

Senate Meeting

October 13, 2011

Minutes

- 1. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the September 19, 2011 senate meeting were approved.
- 2. Report of the Chair, Richard Harknett:**

Chair Harknett reported that we have robust committee work going on and it will inform us where we are heading in the next year. He asked us if there was anything specifically he should address in his report. Senate members did not indicate a need to discuss the specifics of the report. The text of Chair Harknett's report can be found on the Faculty Senate website: http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/facultysenate/senate/docs/facultysenate/chairreports/cha irreportsharknett/Chair_Report_Oct_13_2011.pdf
- 3. Report of the President of the University of Cincinnati, Gregory Williams:**

Chair Harknett informed the senate that the President would not be in attendance for his report due to being delayed in Columbus. Karen Faaborg, Executive Vice President of the University, however, was in attendance to answer any concerns the senate might have for the office of the President.

Due to the President's absence, Chair Harknett noted that we had extra time for senate input on the Academic Master Plan. He asked the senate if there were any objections to changing the order of the agenda so that we could go ahead and do the balloting first, leaving more time for the work on the AMP. There were no objections.
- 4. Action Items: Ballot to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees:**

Chair Harknett called for nominations from the floor. The senate unanimously closed the ballots and voting began. The senate voted to fill standing committee vacancies. Two of these vacancies were on the University Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Academic Affairs. The senate elected Linda Graeter and Julia Gill to one year terms. These terms start now and will finish at the end of this academic year. Carlee Escue was elected for a one year term for the current academic year to the University Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Governance and Bylaws.
- 5. Discussion of Reports of Standing Committee on the Academic Master Plan:**

A Wall-Walk Exercise was conducted in order to gather input from the Senate as a whole on the University Academic Master Plan. The Academic Master Plan was first sent to the Senate Standing Committee's and their input was gathered. Senators were presented with all of this information and were asked to flag items that they felt were problematic (red flagged) or critical (green flagged) to the implementation of the plan.

In addition to the Wall-Walk Exercise, senators from each college were asked to gather college input and submit these as well.

The compilation of this information will be sent to the Academic Master Plan Coordinating Committee. The document will indicate each committee's input as well as the clusters of red and green flags given by the senate as a whole.

6. Report of Undergraduate Student Body President: Alan Hagerty

Students won 16-3 in the Student – Faculty/Administration softball game.

Homecoming is coming this weekend. He discussed Homecoming events and invited everyone to attend. Students were given a presentation on the CLEP test. He asked for feedback on the Smoking Policy Task Force Survey. Student government has not made a stance yet on Issue 2. The Issue was tabled by the student government at this time and sent to its Ways and Means Committee for further review. Student government also passed a resolution to have the News Record remove an anti-LGBT ad from their publication. The News Record removed the ad.

7. Report of the Graduate Student Body President: Paulette Penzvalto

Graduate student government unanimously passed a resolution to Oppose Issue 2. They have been working on issues such as family housing for graduate students and community involvement. There is now a graduate student volunteer program – Graduates Assisting Public Scholarship (GAPS). Jennifer Carter is the director of this volunteer program. She will be putting volunteer names and presentation on the GAP's web site so that the community can access them. They also have a sustainability project going on that will involve building a small house.

8. Report from the AAUP President: John McNay

John McNay began by thanking the graduate students for the stand that they have taken on issue 2. He reported that a rally had been given by a couple of private-sector unions to support the AAUP. He also mentioned "Granny Gate" issue and how that might help us on Election Day. He talked about the need for volunteers to rally support against Issue 2, and to educate the public about SB5. He thanked the senate again for the resolution against SB5 passed last spring.

9. Provost Input Session: Provost Santa Ono

Provost Ono thanked the Senate for all the work they have done in regard to the Academic Master Plan. He told the Senate that the coordinating committee was going to work hard to incorporate our input into the Academic Master Plan. Senator Daniel Langemeyer asked the Provost about barriers that still might exist between the main campus and the regional campuses. Provost Ono assured Dr. Langemeyer that he meets on a regular basis with the Deans of UC Blue Ash and Clermont College. The Provost knows that there are still barriers, but he is working on the alignment between the main campus and the regional campuses. His office is trying to find distance learning vendors who work with regional campuses as well as main campus.

Senator Daniel Goodman asked the Provost about the AMP's emphasis on more recognition for teaching. He mentioned that the regional campuses already have an emphasis on teaching and would the AMP have a negative impact on regional campus faculty workload. The Provost indicated that this action step would roll out differently depending upon the needs of a specific

culture. Differences in colleges will be taken into account in the AMP. Senator Jeffrey Bauer asked the provost about the perceived barriers brought about by PBB. The Provost indicated that he is taking steps to promote bridge building between the various colleges in the University.

Senator Tracy Hermann asked the provost about the health groups outside of the main campus receiving more recognition for collaboration etc. The Provost said that he would be looking into that. Senator Brett Hartnett asked if the AMP was being integrated into UCHealth. The Provost is meeting with UCHealth to accomplish this. The Provost is optimistic about this situation.

John McNay told the Provost about the collaborative relationship among the History Departments at main campus, UCBA, and Clermont College. Provost Ono agreed that great headway has been made regarding collaboration between the main campus and the regional campuses. He has asked the Dean's of the Regional Campuses to write a White Paper describing the vision for their colleges. Chair-Elect Richard Miller voiced his concerns about the budget cuts for departments. Provost Ono indicated that strategic budget allocations will be made in the future taking into account past practices.

10. Announcements

The All University Faculty Meeting will take place on October 25, 2011. Chair Harknett encouraged us to invite our colleagues. He also gave us the results of the election (see item 4).

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