

University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate
Report of the Chair
March 9, 2017

Good afternoon everyone.

- **President Pinto** – President Pinto officially began his service on February 20. Although he cannot be at Senate today due to his travel schedule, he did meet with Senate Cabinet last week. Although he is currently on a “listening tour” and leading discussions to determine priorities for the university, the President has set forth his four top priorities:
 1. UC must be *student centered*. This should be the determinant of all the decisions made by every UC employee.
 2. UC must be *faculty driven*. This highlights the President’s deep belief in shared governance and the importance of faculty to the university.
 3. UC is an *urban-serving* university and must make more and better endeavors to engage positively with the community.
 4. UC is a *comprehensive research institution*, one of only 115 in the US out of over 4,350 universities, and this must remain a priority.
- **All-University Meeting** – The All-University Faculty meeting will be held on April 5, 12:30 – 2:00, in Great Hall. Both President Pinto and Interim Provost Landgren will address the faculty. Refreshments will be provided by the President’s Office.
- **Faculty Senate Resolutions** – Two resolutions passed by Faculty Senate that ask for action by the university are included in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. One resolution is for the university, with faculty input, to establish a policy for ownership of course materials. This need came to light last year when faculty found that some students were selling course materials. Chairs of the Senate Academic Affairs and IT Committees, along with myself as Senate Chair, are meeting with UC Legal Affairs to work on this policy.

The second resolution asked the university to implement recommendations from the Task Force Report on Best Practices in Distance Delivered and Hybrid Courses, chaired by Cynthia Ris. With regard to that, I would like to ask all Senators find out from your College if it has examined that report and what steps it has taken to implement the recommendations in it. Please send that information to me. This will help as we try to assist colleges in implementing the recommendations and track progress. The report is posted on the Faculty Senate website under Governance:

<https://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/governance.html>

Implementation of this resolution is also being managed with UC Legal Affairs with the assistance of Senate.

- **Elections** – Calls for Nominations have gone out from both the Nominating Committee, chaired by Tamika Odum, and the Committee on Committees, chaired by Marla Hall. We are currently in the petition period for Nominating Committee, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the All-University meeting. Later in the meeting Tamika

and Marla will update us on the current candidates, and Marla will accept nominations for Senate and University Committees from the floor.

- **Request from CCM** – We have a request from Jeongwon Joe, Senator from CCM. His college has been working on workload guidelines for faculty, and would like Senators from other colleges to share workload guidelines from their colleges or units with him and his colleagues. You can email them to him at joej@ucmail.uc.edu. The committee is meeting tomorrow, and it would be helpful if he had some guidelines to share by then.

This completes my report. I wish you all a happy and relaxing Spring Break.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Moomaw, Chair