

Faculty Chair Report for Faculty Senate meeting on December 10, 2015

- **Safety Update:** Robin Engel shared a Safety Update at the Inclusion and Diversity meeting this month. This was followed by an email with a similar report on 12-17-15. An excerpt from that email has been copied below.

To meet that goal, we created the **Community Advisory Council** (CAC) in October. The CAC is a 19-member council that meets monthly and is chaired by the Honorable Judge John A. West from the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Membership on this council includes a wide array of stakeholders, including representatives from our UC community (students, faculty, staff, and alumni), along with community and faith leaders, social service providers, CUF and Corryville community representatives, and law enforcement officials among others. The CAC was created to provide community input and oversight of our reform efforts.

In addition, a **Request for Proposals** (RFP) to hire a national team of experts to conduct a top-to-bottom review of all UCPD policies, procedures and practices has been issued. (To view the RFP, [click here](#).) Responses to the RFP are due next week, and a selection committee comprised of community members and UC staff will aid in the selection process. We expect the initial findings from this review will be released in June 2016.

This past October, all UCPD officers received **Fair and Impartial Policing** training by nationally renowned scholars and police trainers. (For a description of this training, [click here](#).) This important training is the first of many new training sessions to be held for the UCPD over the coming months.

- **Tobacco Free Campus:** A multi-constituency committee is being formed and the names of all faculty who self-identified were submitted as participants. A faculty co-chair will be selected from this faculty group.
- **Fifth Third Arena:** The UC Board of Trustees will consider a request for \$87 million in funding for completion of the design and construction services required for renovation of the Fifth Third arena with completion of design work, competitive bidding and projected construction in March of 2017. The synopsis of the recommended action states “It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a total funding request of \$87,000,000 for the completion of all design and construction services required for the renovation of the Fifth Third Arena. Interim approved funding to date of \$3,590,000 is included in the amount requested above. Approval of this funding request will permit completion of all design work, competitive bidding, and a projected start of construction in March 2017. On or before December 31, 2016 and prior to actual start of construction, Athletics Department will give BOT an update on private fundraising efforts to pay for a significant portion of project costs. Said fundraising efforts must produce a total contribution level that will be satisfactory to Board to allow construction to move forward.” Approximately \$40 million has been raised.
- **Curriculum Initiative Update:** The cultural curriculum initiative is still in the forming phase. This initiative will support the enhancement of racial and cultural awareness in the curriculum across UC. Faculty, student and administrative guidance and input will be acquired regarding student learning outcomes, options for implementation, and content. This initiative will not circumvent the existing curriculum approval process. A call for faculty experts will go out in January.

Respectfully Submitted,
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