Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda for March 10, 2016
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3:30 – Meeting of the Faculty Senate – Call to Order

3:30 – Approval of Minutes of the February Meeting

3:30 – Report of the Faculty Chair (T. Herrmann)

3:35 – Report of the President (S. Ono)

3:55 – Old Business/Committee Reports

  • Committee on Committees—Presentation of Nominations and Call for Additional Nominations from the Floor (M. Stec)
  • Nominating Committee—Presentation of Nominations and Call for Additional Nominations from the Floor (R. Leugers)
  • Academic Affairs Committee (S. Moomaw)—Resolution Concerning the Proposed University of Cincinnati Press
  • Governance Committee (A. Vamadeva)— Resolution Regarding the Inclusion of the Chair of the Faculty on the University Budget Committee
  • February Committee Reports—
    o Academic Affairs: UC Press Resolution
    http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/academic_affairs.html
    o Budget & Priorities:
    http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/budget.html
    o Human Relations:
    http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/human_relations.html

  • Other

4:10 – New Business

  • Catalyst Update (D. Burgess)
  • Other

4:25 – Discussion with the Provost (B. Davenport)

4:45 -- Report from the Undergraduate Student Government Association (A. Naab)

4:50 – Report from Graduate Student Government Association (A. Mazman)

4:55 – Report from the AAUP President (G. Loving)

5:00 - Adjourn
Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 11th, 2016  
Minutes

3:32PM the February 11th 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order.

1. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the December 10th 2015 and the January 14th, 2016 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

2. Report from the Faculty Chair, Tracy Herrmann:  
   - Chair Herrmann submitted her report electronically prior to the meeting and can be found in its entirety on the Faculty Senate Website  
   - Rob Roeke has been confirmed as the new IT committee chair  
   - Spring elections are upon, please encourage support for nominations  
   - Discussion ensued on how to properly manage President Ono’s donation to FS  
     - Faculty service award plaque to be located by teaching and research plaques – supported  
     - Recognition plaque for past faculty chairs – supported  
     - Suspended Projector for FS room – supported  
     - Annual social for across campus gathering – supported

3. Reports from the Faculty Senate standing committees:  
   - Academic Affairs Committee, Sally Moomaw reporting  
     - [http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/academic_affairs.html](http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/academic_affairs.html)  
     - Presented a joint resolution with the Human Relations Committee regarding Proposed Diversity Initiatives at the University of Cincinnati  
     - Discussion ensued and ensued  
       - What actually defines diversity? – All underrepresent minorities  
       - Is it specific to departments? - Not meant to be, all campus involved  
       - Are we being too “specific” that may lead to problems down the road? – Not meant to be  
       - Question regarding the budget for this and where it is coming from? - Some through third century funds  
       - What is being put off to address these new priorities? - Support for the measures, but would like transparency on all funding aspects. Budget committee should have been involved  
       - Specific concern on the use of African American in the resolution, it needs to be inclusive of all minorities to eliminate future problems  
     - Vote to table the resolution  
       - Motion failed  
     - Vote to accept the resolution as presented  
       - Motion passed  
   
   - University of Cincinnati Press Discussion  
     - Recommendation was to have a central theme or approach  
     - Social Justice was selected as the focus  
     - Desire to address resolution at next meeting – please address comments to Academic Affairs committee

   - Planning Committee, Wanda McCarthy reporting for Margaret Cheatham  
     - Resolution Re: HB48 Concealed Carry was introduced via a reading of the resolution  
     - Faculty across campuses oppose conceal carry on campus  
     - Desire to send our message to the Board of Trustees  
     - Discussion ensued  
       - What are ramifications of wrongful death if this went through?  
       - Multiple comments in support of the resolution  
     - Vote to accept the resolution as presented
• Motion passed

• Budget & Priorities:
  o [Link](http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/budget.html)

4. Old Business:
• No report

5. New Business:
• University Press (X. Wang)
• Floor was opened for questions
  o Concept admirable, is it a mistake to limit the focus to social justice? Response – this is simply the initial focus, opportunity for change in the future
  o What if you have professional work ready to go but it is of a slightly different focus? Response - Social justice was chosen as it can be open and encompassing, many topics can be tied back to social justice

• Update on the Community Advisory Committee and Public Safety Reform (R. Engle & J. Moore)
  o Update on safety and reform initiatives
  o Safety includes maintaining support for students faculty and staff including immediate area around campus
  o Reported crimes including areas around campus where our students live
    • Level 1 crimes are the lowest since 2004
    • Violent crimes down 26 %
    • Property crimes are down but not as significant
  o Reform side
    • Independent investigation
    • Initiated an early warning system
    • Additional street level changes have been made
    • The reporting and communicating of officer behavior, and responses etcetera has improved
    • Current diversity in Police officers is being addressed
    • Public safety has good diversity
    • Community outreach has been good, strong support from students and faculty
  o Community advisory council
    • Working on transparency
    • Exiger review team will hold an open community forum
    • A specific campus meeting will occur on their next visit

6. Report from the Undergraduate Student Government Association, Andrew Naab:
• No report submitted

7. Report from the Graduate Student Government Association, Ayça Mazman:
• No report submitted

8. Report from the AAUP President, Greg Loving:
• Contract talks have begun
• Ground rules have been established including a media gag
• Financials will come later in the meetings

9. Adjournment
• Motion to adjourn accepted 4:55

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel L. Carl, PhD, Secretary
Report of the Faculty Chair
March 10, 2016

Blackboard Observer for Student Athletes: In the middle of spring semester faculty with student athletes enrolled in their courses were invited to “opt in” and allow the athletic advisers for these students participate as observers in their courses. The request was sent to approximately 700 faculty and 70 opted in to allow for the observers. Faculty concerns were related to the timing (mid-semester) and the rights the observer. In the future, an internal audit will be conducted to review the process, determine lessons learned, and the benefits. In addition this information will be shared with student athletes during their orientation.

RFP (Request for Proposal) for Efficiency Consultant: An RFP was distributed and three consultants have submitted inquiries. The efficiencies investigated will begin with administration operation and structures.

UC Health Marketing: UC Health has launched an advertising campaign focused on cancer, cardiac, neuro, and women’s health.

Election Time for YOUR College: Please assure that elections are being held for your new college faculty senator and identify the Faculty Senate IT Representative from your college for next year.

D&I in the Curriculum: Two input sessions were held with faculty, student and staff volunteers. They answered questions related to desired student learning outcomes for undergraduate students at UC. The opportunity to volunteer for working groups on the topics of Inclusion in the Classroom, Gen Ed Framework, Courses and Modules, and Faculty Development has been made available to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Herrmann
Hello Professor Herrmann,

As you requested, attached is the official graphic for the Socially Responsible Investment Forum on March 16 at 5:30pm (TUC Great Hall). As mentioned before, the event will feature a panel discussion on socially responsible investment, including fossil fuel divestment. Various student leaders will present arguments in support and opposition to divestment; Peter Block to moderate; Tricia Dunlap to lecture on Socially Responsible Investment and ESG.

If you would be so kind as to share this with Faculty Senate at your next meeting, that would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing faculty joining the administration, student body, and other members of the UC community in this discussion about Social Responsibility.

To find information and/or RSVP to the event, visit the following page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/875027195951160/?active_tab=posts

Thank you so much for your help promoting this wonderful event.

Best, Anthony

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI PRESS

1. WHEREAS President Ono has charged the University of Cincinnati Press Task Force, a committee of administrators and faculty under the leadership of Dean Xuemao Wang, to explore the possible development of a University of Cincinnati press; and

2. WHEREAS the University press will draw further attention and heightened prestige to the University of Cincinnati as a major university contributing to scholarly communication on a global scale; and

3. WHEREAS becoming an active participant in scholarly publishing will further the University’s Third Century goals, notably in the areas of leveraging scholarship, strategic recruiting, and fundraising; and

4. WHEREAS the mission of the proposed University Press to cultivate and disseminate scholarly works of the highest quality for the enhancement of the global community supports and extends the University’s mission and significantly deepens its engagement with other academic institutions around the world; and

5. WHEREAS the University Press will contribute to community economic development by fostering deeper relationships with Cincinnati-area institutions, businesses, and government agencies; and

6. WHEREAS the estimated annual funding of $750,000 needed from the University of Cincinnati to support the Press is relatively low when compared to the funds contributed to other agencies of the University;

7. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate supports the proposed University of Cincinnati Press.
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY ON THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Whereas the University of Cincinnati enjoys a long-standing practice of shared-governance that benefits the entire university and;

Whereas according to the University Faculty Bylaws it is a purpose of the faculty to assist, advise and counsel the president in matters including budget and long-term plans and;

Whereas the faculty commonly carry out this responsibility by serving on all-university committees responsible for decision-making and;

Whereas the University Budget Committee is the university-level governance committee charged to review and recommend budgetary and fiscal plans, policies and procedures and to provide oversight of the budget planning process;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Cincinnati recommends to the president of the university that the chair of the faculty or his/her designee be included in the membership of the University Budget Committee.