

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

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Good morning Chairman Richardson, members of the Board, President Davenport, and guests. Since I am new to the Board, I would like to introduce myself. I am an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education and a three-time UC alumna. I have had the opportunity to work with many faculty and administrators at UC as Chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

I would like to begin by thanking Chairman Richardson for speaking with the faculty during our Faculty Senate Bootcamp on August 18. We are very appreciative of the time he devoted to discussing the current Presidential search with members of the faculty. I would also like to thank members of the Administration who also shared their time and expertise - Nelson Vincent, Bleuzette Marshall, Greg Vehr, Margie Rolf, Karla Phillips, Caroline Miller, and Katherine Miefert - as well as AAUP President Ron Jones.

On behalf of past Senate Chair Tracy Herrmann, I have distributed copies of the Faculty Senate annual Report for 2015-16. It is also available on the Faculty Senate website at <http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate.html>. This year the Senate will continue to work toward enhancing the curriculum of undergraduate students in the area of diversity and inclusion through four working groups under the direction of Tracy Herrmann. Last spring Senate passed resolutions supporting the inclusion of information regarding Mental Health Services and Title IX on faculty course materials. This information will be redistributed to faculty this fall.

Senate standing committees have already begun work for 2016-17. Many ideas for issues to explore were generated at the Senate Bootcamp. My goals as Chair of the Faculty are:

- 1) Increase communication between Faculty Senate and all faculty members

- 2) Support the shared governance process at UC by maximizing faculty participation
- 3) Develop a comprehensive system for archiving Senate data
- 4) Maximize accessibility across campus
- 5) Maximize opportunities for diverse representation and ideas in all Senate functions.
- 6) Highlight faculty achievements in research, teaching, and service.
- 7) Collaborate with student government on issues of concern for students.

The Life of Mind lecture series, co-sponsored by the UC Libraries and the Faculty Senate, will continue on Tuesday, September 20, 3:30 – 5:00, Russell Meyers Alumni Center, with Professor John McNay as the speaker. His topic is Presidential Decisions for Peace, which is the same topic he spoke about at the Nobel Institute last spring. A faculty panel will participate in the discussion. This series is designed to celebrate UC faculty research, scholarship, and creative output and to foster the free and open exchange of ideas and discourse. All are invited.

Thank you, Chairman Richardson, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the faculty. This concludes my report for the August 23th, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the University of Cincinnati Faculty