Multimedia (???)
Pillar 5 // Communication

Idea to have media lab on each campus! In depth resources and help for faculty and students. Creating of webpage, establishing media liaison, establish replicable models and create sustainable model to stay ahead of the curve and ensure innovative teaching techniques.

If you are interested or know someone who might be – please contact JP or Tina to get involved!

4:45 Report of Undergraduate Student Government – Bashir Emlemdi
4:55 Report of the Graduate Student Government – Arun Muthusamy; Jelena Vicic
5:00 Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn – Rich Miller // Second// Approved 5:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Datina Juran, Secretary