

## Faculty Chair Report for Faculty Senate meeting on November 12, 2015

- **Competency Based Learning:** Per Caroline Miller, UC has been exploring facets of Competency Based Learning and how the concepts might be deployed on our campus. The Ohio budget bill includes an expectation that we will have some kind of pilot in place over the next year and Deans Larry Johnson and Greer Glazer have been co-chairing this exploration with their colleges. This exploration has led to UC being awarded a Jump Start grant from CAEL and Lumina for faculty development.
- **Terri Kershaw passing:** Our distinguished colleague Terri Kershaw passed away on October 28, 2015. He provided the Faculty Senate with thoughtful consultation on diversity and most recently served as a panel member for the Life of Mind lecture. His contributions and presence at the university will be greatly missed. <http://www.hodappfuneralhome.com/obituary/terry-kershaw/>
- **By-laws approved and posted:** The Faculty Senate by-laws revisions initiated in May have been fully approved and are posted at [http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/trustees/docs/rules\\_50/50-3-02.pdf](http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/trustees/docs/rules_50/50-3-02.pdf).
- **Weather Policy:** A draft weather policy is attached for your consideration. Please contact Ryan Hays at [haysrn@UCMAIL.UC.EDU](mailto:haysrn@UCMAIL.UC.EDU) if you have any comments or concerns.
- **The Irate8:** A group of UC students have presented a list of 10 demands to the University of Cincinnati. <http://www.theirate8.com/>
- **Cultural Competence Curriculum:** Demand 2 of the Irate 8 states “II. We demand that the University of Cincinnati enforces a fully funded comprehensive racial awareness curriculum that is mandatory for all students, faculty, staff, and police structured by a caucus comprised of students, community members, and administrators of diverse backgrounds to be put in place by the start of the 2017-2018 academic year.” With regard to this demand, President Ono and Bleuzette Marshall responded “We are exploring the creation of a cultural competence curriculum and will enlist the support of a cadre of individuals, inclusive of faculty who will be key in driving this change.”

In response to demand 2 of the Irate8 (copied below), I am forming a collaborative group of faculty from the Academy of Fellows of Teaching and Learning and the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee plus additional faculty experts to lead the design of curricular elements for faculty to use in their courses related to cultural competence and racial awareness. Please help me to identify experts in these areas.

- **Faculty Senate Twitter Account:** The Faculty Senate Cabinet consulted with College of Allied Health Sciences Faculty Senator, James Canfield regarding the potential for a Faculty Senate Twitter account. The appropriate use and social media presence for the Faculty Senate is under consideration.
- **All University Faculty Meeting:** Please promote the All University Faculty meeting and persuade your faculty to attend. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. in Great Hall TUC. The agenda includes a set of round table discussions on finances and infrastructure; health, wellness, and safety; diversity and other topics of importance to faculty. This is our opportunity to discuss these topics in a collaborative way with university leaders.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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