Senate Meeting  
November 18, 2010  
Minutes

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

2. **Report of the Chair, Richard Harnett**  
   Chair Harnett opened discussion of the Chair’s report, which was submitted earlier. The text of the report can be found on the Faculty Senate website:  
   Chair Harnett expanded on the report by outlining the university budgeting process for FY12. Senior Vice President Bob Ambach met with the senate Budget and Priorities Committee on November 13. Budget planning is going forward with an assumption of a 20% cut, based on an assumed 25% cut of state funding. The university is in the first stage of budget meetings. There will likely be no mid-year cut. There will be a retreat on the budget scheduled for December 14. There was no further discussion of the Chair’s report.

3. **Report of the President of the University of Cincinnati, Gregory Williams**  
   President Williams wished all present a great Thanksgiving holiday break. The President reported on his recent successful visits to several feeder high schools around the state, including Centerville High School, Dublin High School, three high schools in Clermont County, and Mason High School. The President highlighted the great quality of the student speakers from UC, and their positive engagement with the high school students.

4. **Discussion of Distributed Reports from Standing Committees**  
   Chair Harnett called for any questions as there were no action items coming out of the committee structure. There was no further discussion.

5. **Discussion of Distributed Reports from All-University Committees**  
   There was no discussion.

6. **New Business**  
   **Academic Master Plan (AMP)**  
   Chair Harnett noted that more information can be found on the Office of the Provost website:  
   Chair Harnett outlined the working groups. The hope is that the AMP will drive the fiscal planning process, and that the discussions relative to the AMP will inform the discussions of the FY12 and FY13 budget. All members of the Senate are auto-enrolled in the faculty “sounding board” for the AMP. The blog function in Blackboard will facilitate posting of questions, requests for input, and will provide a place to engage. Others enrolled in the faculty sounding board are the fourteen members of the Academic Leadership Academy as well as participants from the November in the All-University Faculty workshop. Chair Harnett encouraged everyone to review the posted documents. He summarized the working group discussions to date, which centered around five distinctive features: experiential learning, urban setting, applied research, collaborative dynamics, and value-added education. The AMP working groups will meet throughout December as the feedback from
the groups is due to the Provost by the end of December. Chair Harknett and Wayne Hall are the co-chairs of the Faculty Advisory Work Group. Each of the chairs of the AMP working groups will form a coordinating committee. The work of the groups will then go through the integrated decision-making process. Question: if other prospective members of the sounding board can be identified, how can this involvement be facilitated? Chair Harknett indicated that this could be done, and he would be the contact person. All faculty can provide input via the AMP section on the Provost’s web site.

“Order of the Red Blazer”
Richard Miller brought forward the concept of establishing recognition of academic achievement that would be similar to the “Order of the Black Blazer” for athletics. It was suggested that this be considered by either the Human Relations Committee or the Academic Affairs Committee.

Inclement Weather
A discussion of expectations for faculty in situations of bad weather was introduced by Chair Harknett.

7. Report of the President of the AAUP
John McNay introduced himself as the new President of the AAUP. He thanked past President Steve Howe for his service, and outlined directions for the coming year. This will include a revitalization of the political action committee.

8. Report of the Graduate Student Government Association President. There was no report.

Lane Hart reported for Drew Smith. Several student government initiatives were outlined including: sustainability month activities, voter registration, cultural fair, FYE intern program, and a new Bearcat transportation app for real-time shuttle service information. Crowding on the shuttles is an issue of concern. A campaign has been started to find the next student trustee.

10. Announcements
Chair Harknett will take the matter of holding a Senate meeting at either RWC or Clermont to the Senate Cabinet. If approved by Senate Cabinet, this will be brought back to the Senate for a vote.

11. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn: The motion to adjourn the November meeting of the Faculty Senate carried.

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