

Report from Dr. Sally Moomaw, Chair of the University Faculty

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Good morning Chairman Cassady, members of the Board, President Pinto, and guests.

On behalf of the Faculty, I would like to welcome President Pinto as the 30th President of the University of Cincinnati. I appreciate the rigor that went into the search process to produce this excellent choice.

The executive order from the President of the United States that barred individuals from seven countries from entering the United States has caused considerable concern among international students, students and faculty studying and conducting research abroad, and students and faculty who are concerned that the policy violates the rights of the individuals who are affected. Although federal courts have temporarily issued a stay in the implementation of this executive order, concern remains high regarding the effect this may have on the university community. Faculty Senate passed a resolution of support for international students and for faculty and students teaching, studying, and conducting research abroad at its February 9 meeting. The resolution received unanimous support. Also at the February 9 meeting, Senate unanimously passed a resolution of support for the University Advising Strategic Plan.

Senate has also received questions and concerns from faculty who are worried about the status of students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) status. The Ohio Faculty Council, which represents the Faculty Senates of all Ohio state universities, has issued a resolution of support for DACA students and for passage of the Bridge Act (Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream of Growing our Economy).

Nominations are now open for the positions of Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Secretary, and one Board of Trustees representative. Nominations are also open for four At-Large Senators and

seven members of the Grievance Committee, including the Committee Co-Coordinator.

Nominations for Senate Standing Committees and 18 All-University Committees will open on February 28.

Thank you, Chairman Cassady, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the faculty.

This concludes my report for the February 21, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the University of Cincinnati Faculty