

Chair of the Faculty Report for October 16, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

- As Faculty Chair, I have been promoting the value of faculty teaching and service. My September report to the Board of Trustees highlighted the importance of university, professional and community service and shared the extensive amount of work required to teach today's students effectively in person and on-line. In addition, I discussed the need for additional recognition of service with both the Provost and the President and I plan to work toward developing the possibilities that have been identified.
- As the faculty representative to all university committees, I report the following. The Athletics Advisory Council shared the academic success of student athletes and progress on construction of the Nippert Stadium renovation. Ideas for the future renovation of 5/3 arena were also discussed. Financial issues were removed from charge of this committee last spring. The IT Council and eLearning committees reported on requirements for accessibility to on-line course resources (504 & 508 compliance), improvements in the Dell contract, security and information security. The President's Cabinet discussed Title IX (Sexual Assault) support services and the University Advisors Committee comprised of prominent alumni and business leaders. This group is designed to share their expertise and provide guidance and vision for the further development of the University.
- The President is planning to hold two faculty teas per semester (open to all faculty) and college dinners on a monthly basis. Faculty Senators will be asked to provide a list of representative faculty from their college to be invited to these dinners in consultation with college faculty governance structures.
- Planning is under way to restart the Life of Mind speaker series. The intent is to highlight University of Cincinnati Faculty excellence. More information will be coming soon.
- A committee has been established to consider and develop the creation of a UC Press. This initiative is being proposed by Xuemao Wang, Dean of the University Libraries.
- The Joint Committee is planning for the COACHE Survey with a projected timeframe for survey responses to occur during the last week of January through early April. Comparative reports are projected to be available in July. For more information you can visit the COACHE website at <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=coache&pageid=icb.page385671> .
- The Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) discussed the debt ratios for Ohio universities. Information about this topic is available at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability> . General information and meeting minutes for the OFC are available at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ofc>. Click on meetings and reports and resolutions for detailed information.
- I would like to thank our standing committees for all the work they have already accomplished this year. The Budget & Priorities committee is initiating discussions with administrative representatives regarding recommendations from their white paper published last spring. The Human Relations Committee has initiated the process for the selection of faculty service awards and is looking at the Diversity Climate survey results. The IT Committee is reviewing the policies for the Teach Act and fair use and the Governance Committee is making plans to propose modernized by-laws and investigate shared governance. The Research & Scholarship Committee will host a cross-disciplinary research roundtable discussion at All University Faculty meeting. The Academic Affairs committee is looking at HB 616 regarding proprietary

textbooks and residency requirements. The Planning committee plans to review the role of faculty in the Third Century plan, and provide input into the Bicentennial celebration and Life of Mind series. Please see the minutes posted on the Faculty Senate web-site for more details as they unfold.

- The All University Faculty meeting will be held on October 23 at 3:00 – 5 p.m. Please attend and bring your faculty posse with you. The agenda will include a report from the Faculty Chair and the President as well as a round table discussion regarding cross-disciplinary research.

Respectfully Submitted,
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