

University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate  
Report of the Faculty Chair  
September 14, 2017

Good afternoon and welcome.

- Enrollment – At Faculty Senate Bootcamp, Caroline Miller, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, reported total student enrollment at just over 45,000. This represents a 22% growth rate over the past 10 years.
- Life of the Mind Lecture Series – Life of the Mind is a lecture series sponsored by the UC Libraries, UC Faculty Senate, and the offices of the Provost and President. The purpose is to highlight the research and scholarship of UC faculty. Each lecture in the series features one faculty member presenting his or her work in concert with a prescribed theme. A panel of three faculty members from various disciplines then responds. This fall’s Life of the Mind will occur on November 14, 407 Teacher’s College, 3:00 – 5:00 PM and center around the theme of *truth*. Esteemed faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Nominations are due by September 22.
- Open Access Publishing – Academic publishing is undergoing a rapid change in modeling. In order to be at the forefront of the movement toward Open Access publishing, as Chair of the Faculty, and in conjunction with the UC Libraries, I have organized a committee to discuss policies and make recommendations to the university. The committee had its initial meeting on August 29 and decided to focus initially on textbook affordability. Key issues that committee identified were:
  - Academic freedom and textbook adoption
  - The importance of having faculty on the committee that is negotiating the Book Store contract
  - Content availability across platforms
  - Data privacy, including university partners and their partners
  - Faculty proprietary information
- Presidential Investiture – President Pinto’s investiture will be Friday, October 20, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will therefore be tied to Homecoming weekend. Faculty and students are invited to celebrate with food and festivities 3:00 – 5:00 on McMicken Commons.
- Vice Provost for eLearning – Candidate visits to campus
  - Lisa Jones on Monday, 9/18, 1:30-2:30pm in 160 Teacher Dyer College
  - Poonam Kumar on Wednesday, 9/20 , 1:30-2:30pm in 400A TUC
- Suds and Solidarity – Not a meet; just a fun get-together for faculty
  - Sponsored by AAUP
  - 5pm – 8pm
  - Rhinegeist – 1910 Elm St.
  - Food will be provided
  - RSVP to Stephanie Spanja (stephanie.spanja@uc.edu)

- December commencement - Commencement for Autumn Semester graduates will be December 8. Faculty are encouraged to participate. Our presence at this important event means a great deal to students. Faculty can rent regalia at no charge; the rental fee is currently covered by the Commencement office. Important dates for regalia rental are:
  - Regalia Rental Site Open on 9/11/17
  - Regalia Rental Site Closes on 10/6/17
  - Pick-up will begin on 12/4/17
  - Return begins 12/11/17
  - Link to order: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommDec2017>
- College Policy information needed – In conjunction with our conversation regarding shared governance at the college level, which we began at Bootcamp, Senate needs your help in collecting the following information:
  - Decanal Review Policy
  - College bylaws
  - Unit bylaws
  - Faculty handbooks

Please send this information to me.

- Adjunct information needed – Senate Cabinet has begun to discuss some of the issues regarding part-time faculty that were raised last May by the part-time faculty survey and report delivered to Senate. We need help from you in gathering the following information from your Associate Deans:
  - Does your college have an orientation for part-time faculty?
  - What is the pay scale for adjunct faculty in your college?
  - Does your college or unit have a handbook for adjunct faculty?
  - What is the evaluation process for adjunct faculty?
  - Are there departmental policies for part-time faculty?

You can also send this information to me.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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