

All University Faculty Meeting
Chair of the Faculty Report
April 5, 2016

Hello, I am Tracy Herrmann, Chair of the University Faculty and Faculty Senate and Professor of Allied Health at UC Blue Ash College. Thank you for joining us today. My role as Faculty Chair includes service on over 25 committees, representing faculty at numerous events and sharing faculty opinion under the guidance of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate, a key component of our shared governance structure, meets monthly to discuss topics of interest to faculty both within the senate and beyond with UC administration and staff. As this is my final All University Faculty meeting as Faculty Chair, I will briefly highlight the work of faculty in shared governance during my term over the past two academic years, 2014 to 2016.

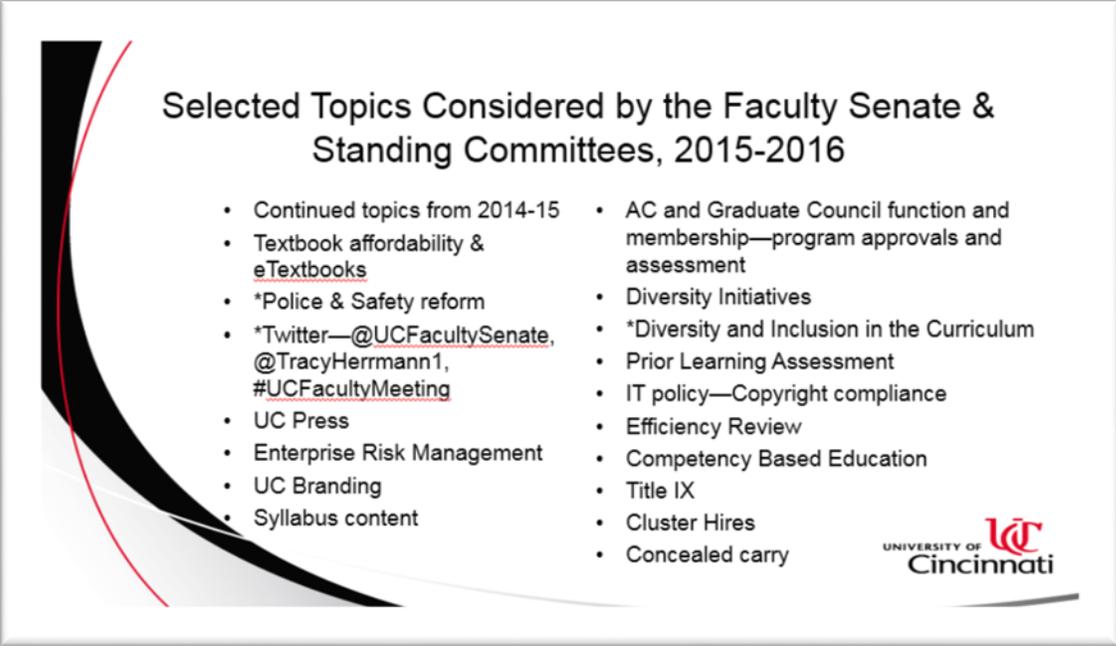
As you can see from this slide, we were very active in 2014 and 2015. The topics listed represent a select few of the subjects that were discussed either in shared governance committees, on faculty senate standing committees or in the faculty senate. Details regarding many of these topics were provided in last year's Annual Report and are detailed in the meeting minutes, all posted on the Faculty Senate website.

Selected Topics Considered by the Faculty Senate & Standing Committees, 2014-2015

- Proprietary Textbook Legislation
- University Calendar
- *Tobacco Free Campus
- *Distance Learning Task Force Report
- Faculty participation in shared governance and events
- Emergency closure practices
- Faculty awards
- Adjunct Faculty concerns
- Faculty representation in IT Governance Structure
- Interdisciplinary research
- IRB
- Faculty excellence in teaching, research and service
- *The Life of Mind Lecture series
- Student and faculty diversity and retention
- University budget and debt including athletic facilities and capital projects
- IT policy—Accessibility

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I would like to highlight three of these topics—the tobacco free campus resolution, the Distance Learning Task Force Report, and the reinstatement of the Life of Mind Lecture series. I believe each of these initiatives had and continues to have a great impact on our campus life here at UC.



Selected Topics Considered by the Faculty Senate & Standing Committees, 2015-2016

- Continued topics from 2014-15
- Textbook affordability & eTextbooks
- *Police & Safety reform
- *Twitter—@UCFacultySenate, @TracyHerrmann1, #UCFacultyMeeting
- UC Press
- Enterprise Risk Management
- UC Branding
- Syllabus content
- AC and Graduate Council function and membership—program approvals and assessment
- Diversity Initiatives
- *Diversity and Inclusion in the Curriculum
- Prior Learning Assessment
- IT policy—Copyright compliance
- Efficiency Review
- Competency Based Education
- Title IX
- Cluster Hires
- Concealed carry

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In 2015-16, our focus immediately turned to police safety and reform as a result of the death of Samuel Dubose. Upon consideration of calls for action from students and advocates, the Faculty Senate voted to support diversity initiatives on campus including work toward a goal of intentionally placing diversity and inclusion in the undergraduate curriculum. Two input sessions were held with over 50 faculty, staff, and student volunteers. Working groups have been formed and charges for those groups have been drafted to address the inclusive classroom, the general education framework, faculty development, and the creation of courses and modules. I would like to thank all who have been involved and volunteered for this important work to date. If anyone else is interested in being involved, please contact me. I look forward to seeing how our great minds take on this challenging, sensitive, and important topic in the upcoming years.

As you can see from this slide, the faculty senate, shared governance committees, and faculty senate standing committees have been hard at work infusing the opinion and expertise of faculty into university policy and academics. Please note that the Faculty Senate now has a Twitter Account @UCFacultySenate and if you would like to tweet about this meeting, please use the hashtag #UCFacultyMeeting2016.

I would like to close with many words of gratitude. This position has given me a peak at other institutions of higher education in our state and I can honestly say that we are doing great work here. I'll start by thanking the Faculty Senate Cabinet listed here. I thank them for their patience, guidance, support, and dedication to shared governance. In addition, I would like to thank all of our Faculty Senators who play an important role in representing the voice of faculty at the college, unit and university levels. Next, I would like to thank all members of governance committees including the all university committees and faculty senate standing committees. In addition, I would like to thank all faculty for the important work they do in teaching, research and service. We are an impressive bunch. I want to personally thank Christie Joslin for her administrative support and Jack, our student worker; Debbie Page for her work as our parliamentarian, Greg Loving for his dedication to faculty rights; Ayca Mazman for her service as President of the Graduate Student Government Association; and Andrew Naab for his persistence and push as President of the Undergraduate Student Government Association. Our collaboration with the student governments has created a rich environment for open and collaborative discussion of student and faculty issues.

I also thank the administration of the University for their support and for including faculty in advisory decision making processes. I'll begin by thanking President Ono for his tireless dedication, expertise, generosity and leadership. Behind every great president is a great staff so I also thank his administrative staff and that of the Provost's office for their help and guidance. In addition, I would like to thank Provost Davenport for her vision, guidance and passion. I also thank the Board of Trustees for listening to faculty opinion and including faculty and students in

important conversations about the future of UC. Finally, I thank our Deans for supporting faculty and for moving our colleges forward.

We do not have a formal installation of the Faculty Chair so I would like to introduce you to Chair Elect Sally Moomaw. Professor Moomaw will begin her term as chair of the faculty on August 1, 2016. In the time I have spent with Sally she has already demonstrated an energy and passion for our students and our university in her role as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and as a representative to the Ohio Faculty Council. I wish her well in the pursuit of shared governance at UC as our next Faculty Chair. This concludes my final report as Chair of the Faculty. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Herrmann