Minutes/ 2-14-13
JOINT GOVERNANCE MEETING OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Room 400 ABC TUC

I. 3:05 PM: Call to Order
   a. Roll call for SGA
   b. Roll call for GSA, quorum present

II. Approval of the Minutes of each Governance Body (respective Chairs/Presidents)
   a. University Faculty Senate (UFS) minutes stand as posted.

III. Faculty Senate Reports
   a. Chair’s Report

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b. Report of President of AAUP (Greg Loving)- Expressed warm future welcome to Clermont College for next UFS meeting.
   i. Discussed upcoming bargaining sessions and issues, including the recently released Ohio House Bill 59 regarding increased workload for full-time faculty in
Ohio’s public colleges and universities. The AAUP is working to acquire more information on the mechanics of this bill, its impact, and how to help the legislature gain an understanding of our perspective.

c. Committee Reports
   i. Committee reports were sent out online and posted online.

End of faculty senate business

IV. SGA Reports-
   a. President Lane Hart of SGA reported on new “Textbook Exchange” initiative, including benefits and difficulties. Faculty were asked to consider using textbooks that could be used for a few consecutive semesters, including a link on syllabi to this service, and uncoupling the bundled text from the electronic media. A committee of undergraduate and graduate students will be formed to work further on this initiative.

V. 3:30 Report of the President
   a. (President Ono was called away to Atlanta, and Ryan Hayes is presented Pres. Ono’s report.
      i. Discussed the three primary searches (General Counsel, UC Foundation President, and Provost)
      ii. Honorary degrees were approved for:
          1. Sandy Heimann
          2. John Glenn
          3. Leon Fleischer
          4. Bob Castellini
      iii. Pres. Ono’s “Hottest College in America Tour” is underway with the goal of reaching alumni and engaging them in new ways both in person and through social media, hoping to encourage them to be donors.
      iv. Budget question by faculty was postponed to be answered by Interim Provost Larry Johnson.

VI. Consideration of a Joint Resolution on Fall Break.
   a. Discussion on fall break focused on these issues:
      i. Classes meeting only on Monday might be seriously affected depending on holiday schedule dates.
         1. An amendment was made with specific language regarding moving Monday only classes to Wednesday. After much discussion, this amendment failed by UFS (not unanimous), SGA (unanimous), and GSA (unanimous).
         2. After much discussion, a new amendment was proposed, and was later amended to state that the fall break would occur on 2 consecutive instructional days, the exact dates of which would be decided by the Calendar and Examination Committee in order to provide the greatest flexibility. This amended amendment passed all governing bodies.
3. The final resolution to establish a Fall Break passed UFS (one dissension) and unanimously by SGA and GSA. The final version will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

VII. Current Status of Athletics (Athletic Director Whit Babcock)
a. Whit reported on the excellent academic performance of UC athletes.
b. He discussed conference realignment, emphasizing UC’s extreme interest in joining the ACC in the possible future round of realignment.
c. He discussed the impending renovation of Nippert Stadium and the goal of the Athletic Dept to change its financial model to one of sustainability, significantly supported by club seating and suites sales. He discussed the possibility of multipurpose usage of the renovated stadium. He discussed the possible uses for the generated revenue from the stadium such as scholarships and historical renovation of old buildings like the Armory.
d. He answered questions about expanded student seating and how to include underrepresented student groups.
e. He answered questions about the University’s “subsidy”, preferring to call it an investment, citing some studies indicating that a high profile in sports and on TV helps increase desirability and enrollment. He noted that the topic tends to polarize faculty, and he emphasized that he understood the faculty’s perspective and will continue to work to help UC Athletic Department to represent UC well, win games, and do so with character and confidence.

VIII. Input Session with the Interim Provost (Larry Johnson)
a. Provost Johnson discussed the budget, enrollment planning, the impact of semester conversion, the transformative initiative, Pres. Ono’s review of the doctoral programs, doctoral enhancement funds, undergraduate student lunches, the state of the Faculty Club, and outcomes-based funding.
b. A question was raised regarding the Supporting Our Transformation Committees – specifically a request about getting more representation for the committee on regional campuses. Provost Johnson said he would be happy to add more faculty to the committees.

Adjournment at 4:45 PM
A Joint Resolution of the Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Governance Association Regarding a Fall Break:

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati has now successfully transitioned from the quarter calendar to the semester calendar; and

WHEREAS the University community has realized that the new calendar includes a long stretch of nine academic weeks unbroken by a scholastic or public holiday; and

WHEREAS many of the University’s peer institutions have some sort of suspension of classes near the middle of the Fall academic term; and

WHEREAS the University faculty and students are largely in agreement that some sort of respite from formal instruction in the middle of the Fall term would afford students the opportunity to catch up on their course work and to prepare for their midterm examinations; and

WHEREAS the University Registrar has determined that the University’s current calendar and bell schedule provide for two days’ instructional time in excess of that required by the Ohio Board of Regents in the Fall Semester;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the University Faculty Senate, the Undergraduate Student Senate, and the Graduate Student Governance Association support the adoption of a suspension of classes, termed a Fall Break, or “Reading Days,” to be observed on the Monday and Tuesday of the seventh week of the Fall term.
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Topics Discussed: Today we focused on athletics. This was a followup to the meeting that Dr. Harknett had last March with the athletic director where we presented historical financial data about the rise of their deficit and increased subsidies from general funds. Recent building and paying (Sheakley) worry us. We got an excellent summary of athletics from Jason Shearn, a devoted sports fan. Recent statements by President Ono and the athletic director suggest a sensitivity to general funds subsidy and plans for living on their own resources.

As a committee we ended our discussion wishing the intention to plan for reduced subsidy well, that increased revenues be used to reduce reliance on the subsidy and not just new initiatives, that history suggests that business plans do not work out sticking those of us who generate income to pay for bad plans (academics co-signs the loans), athletics ought to align with PBB the way the rest of us do.

The committee may/will want to meet with the athletic director but he has been making appearances to Faculty Senate and will do so again next week. Not sure he will tell us anything more than he has been saying but he will be invited. A private meeting.

Action Items:
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Report to be produced and presented to faculty senate

Describe action needed on items above (discussion and input, vote, etc):

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Faculty Senate/All University Committee Report (2012-2013)

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Faculty Members at the Meeting:
B. Reigle, M. Magazine, C. McTague, A. Lane, (Chair)

Topics Discussed:
1. Review of Agenda
2. Charge of Committee statement always on agenda for reference.
3. Complete College Ohio Report Discussion [https://www.ohiohighered.org/completion](https://www.ohiohighered.org/completion)

In discussing the Complete College Ohio (CCO) report as well as noting other agenda items which include offering of MOOCs and awarding Experiential credit, the FSAAC requests representation on university committees making policy regarding these issues. The impact on the academics at UC can be viewed beyond these CCO report recommendations to include college specific Gen Ed versus first two year core, potentiation of SILOs as barrier to interdisciplinary education, etc. In reviewing the CCO recommendations, at minimum recommendations 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 18, impact the educational practices and policies at this university. “Require institution-specific Campus Completion Plans” is the exact wording of CCO Recommendation One. The charge of the FSAAC delineates “The academic affairs committee shall investigate and make recommendations for faculty senate action concerning any educational or academic policy or practice at the university, or any proposed practice or policy”. The FSAAC affirms that shared governance and integrated decision making is best accomplished by faculty involvement in the collaborative development of a plan as opposed to a review of the plan. Given this affirmation, FSAAC requests faculty representation on the university committee developing the Campus Completion Plan. FSAAC recommends 4 faculty representatives (Uptown, East, Regional, FSAAC) be added to the university committee developing the Campus Completion Plan. FSAAC recommends that a FSAAC member be added to this university committee now and that a FS election be held for the other 3 representatives. Further, the FSAAC requests faculty representation on other key committees that are charged with addressing CCO recommendations in order to foster the collaborative development of such plans.

4. Update---Academic Integrity Task Force: A committee out of Provost Office is exploring
implementation of this report. Possible oversight by Kristi Nelson or Robin Martin. UC will join the Center for Academic Integrity housed at Clemson University. 
5. Update—PCOTE Report—Adrianne distributed the letter from Howard Jackson. Committee members read the letter and was appreciative of comments made. No further follow-up.
6. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee—Adrianne has not attended due to schedule conflicts. Dan Langmeyer does attend; Dan has not shared any issues of concern with Adrianne to date.
7. UC and MOOC—An article in the NY Times, http://www.uc.edu/News/NR.aspx?id=16983, reported that UC is offering a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), specifically the Innovation and Design Thinking course. Discussion ensued regarding impact on faculty and current policies related to such offerings. Follow-up related to this will be included in the follow-up specific to the Complete College Ohio Report (see #3).
5. Undergraduate Grade Grievance Policy Review Subcommittee Update—Beverly will assume chair of this sub-committee and have a follow up report in February.
6. Experiential Credit and NG Grades—The FSAAC reviewed a request from Caroline Miller to review upcoming UC policy related to awarding of Experiential Credit. The committee will be open to this; however, the FSAAC believes that faculty representation should be on the development committee specific to this upcoming report (see #3 above). Caroline also requested a recommendation specific to faculty and the NG grade. The FSAAC reviewed past actions of the FSAAC and the Faculty Senate. As recently as June 2012 and June 2011, the Faculty Senate passed resolutions specific to faculty responsibility in grading and appropriate use of grades. The faculty desire to not remove NG and other non-completers from the online grading system was affirmed in the June 2011 resolution. The FSAAC recommends that the appropriate action to decrease the inappropriate use of NG grades is education. Thus, the FSAAC recommends that the Provost and/or Registrar request the Graduate School inform faculty teaching graduate research classes the appropriate use of NG. Further, the FSAAC recommends that the Registrar communicate to faculty in their by term grading reminder the appropriate use of NG and other non-completers. The FSAAC further notes that it may be helpful in these communications from the Provost and/or Registrar to share the approximated annual cost to the university specific to the inappropriate use of such grades. Adrianne will communicate these recommendations to Rich Miller, FS chair, and Caroline Miller.
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.
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FSAAC comments Complete College Ohio Report and request for faculty representation on the Campus Completion Plan Committee. See Report

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Faculty Members at the Meeting:
Kevin Grace, Rose Smith, Jeff Tilman, Rina Williams

Topics Discussed:
The committee meeting began at 10:30am.

The first item on the agenda was the possibility of incorporating a Fall Break into the Fall Semester academic calendar. Committee members were given a copy of the current calendar and a survey of comparable universities' calendars. The consensus of the committee was that UC can institute a two-day Fall Break and still meet the OBR expectations as to instructional minutes per credit hour. The committee preferred a two-day break in week seven or eight of the Fall Term. Later consultations with the Registrar and with the University Calendar Committee has refined the Planning Committee's suggestion to the Monday and Tuesday of week seven, which will usually align with the Columbus Day federal holiday. A resolution from the Committee is provided below.

The Committee then considered creating guidelines for a set of dinners that President Ono intends to invite faculty to next year. The Planning Committee proposes six themed events with twelve faculty present, President Ono, and his personal guest. Faculty Senate would solicit interest in each theme night from among the faculty, and make the final selection as to the participants, based on campus and college representation, diversity factors, and general interest.

The Committee then heard a report from the Chair of the latest Capital Advisory Committee, which included an update on the status of several capital improvement projects, including the rehabilitation of Dyer Hall.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

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See attached “Joint Resolution of the Faculty Senate, the Undergraduate Student Senate and the Graduate Student Governance Association Regarding a Fall Break.”

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| Faculty Members at the Meeting | Mihaela Poplicher, A&S; Constantine Polychroniou, Lindner COB; John Owens, CCM; Raj Manglik, CEAS; Russ McMahon, CECH; Darrell Hawkins, Clermont; David Varady, DAAP; Sean Mangan, Law Kevin Grace, Libraries; Yvette Pryse, Nursing; Yuhang Zhang, Winkler COP; Maureen Schomaker, Professional Practice; Margo Lambert, UCBA; Caleb Adler, COM; Rebecca Leugers, Chair. Met by email. |

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