Senate Meeting  
October 14, 2010  
Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the September 20 senate meeting were approved.

2. Report of the Chair, Richard Harnett  
Chair Harknett opened discussion of the report, which was submitted earlier. The text of the report can be found on the Faculty Senate website:  
There was no further discussion of the Chair’s report.

3. Action Item. Consideration of Criteria Modification for the Rieveschel Award for Creative and Scholarly Works.  
Tracy Hermann introduced a motion on behalf of the Rieveschel Committee to approve the changes to the criteria as they were distributed. There was question as to why the award is for a body of work. Chair Harknett offered background information. Marla Hall cited past practice of other awards given for accumulative work, and also noted inconsistencies in the wording of the document as presented. There was a motion to table this matter until the next Senate meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion of Distributed Reports from Standing Committees.  
Governance Committee Recommended Changes to By-Laws. Governance Committee Chair Tracy Hermann requested feedback to the committee’s recommended changes, and outlined these proposed changes in the document. Discussion included a clarification by Chair Harknett that the university requirements for semester conversion require an alignment of faculty senate bylaws with the change to semesters. The proposed changes need to be voted on in the all-university faculty meeting. Feedback indicated varied preferences for substitute wording for “quarter”, including “trimester”, “semester”, and “term”. Adrienne Lane, Co-Chair of the Semester Conversion Planning Committee, clarified that there is no mandate to use the term “semester”, but after August 27, 2012, the mandate is to not use “quarter”. Chair Harknett indicated that this matter needs to be before the Board of Trustees by December 31, 2010, and encouraged senators to communicate with constituents. Tracy Hermann was commended for her work on this document.

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

There was a motion put forward to modify the agenda to have the report from the Student Government Association placed next on the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Report of the Student Government Association. Drew Smith noted that October is sustainability month. He outlined student government initiatives in the area, and noted that President Williams was the first person on campus to sign the pledge to live a more sustainable lifestyle. There are also upcoming initiatives relating to the high cost of textbooks. More information can be found at https://homepages.uc.edu/bookswap/ . With increased numbers of students on campus, there have
been issues of concern with the shuttle busses. A mobile app will be launched in November that will provide information on shuttle arrival times. Students would like to see more professors and instructors using Blackboard.

7. **New Business.** Chair Harknett offered a PowerPoint outline of how an interactive all-university faculty (AUF) meeting might be structured. A full 45-minute discussion followed with advice for the Chair to finalize the program, including that the seating should be in roundtops, seating could rotate during two sessions, we should avoid reinforcing silos and emphasize beginning conversations for the Academic Master Plan process. There was discussion as to the role that Senators would play during the workshop portion of the AUF. There was a request to clarify what will be happening in the second thirty minute time block of the workshop. It was suggested that the unique contributions of the faculty could the discussion focus during this time. There was a concern expressed regarding the Academic Master Plan and the resources needed for the attainment of the UC2019 goals. A recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education and the Columbus Dispatch was noted in which outlined de-duplication efforts relating to OhioLINK book collections. The specific concern was that faculty would have less access to needed research resources critical to meeting the expectations of UC2019. There was a question as to how faculty could provide ongoing input in to the Academic Master Plan. Chair Harknett indicated that there would be faculty members appointed to the Academic Master Plan groups, and the input from the workshop portion of the AUF will be provided to the Provost. Chair Harknett encouraged faculty to review the information provided in the Academic Master Plan section of the Provost’s web site. Other suggestions included: making interdisciplinary research and creative work a topic at the AUF; and building and continuing the positive interactions amongst faculty and creativity that were outcomes of the recent Faculty Assembly.

8. **Report of the President of the AAUP.** There was no report.

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

10. **Announcements.** Marla Hall provided an update on the Art Show and Auction. An email will be forthcoming with detailed information.

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

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