Draft Minutes – All University Faculty Meeting April 17th, 2013 – Great Hall 4 pm

Called to order at 4 PM. Ann Witham appointed secretary pro tem replacing Wanda McCarthy, who is on leave.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Fall AUF Meeting. Minutes stand as presented.
2. Report of the President – President Ono
	1. Gave credit to faculty and administration of all colleges in university for the successful transition to semesters. 2 Graduation ceremonies and 1 doctoral hooding ceremony coming up.
	2. Discussed the important searches underway.
	3. Thanked all who attended and those who organized the Faculty Awards Ceremony and congratulated the great faculty receiving awards.

1. Report of the Faculty Chair
	1. Semester conversion has been successful so far with very few problems.
	2. There have been a lot of changes in the upper administration so there have also been a lot of interviews, continuing through May. We have seen a number of high quality of interviewees. Many of them said the reason for their application was that our university is moving the right way. One stated our university is even better than its reputation.
	3. Discussed recent trip to statehouse. Legislators met with SGA president and others, who communicated all the positive things going at on at UC, besides our excellent teaching and research. After these interviews, Dr. Miller reflected on all the things that UC does well and came up with a:

TOP TEN LIST which included such items as

* Attracting large numbers of quality students
* Raising lots of money
* Our state share will be going up, not down
* We will see SSI increase
* Semester conversion went well thanks to lots of planning
* Our national and international reputation is increasing
* UCRI is moving our research base forward,
* Top initiatives like UC Forward, Gen 1 house, etc
* Dynamic president who attracts rock star crowds
* We are investing in people as well as buildings and research

Challenges we face:

* + A & S has budget problems
	+ Funding for available research is declining.
	+ We rely too much on part time faculty.
	+ We have a way to go on funding
	+ Need to address deficit in athletic department
	+ Efforts being made to rebase pbb to reflect changes made during semester conversion
	+ Requests by administration to find faculty members to serve are increasing. Wants to form a bullpen of available faculty who are available to be appointed for governance.

This is the end of Dr. Miller’s first year of 2 yr term and he is looking forward year 2 with enthusiasm.

1. Necrology – remember colleagues who have passed away this year.
	1. Martha Aden
	2. Neil Armstrong
	3. Helen Berry
	4. Richard Day
	5. Roy Eckart
	6. Lawrence Erway
	7. Kenneth Frederick
	8. David Glass
	9. Nader Hamdan
	10. Elwood Jenson
	11. H. David Lipsich
	12. Robert Loudon
	13. Donald Meismer
	14. Donald Metz
	15. Otis Mitchell
	16. Normal Niemi
	17. Milton Orchin
	18. Rose Ann Parrish
	19. Herman Pfaltzgraf
	20. Joseph Rauh
	21. Gilbert Schiff
	22. Herbert Shapiro
	23. Donald Shumrick
	24. Don Stouffer
	25. Rita Taylor
	26. Martin Tucker
	27. Wim Van Oioij
	28. Guy Van Orden
	29. David Warshawsky
	30. Fred westerman
	31. Lizabeth Wing
	32. Henry Winkle
2. Nominations for the Spring Elections .
	1. Rebecca Leugers of College of Allied Health, Chair of nominations committee. Motion to open nominations, seconded. Vote, passed
		1. Nominations from the floor.
			1. Nom for chair elect – no additional
			2. Secretary – Gail Pyne-Geithman no additional
			3. Faculty to Board of Trustrees – Tracy Hermrmann- no additional
			4. At large senator – Jeff Tilman was nominated in addition
			5. Grievance pool –no additional
			6. Grievance pool COM – no additional
			7. Grievance pool West Campus Professional – Sharon MacFarland
			8. Grievance Pool A & S no additional
			9. Libraries –– no additional
			10. Grievance coordinator – no nominees yet. None offered.
	2. Motion to close nom, seconded. Vote – passed

Election will occur electronically very soon.

6. Resolution regarding Mr. Stanley Chesley

Marla Hall made a motion to invoke Bylaws Article 1 Section 5 Subsection f to allow the Faculty to consider a motion when the motion had not been provided one week in advance. The motion was seconded. This motion is not debateable and requires a 2/3 vote. The chair confirmed, by voice vote, that more than 2/3 were favor of considering resolution.

Motion for adoption of resolution (see below) regarding Trustee Stanley Chesley, seconded.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

APRIL 17, 2013

Whereas: The University of Cincinnati seeks to uphold the highest standards of professional conduct;

And Whereas: The University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees has included adherence to professional standards in the various Rules of the University;

And Whereas: These Rules provide that Members of the Faculty, Student Body, Administration or Staff who violate standards of professional conduct are subject to disciplinary actions up to and including dismissal;

And Whereas: Trustee Stanley Chesley has been disbarred for violation of the standards of professional conduct by the lawful action of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

And Whereas: The University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees has called upon Mr. Chesley to resign his position on the Board;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Faculty of the University supports the actions of the University’s Board of Trustees regarding Mr. Chesley’s resignation from that body.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Faculty of the University calls upon Mr. Chesley to resign his position as a trustee on the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees;

Professor Peter Stambrook spoke against the resolution. He felt that this reflects badly on UC and causes humiliation. Also finds it disturbing that Mr. Chesley has made numerous contributions to UC and has supported UC and this resolution ignores his many contributions. He recognizes that Mr. Chesley has been disbarred, etc. Those events occurred when he was not on the board. He was appointed subsequent to these events by the governor via the usual process. Despite this, we are now embarrassing and humiliating him publically. He urges us to not adopt this resolution.

There was no further discussion.

The Chair called the question. The resolution was adopted and was to be transmitted to the Board of Trustees.

1. State of Academics (Interim Provost L. Johnson) –
	1. Expressed appreciation for working together with Rich Miller
	2. Collected data that reflected progress during past year. We are a great, resilient university.

Many interim leadership positions have existed during the past year. Yet UC continues to move forward, a university on the move. Many top honors, greenest campus, most beautiful campus, very highly ranked overall.

One of highest enrollments ever. Improved retention and graduation, increased quality of students.

Graduate enrollment increased, GRE scores stable, need improvement in international student numbers

Many honors and achievements, too numerous to mention them all:

* Students continue to succeed, DAAP, CCM, GSA, etc.
* Faculty awards – amazing outstanding contributions
* Lots of faculty honors and successes
* Major university achievements –
	+ Successful semester conversion
	+ Fully implemented digital rpt process
	+ Invested 2 million into research enterprise
	+ Rebased college budgets to deal with shortfalls of 7 colleges
	+ Provosts office came forward to help with this so as to not affect academics
	+ Invested in academic priorities
	+ Continued with AMP (Academic Master Plan) planning
	+ Expanded e-learning – Larry asked how many degrees and certs we have online: 53 e-learning certificates. More e-learning than any other in State of Ohio. We now need legal advice on international law because our international connections are growing by leaps and bounds.
	+ Dramatically increased doctoral programs, also recurring 200 K goes into doctoral programs annually .
	+ Cybersecurity certificate being awarded, new thing.
	+ Clermont launcned its first all online new Associates Degree program
	+ Blue ash has record number of transitioning students coming to main campus
	+ Expanded global connections –
	+ We are a research poerhouse.
	+ UC libraries moving into new arenas

Challenges – lots of them

We are beginning to work on these –

1. Declining state subsidy
2. Rising costs of public education
	1. Moved from history based budgeting system to performance based budgeting – not perfect, but has allowed us to offset cuts, avoid cuts,
3. Increasing accountability
4. Need to maintain academic excellence rather than going cheap and trying to make a buck
5. Growing number of digital learners
6. Build our research prowess . UCRI
7. Accentuate what differentiates us.
8. Build global connections. A Chinese university has talked to us, asking us for help to reform Chinese education, looking to co-op as great idea
9. Listening to the future – brainstorming sessions, people are getting together to develop programs out of this, like big data. Better use of data. Data module that links on to various programs, administrative degrees, sustainability, languages, water, none of which relate to one single college; focus on interdisciplinary work between colleges.
10. We have an opportunity to be at the forefront.
11. Confidence, determination, diversity, and civility. Are necessary.

8. The Chair announced a new method of involvement of faculty at graduation (Faculty Marshals). Chair hopes this plan will meet with success and enthusiasm.

Adjourned at 5 PM.