FACULTY SENATE MEETING // MINUTES
17 AUGUST 2017 // NIPPERT STADIUM WEST PAVILION, SOUTH LOUNGE

3:30 // Call to order

3:33 // Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve // Andy
Approved // John McNay

Correction // Robin’s name spelled incorrectly, title is incorrect

All in favor, unanimously approved // Minutes approved with corrections

3:35 // Report of the Faculty Chair (Sally Moomaw)
Welcome/Thanks to all who have been here today

***Slides attached***

7 goals from last year
1. Yes, but we can do better. Notes shared with faculty before minutes could be approved
2. Yes
3. Establishing a comprehensive system for FS data – not yet
4. Accessibility across campus – not yet, recos sent from HR to PDC, no response yet
   Planning and HR will be asked to work on this.
   Melanie Kroger-Jarvis (MS) – paying for parking/reciprocity
   GG – handicapped placards cost a lot of money
   CR – having shuttle that goes around campus to assist
   Parking is an issue that can hopefully be addressed
5. Yes, Cabinet and Committees are represented by a diverse range of people
6. Yes, partially. HR approved eLearning Champions Award. SM would like to find a more
   low key way to highlight faculty achievements.
7. Yes, collab with student govt.

Goals for this year are being set now...

Foci for the Faculty Senate 2017-2018
1. Shared governance process
2. Part-time faculty policies
3. Faculty-led Open Access policies regarding publishing of research and scholarship
4. Respond appropriately to items of concern brought forward by faculty, staff, administration, and students
Summer Updates
1. Course Access Policy
2. Acceptable Use of IT Policy
3. Life of the Mind Lecture Series
   a. Vision
   b. History
   c. Format
   d. Theme – Truth
      President Pinto would like to broaden this in the future by bringing in outside
      sources as well.
      Would like selection committee to rotate – will develop process for this soon
4. Open Access Publishing
   a. What
   b. Why
   c. History
   d. Supporters
   e. Leaders

3:50 // Unfinished Business
No items

3:55 // New Business

Confirmation of Senate Committee Chairs, Vice Chair // Approved
Cabinet Members Appointed by Chair
VC – John McNay
AA – Tamika Odum
B&P – James Canfield
Gov – Bruce Davis
HR – Carol Wheeler-Strothers
IT – Victoria Wangia Anderson
Planning – Melanie Kroger Jarvis
R&S – Rich Miller
FC Appointee – Dana “Greg” Griffith

Motion – Tommy Aicher
Second – Stephan Pelikan (?)
All in favor – Unanimous // Approved

Ohio Faculty Council Representative and Alternate // Approved
Sally Moomaw (Chair) – Rep
Cynthia Ris (Chair Elect) – Rep
John McNay (Vice Chair) – Alternate
Council takes on lobbying regarding legislation.

Motion – Greg Griffith
Second – Victoria Wangia-Anderson
Discussion – No
All in favor – Unanimous // Approved

Fall Election
Nominations from floor
All University Election
  At-Large Senator
  Grievance Pool – A&S
Faculty Senate Elections
  B&P (1)
  HR (2)

Must call special All University Faculty Meeting (did this last year as well)

Update on Provostal Search Committee (Miller/Moomaw)
Announcement of Landgren as President of the UC Foundation//K. Nelson Interim Prov.
Keeping search candidates confidential at this point
Once selected as a finalist, must come to campus and will be identified
Search could garner more interest as a result of no longer having internal candidate
Airport interviews to come
President Pinto would like to have on campus interviews during fall semester

Other
None

4:15 // Report of AAUP President (Ron Jones)
  No afternoon report, presented earlier at Bootcamp

4:25 // Report of the Undergraduate Student Government Associate (Bashir Emlemdi)
  No report

4:35 // Report of the Graduate Student Government Association (Arunkumar Muthusamy)
  No report – Arunkumar arrived after meeting adjourned

4:45 // Adjourn
  Motion to Adjourn Accepted 4:28pm

Respectfully submitted,
Datina Juran, Secretary
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION //

REPORT OF THE CHAIR
Report of the Faculty Chair, August 17, 2017

Introduction:

I would like to welcome all Faculty and Senators to a new Academic Year. I am honored to begin my second year as Chair of the Senate and to work with such a remarkable Faculty. Last year Faculty Senate engaged in multiple initiatives across campus, which gave me the opportunity to collaborate with faculty from many disciplines. I greatly appreciate the important work we can accomplish by working together.

I want like to thank members of the Administration who shared their time and expertise at our Senate Bootcamp today - Nelson Vincent, Bleuzette Marshall, Caroline Miller, Patrick Kowalski, and Peter Landgren. I also want to thank AAUP President Ron Jones.

Goals for Faculty Senate

I would like to begin by reviewing and evaluating the goals I had as Chair last year.

Goals for 2016-17

1) Increase communication between Faculty Senate and all faculty members.
   I believe that strides were made in this area last year. As Chair, I sent notes to Senators following most of the Senate meetings. I believe that many Senators forwarded these notes to their faculty, and I received positive comments about this. I still think we need to do more. As Chair I sit on 25 university committees. Often I discover information that a committee assumes has been shared with faculty, but that has often not been the case. Please share your ideas with me about communicating more broadly with faculty without bombarding them with listservs.

2) Support the shared governance process at UC by maximizing faculty participation.
   From my perspective, this goal was achieved. Both as Chair, and prior to that as Chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, I have found that in most situations, administrators at the university level reach out to Senate to weigh in on proposed changes, approve new policies, and recommend faculty for committees. Rarely, something slips through unvetted by Faculty Senate. When this happens, it is important to remind the administrator that faculty need to be part of the process.

3) Develop a comprehensive system for archiving Senate data.
   This goal was not met and will be carried forward.

4) Maximize accessibility across campus.
   This goal also remains unmet, although it was brought to the attention of the Office of Planning and Construction by the Senate Human Services Committee. The University of Cincinnati campus is difficult to navigate for individuals who are aged or have physical disabilities. Participation in events such as Commencement can be particularly challenging. I’m hoping our Senate Planning Committee can address this issue this year.

5) Maximize opportunities for diverse representation and ideas in all Senate functions.
I’m comfortable that this goal was largely met. Cabinet and Senate Committees were broadly representative as to gender, race, ethnicity, discipline, college, campus, and years at the university. This should always remain the goal of Senate.

6) **Highlight faculty achievements in research, teaching, and service.**

This goal was partially met. Senate approved the eLearning Champions Award for the All-University Award Ceremony. I would like to highlight faculty on the Senate website and welcome any suggestions for how to accomplish this.

7) **Collaborate with student government on issues of concern for students.**

This goal was met. Both Graduate and Undergraduate Student Governments have excellent leadership and are good at conveying issues they would like Senate to pursue. Last year Senate passed five resolutions regarding issues brought to our attention by student government, including support for international students.

**Goals for 2017-18**

1) **Increase communication and support among colleges and Faculty Senate in the shared governance process.**

We are all part of the same university and should be helping one another achieve our mutual goals and solve whatever problems we encounter.

2) **Work with Part-Time Faculty and the Provost to prioritize and develop policies in response to the Part-Time Faculty survey submitted to Senate in May, 2017.**

Part-Time Faculty conducted an employment survey last year with the help of the Provost’s office and presented the results at the May, 2016 Faculty Senate meeting. Among the many issues revealed by the results were that a majority of part-time faculty have never received a raise, a copy of the University Adjunct Handbook, a space to work in and meet students, a computer, information about benefits they may be eligible to receive, or an evaluation. Working to address these issues will be a major goal for this year.

3) **Facilitate faculty-led policies regarding Open Access Publishing of research and scholarship.**

I will discuss this topic later in my report.

4) **Respond appropriately to items of concern brought forward by faculty, staff, administration, and students.**

This will always be one of the primary functions of Senate.

**Announcements and Updates**

- **Course Access Policy** - Development of a faculty handbook will be completed this fall. The handbook will address policies for personnel who have access to courses, what they can see, and how faculty can determine who is accessing their courses.

- **Acceptable Use of IT Policy** - Language in the policy has been changed to reflect faculty concerns. This mainly pertains to more carefully worded definitions and explanations.

- **Life of the Mind Lecture Series**
Vision – To celebrate UC faculty research, scholarship and creative output and to foster the free and open exchange of ideas and discourse

History – Began in 2011 as an annual lecture series featuring interdisciplinary conversations with UC faculty from a variety of disciplines around a one-word theme.

Format – One faculty member presents his or her work and expertise. A panel of three faculty from diverse disciplines responds.

Theme – The theme for this fall is truth.

Nomination forms will be distributed to all faculty early this semester.

- Open Access Publishing
  What – Repository of scholarly articles and books made available to all users at no expense via the Internet
  Why – There is a rapidly growing need for rapid and global dissemination of research, particularly in the sciences. The rising cost of journals and textbooks is a critical issue.
  History – European leaders have called for immediate open access to all scientific papers by 2020. 600 institutions have already agreed.
  Supporters – UC office of the Provost; State of Ohio (Textbook Affordability); UC Press
  Leaders – Mark Konecny, UC Libraries

- Senate Openings
  We still need Senators from the following colleges: A&S (1), DAAP (1), CoP (1), and CoM (1). In addition, we need representation for the IT Committee from the following colleges: CLER, DAAP, CoL, and CoP. If you are a Senator from one of these programs, please remind your college of the need for these representatives.

I would like to conclude my report with wishes to all of you for a productive and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Moomaw