University of Cincinnati  
Faculty Senate Meeting – December 7, 2017  
400 TUC

Minutes

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

3:30 Approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting
Motion to approve the minutes – Melanie // Approved – 3:33pm

3:35 Report of the Faculty Chair - Sally Moomaw
  _Life of the Mind – great attendance
  _Provost search committee has concluded search. 4 candidates. Now in hands of President Pinto for decision
  _Joint Meeting in November, GSGA resolution
    Motion was on floor to approve resolution. Cabinet has discussed and will work with students to tighten up resolution and present new draft at next meeting

3:40 Report of the President – Neville Pinto
  _Congrats to all on completion of the semester
  _Good semester, positive energy around campus. Tremendous response with programs, record number of freshman, strategic direction progress. It’s been a pleasure to work with University leaders, noting Peter Landgren’s terrific work. Good alignment with Univ and Foundation. Kristi Nelson’s return, up to speed and leading.
  _Student successes, graduation tomorrow. 2321 graduating, 2343 degrees granted. 91 doctorates, 976 masters, 1130 bacc, 144 associates.
    Awarding 2 honorary degrees – Jim Anderson (retired CEO, CCHMC)
    - Judge John Andrew West (Community Advisory Council lead)
  _Strategic Direction / Platform, Pathway, Initiatives / 9 pathways
  Academic Excellence | Urban Impact | Innovation Agenda
Pathway plans are being outlined. Faculty Success Center, lead by Artie Miller and Keisha Love Faculty are being approached to populate the Faculty Success Center Committee. Goal is to have plans in place and formally launch strategic direction (to be named) on February 20 at Board of Trustees meeting

Working on creative/innovative ways to fund and build resource base

Strategic plan will incorporate some initiatives continuing/boosted, some new. 6 month and then 18 month phase. For example, Co-op 2.0 will take some substantial thinking before launching pilots for various programs.

_The “uninvited speaker” – update – due to path we selected, proposed 3 days over spring break and these were accepted. Contract has been provided but nothing is finalized yet. Planning going on already. Focus on positive and our values. We need to come together in opposition to the ideas being espoused at this event. We will reach beyond the university for support_

Q: considering how much FL had to spend on security, have we asked state for any support?
A: legislation is being discussed for support “it’s easy to support the first amendment when you don’t have to foot the bill” Can’t put a price tag on free speech. Regarding security, a team has been down to FL to help us understand and provided resources. FL devoted resources to our team and their approach along with their learnings.

Q: spring break timeline is good, but please consider units (i.e. library) that are open during the break. Please consider day before event as well.
A: yes.

Q: Success Center – would like to ask that Faculty Senate be included in that Committee in some way. Also Adjunct Faculty involvement.
A: Absolutely. (Pinto) Yes. (K. Nelson)

_Provost Search_

Thanks to Committee and to Chair Gail Fairhust. Thanks to Sally, Rich Miller and Ana Vamadeva from Senate

Hopes to reach a decision prior to University closing for December break

_Tax Reform / Impact on University_

Threat regarding Graduate tuition, to count as taxable income, could decimate grad education in USA. Hopefully that will not come back into the bill.

Respect to taxing endowments – there is a requirement in proposed legislation. May tax earnings on private school’s endowments. Need to lock arms with private univ partners to support that their endowments remain tax free. Vitally important for enabling education

Taxing tuition benefit of university employees. Folks on lower income side use this benefit to educate their children – we need this and are advocating against this

_Any questions?
Thank you very much._
3:55 Report from the Office of Research – Jennifer Krivickas
No formal report – but sharing new website www.research.uc.edu
New and improved, find info on grants, events and workshops
Office or Research will have Annual Report data online rather than in printed format

4:00 Report of the AAUP President – Ron Jones
-AAUP works article featuring UC’s spending and budget. Encourages everyone to read it!
-Info regarding tax reform “shameful display of individuals being pressured by donor base that will be detrimental to many and increase current issues”
-Threats coming from various groups, national AAUP report regarding threats from academic freedom in physical sciences. Scientists being accused of espionage under the umbrella of national security.
-Call reps and be vocal. May not take much to change minds
-AAUP will be working with Pres and UC to help get the word out about the uninvited speaker
-2018 will be final year of CBA. Thurs, Feb 8 is next chapter meeting, encourages dues paying members to attend. Will begin looking toward next contract.

4:05 Report of Undergraduate Student Government – Bashir Emlemdi
No reps

-Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – asking students to make calls until final version of bill proves safe
-Research Support – Increased conference travel award from $100-$200 non pres from $400-$500 for presenters. Want students to use these resources.
Will provide Sally with slides to share with faculty to share with students
Research Fellowships
Recognizing Excellence / Presidential Medal of Grad Student Excellence
-Community Building / to promote community
Group Budget Award
-Group Grant Awards ($2000 per cycle, 8 per year)
-Events
Grad Cafes, GSGA Charity event Spring Ball March 24, Thanksgiving Dinner, Other activities
Q – do you have anything virtually?
A- yes, updating and can share links in presentation

4:15 Unfinished Business
- Resolution on Learning Management System: Blackboard Retention Policy – Cynthia Ris and Greg Lloyd

Update
_Quick overview of policy – Greg
Course retention policy proposes keeping current academic year and 4 previous years. After that older courses will be archived HOWEVER if you put in requests you can extend your course. Units can also request that courses stay live.
Q – how will change in LMS impact this
A – next Friday’s will not impact anything...mostly interface changes
Q – how do you receive the notification?
A – email and bb
_Resolution // seeing no concerns were raised from last meeting...questions were addressed
Move to approve the resolution // Melanie Kroger-Jarvis Second // Greg // Approved 4:31
Resolution Approved

4:20 New Business

4:20 Accessibility Network - Heidi Pettyjohn and Annette Ready
_Working toward compliance with relevant laws to create a more accessible online environment for students with disabilities
_Long process, at the starting line now. Technical, systems and personnel structure
_Summer and Fall will be big push for what it means
_Today – requesting volunteers for steering committees in each of four area:
Public Web Presence (J. Riep, Jimmy Martin) | Procurement/Purchasing Process (T. G) | eLearning/Course Content (Gigi Escoe, Paul Foster) | Change Management (M Ralston, M Williams)
Q - Sally – how do we want to help form these committees?
A – J. Doctor – some people may want to be involved that aren’t here
Sally – will send to cabinet and ask for guidance and then to Senate
Would like names/nominees by early January

4:35 COACHE Survey – Keisha Love, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel and Susana Luzuriaga, Director of Institutional Research
- COACHE resolution

Helps University understand success areas and areas for improvement
Last year used ‘Exit Survey’ to try to unearth common themes for those who’ve left
Satisfaction Survey – RPT, culture, department, extensive 20 minutes + survey
Email will come from COACHE, not administration to ensure anonymity
Need faculty help to spread the word and encourage all to provide feedback!
Have good benchmark universities for comparison
Will be focus groups, town halls, the good, the bad and the ugly
Collaborative process

Q-Ris questions are comprehensive also including shared governance. Encourage people to answer those. Great that the results will be available
Q-Does UC have a standard Exit Interview process?
A-No, not yet.

Resolution of Support for COACHE presented by Melanie Kroger Jarvis
Motion to approve // Greg Loving  Second // Joe Girandola
Is there a cost? Who’s covering – provost
Approved // unanimous 4:56pm

4:50  UC Press – Liz Scarpelli, Director; Michael Duckworth, Acquisition Editor

_OAMPI Grant
Have agreed to give out 3 awards over the next 5 years. Open call for UC full-time faculty on all three campuses. Will be working with 59 other university presses to publish these books. All this information is on the Provost website. Purpose to explore and provide support for a study on the impact of open source books.

$15,000 publishing grant for full-time UC faculty
Project Eligibility

1. Full-length books in humanities and social sciences which are at least at the stage of a book proposal
2. Author must be full-time UC faculty
3. (There are two other eligibility requirements on the powerpoint)

Current proposals will be due by January 31st.
5:00  Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Datina Juran, Secretary