

Senate Meeting

June 9, 2011

Minutes

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the May 12 senate meeting were approved.

2. **Report of the Faculty Chair, Richard Harknett**

Chair Harknett welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair opened discussion of his report, which was submitted earlier. The text of the report can be found on the Faculty Senate website. Chair Harknett expanded on his report by underscoring the positive interactions with FCC members on complex university budget issues.

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

President Williams conveyed thanks to the Faculty Senate for participation in many examples of shared governance throughout the academic year. The President commended members of the DAIR Committee for their excellent work and report. President Williams indicated that the university is waiting for the state budget process to be settled. The next step is for the budget to proceed to conference committee. President Williams spoke about the upcoming Commencement as an exciting time for parents and families and he encouraged faculty participation in this important event.

4. **Discussion of Reports of Standing Committees**

Adrienne Lane, Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Academic Affairs, opened discussion of the resolution concerning the assignment of student grades. She indicated that there had been some changes to the motion, based on discussions at the May Senate meeting. Chair Lane then brought forth the resolution concerning the assignment of student grades. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Adrienne Lane then provided background information on the motion from the Academic Affairs Committee concerning a Taskforce on Academic Integrity in the 21st Century. The resolution is an outcome of concerns conveyed by several faculty members at an Academic Affairs meeting. There was discussion concerning the role of the task force, and the prospective use of existing reports. Chair Lane then brought forth the resolution concerning academic integrity. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Jeff Tilman, Chair, Planning Committee, opened discussion of the resolution concerning tenure celebration. A celebration for newly tenured faculty will occur the week following Labor Day in 2012. There was a question as to whether a recognition of those faculty members achieving promotion, especially to Full Professor, had been considered in terms of the celebration event. There were additional comments on the possibility of expanding the event to acknowledge the achievements of faculty in attaining promotion, especially to Full Professor, and the importance of rituals to recognize faculty achievement. Adrienne Lane commended the Planning Committee for its work on the proposal. There was a concern expressed that the resolution as presented did not incorporate the current discussion. A motion was put forth to amend the resolution to add "with opportunity for additional input" to the last line of the last paragraph. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously. Chair Harknett underscored the importance of raising the profile of tenure.

Frank Wray, Chair, DAIR Committee, opened discussion of the resolution concerning the DAIR Committee and the DAIR Committee report. There was no further discussion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Frank Wray then brought forth a motion to suspend the section of the bylaws for prior notification to consider a motion to cancel the July and August Senate meetings. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion to suspend the July and August Senate meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Senate Elections of 2011-2012

Dennis O'Neill, Chair, Committee on Committees opened the floor for additional nominees for the Faculty Senate Standing and University Committees. A motion to close the nominations was carried unanimously. Dennis O'Neill presided over the election. Chair Harknett extended appreciation to all those faculty members standing for election.

6. Semester Conversion and Classroom Utilization

Kristi Nelson and Andy Porter provided a review of semester conversion and classroom utilization. There will be less classroom slots in peak times. A positive development is the addition of ten classrooms by 2012. Other considerations for using classrooms effectively include: spreading courses out throughout the day, continuing to look at the number of students in the classroom for appropriate sized classes, looking at standardized stop/start times. Technology will be added to all rooms scheduled by the Registrar. Kristi Nelson reported that 91% of c1s and p1s are approved and in the e-curriculum. There was discussion concerning the Individual Advising Plan (IAP) in terms of the establishment of a process for resolutions.

7. UC Annual Investment Performance

Tom Croft expanded on the report submitted in advance of the Senate meeting. There was a request to clarify how the endowment fits into the overall university budgeting process. The endowment provides approximately 5% of the budget.

8. Report of the Student Government Association President

President Alan Hagerty reviewed the UG Senate report on fee increases for Coop. This report was submitted in advance of the Faculty Senate meeting.

9. Report of the President of the AAUP

John McNay provided a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting.

10. Announcements

There were no announcements.

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

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