

Report from Dr. Sally Moomaw, Chair of the University Faculty

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Good morning Chairman Cassady, members of the Board, President Pinto, Dean Bauer, and guests.

Faculty Senate is in the process of reorganizing for the upcoming year. Senators serve for two-year terms; therefore, half of the Senate is new each year and the other half consists of returning members. In addition, new members have been elected to Senate and University Committees. Everyone will come together on August 17 for a day-long orientation, called Senate Bootcamp, and our first Senate meeting of the new academic year.

I will have the pleasure of serving for one more year as Chair of the Faculty. My successor will be Dr. Cynthia Nitz Ris, who is a Professor of English and Comparative Literature in the McMicken College of Arts & Sciences. Cynthia will serve on the Senate Cabinet this year as Chair Elect. She is well known to many faculty and administrators for her service throughout the university.

Senate Cabinet members and committee chairs are continuing to work with faculty, administrators, and key personnel over the summer on several key issues. Two are related to IT policies. Most recently, we are in the process of forming a committee to work with the University Libraries, the Provost's Office, and the University Press on policies surrounding open access to academic materials. This is a rapidly growing trend in academics, fueled in part by the high cost of textbooks and academic journals and the need for quicker and wider dissemination of academic research. Recently, European leaders called for immediate open access to all scientific papers by 2020. We want UC to be at the forefront of these endeavors rather than playing the role of catch-up. UC leadership has made it clear that this must be a faculty-led effort

as it will require a major cultural change in how the dissemination of academic research is viewed by the Academy and will have a major effect on the Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Process.

Thank you, Chairman Cassady, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the faculty.

This concludes my report for the June 20, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the University of Cincinnati Faculty