

Order of Business – Faculty Senate

January 10th 2013 Room 400 ABC TUC

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the December 6th meeting
- 3) Report of the President of the University
- 4) Report of the Faculty Chair
 - a. Announcement of the Election Calendar
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Formation of the Nominating Committee
- 6) Report of the President of the AAUP (Loving)
- 7) Report of the President of the Graduate Student Governance Association (Hutchings)
- 8) Report of the President of Student Government Association (Hart)
- 9) Invited Guest – Joe Luckey, Ed. D. Senior Associate AD Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS)
- 10) Provostal Input Session
- 11) Old Business
- 12) New Business

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2013
PERSUANT TO UNIVERSITY RULE 50-3-02, Article 3, 1a**

Election of Faculty Officers:

The following are to be elected:

- 1) Chair elect of the University Faculty – one to be elected
- 2) Secretary of the University Faculty – one to be elected
- 3) Representative of the Faculty to the Board of Trustees – one to be elected
- 4) At-large Senators – four to be elected

Calendar:

January 10, 2013 – Appointment of the Nominating Committee and Nominating Committee Chair

On or before January 31, 2013 – The Nominating Committee shall convene.

March 14, 2013⁺ – Slate of Nominees is presented to the Faculty Senate for confirmation.

March 15, 2013 – Slate of Nominees is transmitted to the Faculty.

April 16, 2013 – Nominations are closed at the All University Faculty Meeting

April 18 – 24, 2013 – Election is held

No later than April 30, 2013 – Results are announced to the Faculty

⁺ Note – The Slate cannot be confirmed at the April Senate meeting as that is to be held on April 11, 2013. This does not provide time for the required 1 week notice to faculty (Article I, 5f)

APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to University Rule 50-3-02, Article III a, the Nominating Committee shall consist of:

Rebecca Luegers, Allied Health
Mihaela Poplicher, A&S
Constantine Polychroniou, Lindner COB
John Owens, CCM
Raj Manglik, CEAS
Russ McMahon, CECH
Darrell Hawkins, Clermont
David Varady, DAAP
Sean Mangan, Law
Kevin Grace, Libraries
Yvette Pryse, Nursing
Yuhang Zhang, Winkler COP
Maureen Schomaker, Professional Practice
Margo Lambert, UCBA

According to the cited rule, four of these Senators will be appointed to the coordinating committee. Maureen Schomaker and Darrell Hawkins have already volunteered.

Report of the Faculty Chair – January 2013

Henry Winkler

Former UC President Henry Winkler passed away on December 26th at the age of 96. President Emeritus Winkler will be remembered for his leadership as UC transitioned from a city university to a state university. His funeral was December 30th. I attended the visitation and offered condolences on behalf of the faculty. I could not stay for the funeral, so Past Chair Richard Harkett was kind enough to represent Senate at the funeral.

Provostal Search

The head of the Search Firm is visiting campus on 1/10 and is meeting with various groups and individuals. I am scheduled to meet with him after the Senate meeting.

Risk Exposure

The University had hired a consultant to evaluate our Risk Exposure. Risk exposure can be broken down into 3 categories: Legal, Financial and Image. Legal means those areas where the University, Faculty and/or Staff could be subject to some type of legal sanction (fine or even imprisonment) for violation of the law. Financial means places where failure to have a policy or failure to follow a policy would expose the University to some type of financial risk, most notably, lawsuits. Financial risk does NOT include investment risk. Image risks are those items which cause the public to view the University in a negative way and may affect recruiting, fund raising and/or ability to compete for external grants.

The Consultant met with small groups of people from around the University. I was interviewed as the Faculty Representative. My message was that the great majority of the Faculty will follow reasonable rules and policies and do not want to violate University rules. However, in many cases the Faculty are not aware of the policies. I emphasized a need for targeted training for the faculty. A second problem is that even when Faculty try to comply, there are frequent barriers to compliance: web sites that don't work, inaccurate or incomplete instructions, lack of informational support, inability to locate the proper contact and administrative indifference. Some of the policies are overly complex and often do not make any sense whatsoever. Finally, sometimes faculty members break the rules when they are faced with research deadlines and they just cannot get through the "red tape" in time to meet the deadline. I stated that there is a real need for more faculty feedback into the system. Faculty are rarely, if ever, asked to provide feedback or evaluation of the support systems.

Recommendations of the Ohio Education Funding Commission and Complete College Ohio Task Force Report & Recommendations

The Ohio Board of Regents created two committees, The Ohio Education Funding Commission and The Complete College Ohio Task Force.

The Complete College Ohio Task Force had a goal of making recommendations that would increase the number of college graduates in Ohio. The Task Force issued their report in mid-November and it contains 20 recommendations.

The Ohio Education Funding Commission issued their report in early December. The major recommended change is that Colleges/Universities would receive funding bases on completion rather than attendance. Additional consideration would be given for graduating “as risk” students.

The Senate Academic Affairs Committee will examine the recommendations and report to the Senate on the possible impact on UC.

The documents can found at:

https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/completion/CCO-task-force-report_FINAL.pdf

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/financial/ssi/Ohio%20Higher%20Education%20Funding%20Commission%20-%20Report.pdf>

Supporting Our Transformation

I met with Bill Ball, VP of Research, concerning the Supporting our Transformation Committees. The Research area will have two committees, one will focus on externally funded research and the other on research which is not reliant on external funds. Bill Ball will chair the committee on externally funded research and I have appointed Kumar Vemaganti (Research and Scholarship Committee Chair) to serve on that committee. I have appointed Nicasio Urbina (Member of the Research and Scholarship Committee) to the committee examining research not dependent on external funding that Jana Braziel and Adrian Parr will co-chair. Jason Heikenfeld (at large Senator) is on the Intellectual Property Committee.

As reported last month, members of Senate Committees have been appointed to other Supporting our Transformation Committees.

I am a member of the Supporting our Transformation Steering Committee and that Committee will meet monthly.

Grades and Prerequisites:

According to the Registrar, Faculty did a good job of getting grades in on time. Out of 168,430 grades only 2229 grades not filed on time (1.3%) Of those, only 787 (0.5%) were in prerequisite classes. Deans and Department Heads were notified to follow up.

In mid December the prerequisite checker was turned back on. It had been turned off during November registration as checking prerequisites was causing the system to crash. When the system was turned on,

students without the proper prerequisites were removed from classes. Unfortunately, some students were wrongly removed. These incorrect removals seemed to center on two issues: Alternate courses that counted as prerequisites (such as bridge courses) were not listed in the C-1 form and/or certain prerequisite requirements were waived for certain classes in the transition. This problem affected a small number of students and advisors were able to go into the system and override it. Since the problem was anticipated, advisors were required to schedule some time over the Holiday break to deal with these issues. The main difficulty for students was that some may have lost their seat in class and been unable to get it back. It is anticipated these issues will eventually go away as we get further away from the transition.

Commencement

Approximately 50 faculty members attended the Fall Commencement. On one hand, this was a very good attendance for a Fall Commencement, but still very small compared with the number of Faculty. I have reached out to Debra Merchant asking for a meeting to figure out how to increase Faculty attendance. There will be a total of 4 ceremonies this year. Two in Spring, one in Summer and one in Fall. I am working with Richard Harknett on some ideas.