Minutes
All University Faculty Meeting
November 18, 2009

1. **Opening:** Chair of the Faculty Senate, Marla Hall, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the May 14, 2009 All University Faculty meeting were approved as written.

3. **Report of the Chair, Marla Hall**
   - Chair Hall provided an update on progress on two major goals as Chair. With a focus on developing a stronger sense of community amongst faculty, Chair Hall reported that she had visited all but one college in her initial time as Chair of the Faculty Senate. Chair Hall also cited several accomplishments in terms of her goal of strengthening the voice and input of the faculty in university decision-making. Models or templates for college level governance were in development. Efforts to improve communication between college units and faculty senate are underway, such as updating the faculty senate web site. A standing committee on bylaws was created for the 2009/2010 academic year, in order to propose revisions to the faculty senate bylaws. Assistance had been provided to faculty at the college level, including faculty from the College of Applied Science and the College of Medicine.
   - Chair Hall introduced members of the Senate Cabinet. She also highlighted activities of the standing committees, including work in progress on textbook affordability, university budget, college level governance, ITIE funding, semester conversion, and diversity and inclusion.
   - Chair Hall provided a report on the discussion of athletics funding at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 17. The Board approved a plan for the new practice fields. Faculty had expressed concerns regarding borrowing to finance the construction of the new practice fields. Chair Hall had asked that the Board table the current proposal as the faculty not had sufficient time in which to review the proposal. The project would be funded entirely by donations, however, there would be bridge funding for the gifts (donations) in process. Chair Hall reported that the rationale for implementing the bridge financing stemmed from the university needing to be vested in success. Chair Hall underscored the need for the university to invest in its excellent and successful faculty.
   - Chair Hall called upon Ana Vamadeva, Chair, Human Relations Committee, to give the necrology. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of faculty colleagues.
   - Chair Hall introduced Dr. Gregory Williams, President of the University of Cincinnati.

4. **Address by President Gregory Williams**
   President Williams thanked the faculty for the invitation to speak at the meeting. The President also recognized Chair Marla Hall for her service on the Presidential Search Committee. The President also noted that this was his eighteenth day in his new role, and outlined the many strengths of the university including a world class faculty dedicated to teaching and research, an incredibly diverse
student body, an immense research enterprise, a renowned Academic Health Center, and successful student-athletes and intercollegiate sports program. President Williams recognized the contributions and accomplishments of his predecessors, and outlined his many positive experiences at UC since his arrival on November 1. The President provided information about his background and how life experiences form his views as a leader. President Williams outlined themes and issues for moving the university forward.

The text of the President’s address can be found at: http://www.uc.edu/president/messages/11_18_09_presidentaddress.html

5. **Committee Reports.** There were no items.

6. **Unfinished business.** There were no items.

7. **New Business**
   - **Proposed Bylaws Revisions.** Chair Hall introduced Howard Tolley, who provided background information regarding proposed bylaws revisions. There was discussion of the proposed bylaws revisions. A motion to accept the proposed bylaws revisions was unanimously approved.
   - **Semester Conversion Update.** Sr. Vice Provost Kristi Nelson provided an update on the semester conversion process. At this juncture, the conversion process is on time for meeting the 2012 autumn conversion date. Sr. Vice Provost Nelson thanked the faculty for their cooperation. Further information can be found at: www.uc.edu/conversion/
   - **Q-** What happened at the BOT meeting when Chair Hall asked to table the proposal for the practice fields? **A-** There was no motion to table.
   - **Q-** How much money will be borrowed? **A-** Chair Hall recalled the amount to be $6.6M. **A-** President Williams described the concept of bridge funding and underscored that the project would be privately funded through donations and games receipts.

8. **Announcements**
   - Chair Hall announced that the final program of the Darwin Sesquicentennial will be held on November 23, 2009.
   - Chair Hall provided a reminder that a 2008 DAAP graduate was a finalist on the “Project Runway” television show.

9. A motion to adjourn the November 18 All University Faculty Meeting carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Arlene Johnson, Secretary of the Faculty Senate