

Senate Meeting
September 19, 2011
Minutes

- 1. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2, 2011 senate meeting were approved.
- 2. Report of the Chair, Richard Harknett:**

Chair Harknett began his report by indicating that the Monday before each senate meeting members will receive informational packets from the Chair. This will allow senate members to prepare for the meeting and will keep the meeting focused on actions items as opposed to information dissemination.

Chair Harknett opened discussion of the Chair's report, which was submitted earlier. The text of the report can be found on the Faculty Senate website:

http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/facultysenate/senate/docs/facultysenate/chaireports/chaireportsharknett/Chair_Report_Sept_19_2011.pdf

Chair Harknett's report outlines the activities of the University Faculty Senate for the 2011-2012 academic year. This year the faculty will be working to finalize the transition to semesters for the fall of 2012. The planning will culminate with a Faculty Retreat in the spring quarter at which all faculty will come together in their departments to discuss and work on collaboratively their course syllabi to secure a smooth transition for next fall. In addition, the faculty will be involved with the Provost's office in the development of our Academic Master Plan, which will strategically orient our academic goals and priorities at the university level. At the state level, faculty input has continued on the Chancellor of Ohio's plan for enterprise universities. We will remain in close contact with the President's Office in the development of constructive input that will allow us to serve our mission as well as meet state-wide goals such as economic growth and workforce development. On October 25 following the All-University Faculty meeting, the second annual Faculty Assembly will take place. This assembly will examine the intersection of interdisciplinary and applied learning/research. Chair Harknett sought approval of Daniel Langemeyer as Vice Chair of the Senate. The senate unanimously approved Daniel Langemeyer as Vice Chair.

- 3. Report of the President of the University of Cincinnati, Gregory Williams**

President Williams began by thanking Richard Harknett for his work as Chair of the University Faculty Senate. The President discussed the work ahead of the faculty this year as we leave the quarter calendar and go into semesters. He stressed that faculty need to keep students informed about the move to semesters so that students are able to graduate on time. The President also discussed the University of Cincinnati's ranking by US News and World Report in the Top Tier of the country's "Best National Universities". The University moved up seven places from 156th last year to 143rd in the nation. In addition, Forbes Magazine has named the University of Cincinnati one of the world's most beautiful campuses. The President went on to say that for the Fall of 2011 the University had a record enrollment of 42,750 students. That enrollment included 45 Merit Scholars. The President mentioned state budget cuts as well as the subject of Enterprise Universities. Where the state had previously funded 29-30% of our budget in the past, we now only receive about 19% of our revenue from the state.

- 4. New Business:**

DAIR Committee Report, Chair Richard Harknett:

Chair Harknett discussed the Ad Hoc Committee on Deregulation, Autonomy, and Institutional Restructuring (D.A.I.R.) report. The Committee provided a twenty-five page report titled, UC: An

Ohio preeminent 21st Century Public University to the entire University Community at the All-University Faculty Meeting on May 24, 2011. The report is available on-line at http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/facultysenate/senate/docs/alluniversityfacultymeeting/DAIR_revisedreportMay202011.pdf

On August 11, 2011, the Office of the Chancellor released, *An Enterprise University Plan for Ohio* available at: <http://www.ohiohighered.org/enterprise-university-plan>, which had been mandated by the State Legislature for release no later than August 15th.

The report proposes criteria to establish so-called “enterprise universities”, or “international enterprise universities.” These schools would ostensibly be given greater autonomy in return for less state funding and oversight. Chair Harknett pointed out that Ohio is already deregulated. Thus, the cost savings outlined by the Chancellor’s report would not happen for Ohio’s State Universities. The Chancellor presented this report as an opening conversation about Enterprise Universities not a “done deal”. The Chancellor made it clear that he wants input from the University Presidents before this goes before the legislature. We as a University need to identify the points of the plan that we can agree on such as affordability of higher education, more Bachelor’s Degrees and work force development. More thought is also needed on the implementation of this plan.

Faculty Senate Resolution – D.A.I.R. Committee

The DAIR Committee recommends that Faculty Senate resolve to, Remain engaged with the Chancellor’s Plan for Enterprise Universities as discussions progress around its possible legislative development;

The senate changed the wording above to read:

Remain engaged with the discussions surrounding the Chancellor’s Plan for Enterprise Universities as they unfold in the legislature.

Encourage President Williams to continue to seek Faculty Senate counsel on the plan as it develops;

Recommend that President Williams seek to provide Chancellor Petro with input and suggestions that will produce an outcome that advances the mission of the University of Cincinnati as a public research university and leverages the entire University System of Ohio to provide accessible, affordable educational opportunities of the highest quality.

The Senate unanimously voted for the resolution with the amended wording.

5. **Introduction of Undergraduate Student Body President: Alan Hagerty and Graduate Student Body President: Paulette Penzvalto**
6. **Report for AAUP President: John McNay**

John McNay reported that we were able to get 1.3 million signatures to get SB5 on the ballot. SB5 will be on the ballot this November. The AAUP would like us to talk to neighbors, friends, and family members about what SB5 means to higher education in Ohio. He reminded us that we should also make people aware of the reasons to vote no on Issue 2 and HB194.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: The motion to adjourn the September meeting of the Faculty Senate carried.