University of Cincinnati
Faculty Senate Meeting – November 9, 2017
Joint Meeting with Undergraduate & Graduate Student Governments

MINUTES

3:30 Welcome and Call to Order // meeting called to order at 3:32pm

3:30 Approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting
   Motion to approve // Brian Metcalf  Approved //  3:33

3:32 Report of the Faculty Chair - Sally Moomaw
   Thanks to those who attended AUF
   AUF Report
   There is no update//no contract has been signed by Spencer

   Unity Suggestions //
   Educational // articles/book, conference, panels, seminar
   Visual/Performing Arts // concert, dance, exhibit, film, spoken word
   Community Solidarity // buttons, t-shirts, signage, fundraiser, service project
   Cultural Celebration // awards ceremony, festival, fashion/cultural attire, food
   Social Media // FB, twitter, Instagram, snapchat
   Advertising // tv, digital/online, radio, print
   www.uc.edu/freespeech.html
   UC Safety has been in touch with officials from other schools to prepare

   Provost Finalists

   Life of the Mind Series – Tuesday, November 14, 3-5:00pm, 407 Teachers/Dyer
   Celebration Ceremony for newly tenured/promoted faculty on October 23

   Faculty Recognitions
   Dr. Jason Heikenfeld // AVP for Technology, Ohio Faculty Council Award
   Dr. Tina Stanton // Assoc Dir of Early Childhood Ed, West Fork Park inclusive
   playground design
**Dr. James Canfield** // Asst Professor of Social Work, Clearing house of local data on homelessness and childhood poverty

**Dr. Cynthia Ris** // Prof of English and Comparative Lit, interviewed by Chronicle of Higher Ed for the Task Force Report on Online Learning

**Faculty Senate University Service Award** // TAKING NOMINATIONS due by Dec. 1 to Dr. Carol Wheeler-Strother

**Emeriti Senator Bob Faaborg** has stepped down due to illness

**Sally Dunn** is filling in for Bob

**3:40** **Undergraduate Student Government Association Minutes/Report** – Bashir Emlemdi, Dana Drage

Thanks to faculty, pleasure to work with Sally

**It’s on Us Campaign/Committee** – Red Flag Campaign

College of Nursing students provided free flu shots to over 200 students

Mental Health Awareness Week, UC Strong, presence at football game tomorrow

Fees discussion continues...

**3:45** **Graduate Student Government Association Minutes/Report** – Arunkumar Muthusamy, Jelena Vicic

*DACA Statement, supported and signed along with other Universities*

*Bringing Dr. Marshall to converse with GSGA, helped students understand reasons and options for dealing with Spencer visit*

*GSGA has increased conference awards from $400 to $500 for presenters*

**Halloween Party**

*Candlelight Vigil honoring Grad Engineering student Sunil Biradar. Thursday, November 9, 6:30pm, McMicken Commons*

**3:50** **Report from the Office of Research** – Jennifer Krivickas

Will send report to be shared

New programming series launched, 5 sessions so far

People prefer a workshop format, rather than panel

Censor’s Retreat

**UC Research and Innovation Week** // April 9 – 13, 2018
Grant Writing Workshop

Internal Funding // Seeking Reviewers

SEAD (Science Eng + Art Design) under review
Core Equip and Core Capability under review, from many colleges
Strategic Teams Track Grant, RFP has been tweaked
Currently 4 URC Grands, due before end of year

3:55 Report of the AAUP President - Ron Jones (moved to after panel)

3:55 New Business: Shared Topic, Student Fees – Patrick Kowalski, Vice President for Finance; Debra Merchant, Vice President for Student Affairs; Kathy Qualls, Senior Vice Provost for Business and Financial Affairs

- Background Information and Questions
- Undergraduate concerns
- Graduate concerns

UGSA // Bashir Emlemdi and Dana Drage
GSA // Arun Muthusamy and Jelena Vicic
VP Finance // Pat Kowalski
VP Student Affairs // Debra Merchant
Senior Vice Provost for Academic Finance and Administration // Kathy Qualls
Dean of Graduate School // Chip Montrose
IT // Nelson Vincent

What are fees?

1 Tuition - approved at Board level

2 College Level Fees – run through the Provost Office, extensive process
   Program fees, course fees
Touchpoint was UGSA President, developmed more structured process
   (handout provided with process/details)
SACUB reviews and vets, also recommends, not an approving body
Q-how long have we used this process A-around 4 years
Q-was this just run by SGSA or UGSA? A-used to just be SGSA, now more extensive, partner with SACUB, goal was to increase dialogue, process is evolving. Colleges are still required to gather information from students before passing it along to Provost office proces

3 Instructional Materials
International Student Fee (ISF):

The GSGA Position / Arun Muthusamy

-GSGA opposes the ISF
-ISF is discriminatory and in contradiction with UC values of inclusion and diversity
-Survey conducted to assess the need for the fee was misleading and poorly designed
-This survey used as a justification for the ISF
-The bureaucratic decision-making process was discriminatory and non-transparent, no student reps were present in the meeting when the decision was made

UGSA very frustrated due to the poor design of the survey
Fee approved by Ono and Landgren
Q10 – The US and neighboring Canada are huge countries...
Q13 – Given the current budget situation
Students answered questions 1-10 without knowledge that those answers would be used to justify a fee.

Many comments were entered for question 13 AND were NOT included in the signed documents.
Students were not made aware that when asked for services they’d be interested in that there would be a resulting fee

Waived for spring 17 by Landgren

ASK IS THAT A NEW SURVEY IS CONDUCTED to try to figure out what students actually want

UGSA / Bashir

Working with Institute for Policy Research to see what can be done for another survey and to take data and assess programs and what fees are being used for – this has not been brought to the UGSA but it will be soon

Pat Kowalski

Fee was originated due to a request for services. Was put on hold initially, then brought to SACUB. Much discussion and engagement, activity and consideration

Kathy Qualls – yes there was a survey – did we provide adequate opportunity for input into the decision? There was doubt about that. That is why Landgren put the fee on hold. The survey was not the only thing that influenced two separate decision. Many meeting attempting to get student input. Student input does not always result in getting the what they suggest? – no.

Merits of this fee have been debated. Has there been adequate student input? Implied yes.

Q-What are the fees used for? A-Salaries, Fringe, Programming, Health Screenings, Orientation Fees, Emergency Fund.
Q-why are these different than other Grad students? A-covers tb test/screening, along with other fees that are same as fees. Many students want to participate in OPT (optional practical training), this is always changing and is very time-consuming. There are additional responsibilities that come along with international students. International Student Barometer, had low rankings in past, this fee assists in allowing students the opportunities that were previously lowly ranked. Has been reviewed by 2 presidents, provosts and many many people for 18 months. UC still has one of lowest fee. U Conn has $700/semester fee. Would recommend we move on. If we actually priced the way it should be, it would actually be higher.

Jelena Vicic

Graduate student body has many international students.

Q-Why hasn’t GSGA had more chances to participate in this process. Meeting was requested in June, to understand. SACUB was only representative body.

Q-Ask of ISO is $729,872 – why is this cost imposed on International Students, as one of the most vulnerable populations?

Contesting the programming // Pre and Post-Fee

Resolution asks that GSGA be more involved in programming

Total amount of fee would be over $1 million (this is not necessarily accurate according to Ron Cushing due to OPT students and lower enrollment in spring bc some students who are done with all coursework are not registered, as they only need to sign up for 1 credit)

CEAS doctoral student says they are strongly advised that they must register for spring

Onboarding and health screening fee IS A ONE TIME service, yet FEES are charged every single term. Should not be repetitive.

Q-Are there any other universities that do NOT charge an international fee? A-every Big 10 school assesses about $1000 fee (UC is not a Big 10 school). Majority of our peer institutions are charging these fees at a higher rate.

Raj Mehta – More than happy to collaborate with student government and SACUB moving forward to discuss what we do with the programming fee. We cannot really impact the portion used for OPT, etc.

We want all students to be integrated and to receive good services and success. Hopes to make it happen but for now we need to move forward. We are still one of the lowest, $1000 Purdue, OSU.

Student Q – why is this cost just offloaded to International Students? Other costs that are funded overall (Women’s Center, AACRC for example) why is this not from general funds?
Many fees approved in the past few years are very targeted and assessed to group that would benefit. These funds are used EXCLUSIVELY for International students. It is not applied to all students because the benefits are not applied to other students.

Jelena Vicic – would not suggest lumping International students together the way we combine students of majors or study areas. Point about supporting example would be students with disabilities – we do not charge them more. What about out of state dollars? Where does this money go, can it go to ISO? Can university shift more to ISO?

Kathy Qualls – it is not an option to increase tuition AT ALL and we need to provide services for this student population. Have we defined and followed the process? YES – more than any other fee that has recently been approved. The conclusion has been reached that for the good of UC and the International student pop, this is what we have to do.

John McNay – raising the fee is against the spirit of raising the fee. UC has plenty of revenue, example is salary of basketball coach which is 2x this fee. We are not making good choices with how our revenue is sent.

Move to affirm/endorse the GSGA Resolution // John McNay - tabled due to ‘no’ vote regarding

Point of Clarification // Rich Miller, would require 2/3 vote present
Q-what do you want Senate to do? A-We want faculty support of resolution. Want new survey that is valued and legitimate.
Point of Clarification // Canfield – are we voting to endorse?
Miller // All in favor of considering motion that just came to senate today
Voice vote – unclear

Hand vote, Yes-10, No-6 (some confusion)
People want to take this (GSGA Resolution/discussion) to next meeting for further discussion

4:50 Report of the AAUP President - Ron Jones (moved from before panel, was at 3:55)

4:55 Unfinished Business (moved from 4:00pm)

5:00 Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn // Roman Approved // 5:12pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Datina Juran, Secretary