

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.

This has been a year of change for the university, with a new President, an Interim Provost, and a new IT Operating System. It is times such as this when the importance of shared governance is particularly important, and I am proud of the way the university community has come together to mediate the effects of these changes.

I would also like to thank our Interim Provost, Peter Landgren, for the incredible job he has done in guiding the university and addressing the needs of the academic community during this challenging year of change. I've seen his calendar – a complex overlay of one important meeting after another – and yet he actually manages to get so much done. The faculty have been very fortunate to have his leadership.

Faculty bring numerous issues, ideas, questions, and concerns to the attention of the Faculty Senate. This is in keeping with the role of the Senate in shared governance at the university, and we welcome all contacts from faculty. Much of the work of resolving issues brought to Senate is handled by the Senate standing committees. In this report, I would like to highlight some of the work of the Senate and these committees during this academic year. Please notice that the faculty on these committees represent the depth and breadth of our university's colleges.

The Senate Academic Affairs Committee is always quite busy, and this year was no exception. Among the many items that this committee addressed were: providing input on the roles of the University Academic Committee and Graduate Council; working with the Office of Legal Affairs to develop a policy on Faculty intellectual property rights; developing policies on

who has access to courses via Blackboard (ongoing); and reviewing IT policies that interface with academics. I thank Chair Laura Nabors and the committee members for their hard work throughout the year.

The Budget and Priorities Committee, chaired by James Canfield, examines financial matters of the university and makes recommendations on funding priorities. To this end, this year they have met with Pat Kowalski, Vice President for Finance, Professor Daniel Langmeyer, performance-based budgeting guru, and Mike Bohn, Director of Athletics. They hope to soon have recommendations for President Pinto. Their work is much appreciated.

The Governance Committee, chaired by Ana Vamadeva, has the tedious task of reviewing and revising the Senate bylaws. This year the bylaws are undergoing a thorough and much-needed rewrite to improve the functioning of Senate. As the person responsible for following these bylaws, I cannot thank this committee enough for their work.

The Human Relations Committee, chaired by Carol Wheeler-Strother, has selected two recipients for the Faculty Senate Award for Exemplary Service to the University of Cincinnati, which will be announced at the All University Faculty Awards Ceremony on April 19. I thank Carol and this committee for their work.

The Information Technology Committee, chaired by Victoria Wangia-Anderson, has done yeoman's work this year in assisting the faculty and university IT committees with the numerous changes in IT that affect us all daily. Their work has included developing a contact list for faculty regarding Catalyst conversion concerns; evaluating the IT@UC eLearning Strategic Plan; Blackboard help desk support; and currently the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy revisions. I deeply appreciate the work of Victoria and the members of this committee.

The Planning Committee has had two chairs this year, Margaret Cheatham in Fall Semester, and Tracy Herrmann in Spring Semester. This committee considers all aspects of planning, both curricular and physical. The committee is currently investigating possible alliances among Faculty Senate, CET&L, and CEeL. They are also working with the Bicentennial Committee. Their work is much appreciated.

The Research and Scholarship Committee, chaired by Richard Miller, has examined rules for Export Control that are of importance to faculty and issues related to undergraduate research, which is currently a topic of much discussion. The committee is also investigating possible changes to the IRB process to help faculty conducting research in the social sciences. Current IRB procedures are heavily oriented toward medical research. I thank the committee for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the faculty.

I would like to thank Marla Hall for chairing the Committee on Committees, which oversees the election of faculty to Senate and University Committees. That election has just concluded, and the elected faculty have been notified. Marla also chaired the election of faculty representatives to the Provostal Search Committee. Ana Vamadeva, Richard Miller, and Sally Moomaw will represent the faculty on that committee. Also, I would like to thank Tamika Odum for chairing the Nominating Committee, which handles the election of Senate officers, Grievance Committee members, and At-Large Senators. I want to express my deep appreciation for all of the faculty members who have run or are currently running for these important positions. In addition, I want to thank the Senate Cabinet, whose members do much of the behind-the-scenes work of the Senate, for all of their help this year. Finally, I want to thank Laura Juliani, Administrative Assistant for the Senate, for all of the help she provides to the Senate.

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

This concludes my report for the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

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