Senate Meeting
May 12, 2011
Minutes

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the April 14 senate meeting were approved.

2. **Report of the Faculty Chair, Richard Harknett**
   Chair Harknett welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair opened discussion of his report, which was submitted earlier. The text of the report can be found on the Faculty Senate website. Chair Harknett spoke to the importance of the upcoming All-University Faculty (AUF) meeting, and encouraged all Senators to attend this meeting on May 24. Chair Harknett highlighted two important agenda items for this meeting: the first discussion of the report of the adhoc Faculty Senate Committee on Deregulation, Autonomy, and Institutional Restructuring (DAIR), and the ongoing discussion of the Academic Master Plan (AMP) process. Chair Harknett underscored an issue for faculty governance: how should we deal with the ongoing influence of the DAIR report since the Senate does not meet over the summer, and we will need active engagement on this matter. There will be a better sense of where we are on this issue after the AUF meeting on May 24.

3. **Report of the President of the University of Cincinnati, Gregory Williams**
   President Williams was not able to attend the meeting. Chair Harknett opened the floor to questions for Karen Faaborg. There were no questions.

4. **Provost Input Session**
   Provost Ono provided an update on the university budget, and an outline of the reasons for the somewhat delayed process. The budget information from the state is approximately three weeks late. Also, there are careful efforts taking place before any new fees would be assessed to students. Both Provost Ono and President Williams are very sensitive to imposing additional student fees. Specific information and rationales were required from any departments proposing additional fees. Provost Ono indicated that there is no a draft budget for the academic side. The final form of the university budget will be presented at the June Board of Trustees meeting. The magnitude of the cuts from the state will equal 9-10%. The magnitude of cuts locally will fall between 12-14%. The reason for this level of cuts is added contributions to the contingency funds. The cuts will be differentiated. UC has not received the twelfth payment from the state. The Provost provided an update on the three Dean searches currently underway, and expressed confidence that the searches for the new Deans for CCM, the College of Medicine, and the College of Nursing would be finished by the summer. Provost Ono reviewed recent changes to the School of Graduate Studies, with the departure of Dean Neville Pinto, and the naming of Bob Zieroff as Interim Dean. An internal search for the Associate Dean for the Graduate School will be launched next week. The Provost reviewed two recent significant reorganizations in Administration. The Office of the Vice-President of Research and several offices of enrollment management will move to the Office of the Provost. There will be a search for an Interim VP of Research. President Williams wants to have a national search for the VP of Research. Provost Ono noted the transition of the AMP process from the visionary phase to the active stage, and asked Faculty Senate for continued engagement in this
The Provost then opened the discussion to questions, and members of the Senate put forward the following questions:

**Will UC be receiving the twelfth payment from the state?** Provost Ono indicated that he was hopeful that this would happen.

**Compliance is an important responsibility for the VP of Research; will this be a consideration in the search?** The Provost indicated that it is in our interests to find someone to oversee compliance and generate revenue to offset state cuts.

5. **Standing Committee Action Item**

Adrianne Lane, Chair, Senate standing Committee on Academic Affairs, introduced a resolution concerning the assignment of student grades for discussion. The discussion focused on the “NG” grade. The Academic Affairs Committee is supportive of the grades as outlined in the current grading policy and that grading is within the purview of the faculty. The resolution will come forward for vote at the June meeting.

6. **Discussion of the UC Diversity Plan**

Barb Rinto and Terry Kershaw presented the draft plan. Background information on the report was provided, including the examination of best practices, a review of critical university documents, a survey conducted via IPR, interviews with key stakeholders, and meetings with various groups. Faculty Senate members were asked for feedback on the report. There was discussion of the lack of report content reflecting the role of women. The issue of the need to incorporate language reflecting other groups was also discussed. The text of the draft plan can be found here: [http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/diversity/docs/div%20plan%204%201%2011.pdf](http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/diversity/docs/div%20plan%204%201%2011.pdf)

7. **Report of the Student Government Association President**

President-elect Alan Hagerty reviewed the priorities and initiatives of student government for the upcoming year, including safety, student life, academics, athletics, and semester conversion.

8. **Report of the President of the AAUP**

John McNay provided an update on efforts to collect signatures for the petition to repeal SB5. He noted the positive involvement of students in this effort. A reminder was provided that Gary Rhoades will be speaking on campus on May 19 after a viewing of the film “College Inc.”

9. **Announcements**

Chair Harknett encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Faculty Awards ceremony on May 19.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn: The motion to adjourn the May meeting of the Faculty Senate carried.

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