

Report of the Faculty Chair
April 19, 2018

Senate has a packed schedule for our April meeting. In order to save time during the meeting, I am submitting my report electronically and will make only a few brief announcements during the meeting. Because we are nearing the end of the academic year, I would like to provide a summary of some of the work Senate has accomplished during 2017-18.

Many faculty from across the university serve on committees that are integral to the work of the Faculty Senate. The Academic Affairs Committee is always one of the most active Senate committees. Chaired by Tamika Odum (UCBA), this group worked with IT@UC on the Blackboard retention of faculty courses; with the Registrar's Office on a change of date for withdrawal from courses and possible notation of severe disciplinary action on student transcripts; with students on issues of a grade forgiveness policy; with the Provost's Office on the COACHE faculty climate survey; and forthcoming, a review of the National Survey of Student Engagement Trends at UC.

The Budget & Priorities Committee, chaired by James Canfield (CAHS), makes recommendations on funding priorities for the university. They have arranged for Pat Kowalski, Vice President of Finance, to make several presentations to faculty and answer questions. The committee has also met with Stephanie Spanja, AAUP Director of Research, and Peter Landgren, President of the UC Foundation. The Governance Committee, chaired by Bruce Davis (CLER), has been deeply engaged in a review of the Faculty bylaws to make language clearer and to update policies. The committee regularly interprets governance issues for the Senate.

The Human Relations Committee, chaired by Carol Wheeler-Strother (CAHS), selected two recipients for the Faculty Award for Exemplary Service to the University of Cincinnati, which was announced at the April 17 All-University Faculty Awards Ceremony. They are Dr. Gregory Loving (CLER), Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees and Past President of the UC AAUP, and Dr. Richard Miller (CEAS), Past-Chair of the UC Faculty and Faculty Senate. The Human Relations Committee has also reviewed transition policies for incoming faculty.

The IT Committee, chaired by Victoria Wangia-Anderson (CAHS), is a large and very active committee due to the many areas of information technology that impact faculty teaching and research. They have advocated for the involvement of faculty in the design, implementation, and roll out of enterprise systems, for the inclusion of faculty on the Cincinnati Online Steering Committee, and for the implementation of the eLearning Task Force Report. The committee has worked to improve communication across all eLearning and IT committees, of which there are many; offered input on eAccessibility from the perspective of online course content; and advocated for more flexible training options for instructional design support for colleges with

limited support. Nelson Vincent, Vice President for Information Technology, meets monthly with this group.

The Planning Committee, chaired by Melanie Kroger-Jarvis (CoN), has met with the Bicentennial Committee regarding events and plans for next year and provided input on the COACHE faculty climate survey. They have also made recommendations for reconstituting a Faculty Development Council with faculty included on the committee. The Research & Scholarship Committee, chaired by Rich Miller (CEAS), has discussed IRB changes needed for West Campus and issues related to multidisciplinary research and scholarship. University committees are working on these issues, and this committee will assist if requested. The chair provides regular input and consultation to the Senate Cabinet.

Joe Girandola (DAAP) has chaired both the Committee on Committees and the Nominating Committee for the Senate. In other words, he is in charge of both of the university elections that are now occurring. Results of the Senate and University Committee elections have been announced. The election of At-Large Faculty Senators, Board of Trustee Representative, and Grievance Committee members is in progress.

I have had the privilege of working with an extremely talented, informed, and active Cabinet. They field questions and decisions that come to Senate on a weekly basis. Some of the specific work of Cabinet has been to meet with the President and Provost regularly; Provost Nelson attends Cabinet meetings. Senate Cabinet has provided advice regarding changes in the College of Professional Practice and UC Online and has given input on the Faculty Enrichment Center. Cabinet vets and provides support for Senate resolutions, which this year have included Affirmation of the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees Resolution: Reaffirming Our Core Values 24 October 2017.

Please make note of the following announcements:

- April 27 – Doctoral Hooding, 9:00 Campus Recreation Center
Master's Recognition Ceremony, 2:00 pm, Nippert Stadium
- April 28 – Undergraduate Commencement, 9:00 am, Nippert Stadium
CAHS, CCM, CEAS, CLER, CoM, CoN, LCoB
Undergraduate Commencement, 2:00 pm, Nippert Stadium
A&S, CECH, DAAP, UCBA

Respectfully submitted,

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