

**Faculty Senate
Clarion University
9/10/18**

Faculty Senate met on September 10, 2018 in 246 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: L. Chambers, C. Childers, J. Croskey, E. Foster, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, C. Li, L. Lillard, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, A. Connor Love, J. Lyle, J. May, J. McCullough, J. Overly, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, J. Walsh, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent, T. Latour, S. Montgomery, S. Fenske, B. Hoover, and R. Skunda were also present.

I. Call to Order – J. Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:30.

II. Approval of the Minutes (4/23, 2018) – E. Foster, (A. Roberts seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

J. Lyle noted that the Presidential inauguration will occur April 5th, 3rd week attendance is due on Sept. 17th, P. Gent had sent around new guidelines on student medical withdrawals. Those regulations were sent to chairs, who were encouraged to send to faculty. The Promotion Workshops will be held at 3:30 pm, Sept 20th and 27th at Venango. Local location is at Rhea, and the Venango location is in Frame Hall. The new Chancellor will visit campus soon, to be discussed in President's report.

M. Lepore noted that at 10:00 am on Oct. 20th a workshop will be held on texting and driving, to be held in Hart Chapel.

IV. President's Report-- D. Pehrsson

D. Pehrsson noted that P. Fackler is in Mansfield University as its interim president, and he sends his regards. D. Pehrsson noted how P. Fackler had been helpful to her in her early weeks. E. Foster asked that Senate's greetings be sent to him.

D. Pehrsson noted that several initiatives are starting, which will focus on retention. She noted that our 733 incoming freshmen have the highest GPA in some years. The initiative on enrollment focuses on our good programs, getting word out, and retention of current students. As to the last, she is working on housing costs. The BOG gave D. Pehrsson 3 priorities to focus on: enrollment, partnerships, and fundraising. A campaign on athletic scholarships will start around homecoming, and next year will have a capital campaign. The capital campaign will be informed by the "True North" initiative. This is a 3 year planning process. This is not a strategic plan, but a shorter term plan. This will be spearheaded by T. Latour and A. Roberts. D. Pehrsson said that Faculty Senate should consider how to be represented on the True North committees.

Provost search will occur. Qualified internal and external applicants are encouraged to apply. Similarly, a permanent CAES dean search will occur this year as well. The searches will be staggered a bit. She likes co-chairs.

J. Lyle asked if the existing committee for provost will be continued. D. Pehrsson said 'yes'. As that committee had been convened by P. Fackler, she would continue it. J. Croskey noted that he is the chair of that committee, and that it had met once. D. Pehrsson inquired about the process. J. Lyle summarized the revisions to the Haines Memorandum. D. Pehrsson said that she would follow existing process.

D. Pehrsson is meeting with the new chancellor tomorrow in Harrisburg; items include broad changes to the state system. She will report back to senate on these initiatives. D. Pehrsson has strong views as to the importance of joint governance and coming to Senate meetings. She missed the first day of a meeting in Harrisburg to come to Senate. The new chancellor will be here Oct. 16th and wants to meet with as many campus constituents as possible. Chancellor will be here a day or two.

V. Student Senate –

R. Skunda noted that he was back. Student Senate meets later tonight and will elect two freshmen and two upperclassmen to the Senate. He noted that WINGO went well, and that Senate plans a retreat this month, and the regular conference student senators attend every year is upcoming. R. Skunda is on the committee that deals with the bookstore, and attempts to get lower costs for students.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

B. Sweet outlined the important deadlines: Special Topics and Experimental: Sept 18, Major Changes: Sept. 28th, Objections: Oct. 19th. Committee meetings are being arranged, as are the open hearing dates. Two new members: R. Lane and S. Montgomery.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore said that the Student Affairs Advisory Group, (S. Fenske's group) will meet on the 19th, and that he is getting times for the regular Student Affairs Committee meetings.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

J. Knaust noted that the call for standing committees went out Friday. J. Knaust asked members of the former sub-committees, which had been disbanded in the last Senate, wanted to remain on the larger standing committee until the end of their normal terms. Most said they wanted to remain. J. Lyle reviewed how the reduction process occurred. As faculty numbers declined, and as university reorganization occurred, many standing committees had sub committees that had no real duty. The decision was made in the last senate to roll the subcommittees into the larger body, and, by 2020, bring the population of the larger committee to the normal 6 by attrition and normal losses as terms ended.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

No Report

E. Budget – A. Roberts

A. Roberts noted that Len Cullo will be invited. Generally he comes after the BUD and FIN reports are fully audited and posted.

F Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

D. Knepp said the planning for mentors for new faculty is ongoing. No notice of upcoming retirees.

G. Institutional Resources – A. Connor Love

A. Connor Love noted that the Tippin is going on well, and will be finished on time. The removal of the pool resulted in the finding of coal, which had to be removed. As the coal was High Sulphur coal, CUP saw no revenue. A question arose regarding the water problems in STC last week. A temporary work-around seem to have been found. Water in STC is connected to the AC, and a back-up valve malfunctioned. On the upside, a better communication process has been devised.

H. Venango – J. May

J. May noted that the Venango Task Force meets on Friday. No Venango Forum yet, but will do so. Task Force has met once.

VII. Old Business

A. Seifert Cultural Series

M. Lepore and J. Lyle met with S. Fenske in mid-May. There is a desire by Senate to formalize the structure of the committee, to avoid changes that may occur in an ad-hoc environment. Senate Policy had named K. Yenerall, M. Lepore, and P. Terman to the Seifert Committee, now, rather than wait for the normal CCR process. These three will serve this year to help the Committee with its mission, and the normal election process will be followed in future. This Committee is NOT a Senate committee.

After meeting with S. Fenske, the document presented to Senate was the result. From the document, membership is:

Committee Membership

Committee Chair, Student Affairs Staff member

5 Students from the University Programming Board, Appointed by UAB Advisor

2 members of University Advancement, Appointed by Vice President for Advancement

3 Faculty members (one from each of the Colleges), Appointed by Faculty Senate

Other faculty/content experts as appropriate

Which will be one year appointments. The rest of the document should be in the Senate web page.

S. Fenske and B. Hoover attended to answer questions about the changes to the Seifert Cultural Series. S. Prezzano asked about this year's program. B. Hoover said that programming needed to wait for full committee membership. E. Foster asked about the timeline. S. Fenske and B. Hoover suggested that most event would occur in Spring, and would revert to a whole thing for next year.

B. Sweet asked about the committee structure in the past. B. Hoover noted that under S. Turrell, almost 10 years ago, the committee had a different structure. The committee seems to change yearly, and faculty involvement was supposed to rotate, but did not.

S. Prezzano noted that the Series is very successful, and it is rare to find such a strong cultural series at a university such as ours. We have had well known people, and hope this continues.

J. Phillips asked about Senate's role here. He asked if Senate should formalize the process officially, in agreement with the document as currently written. Doing so would put the document and the structure in the minutes and would serve as a reference for the future. He asked for a motion to approve the document to avoid the adhoc nature of the past workings.

J. Lyle agreed the importance of formalization the committee structure. S. Fenske and B. Hoover also like the formalization of the committee. It would be published on the Seifert portion of the CUP website.

J. Phillips moved to recommend we approve the structure and document as a whole, for recommendation to the President for how to go about handling the Mary Seifert Series in the future. J. Croskey seconds. Discussion: None undertaken. Vote: Aye unanimous.

CCR will go forward with the appointment of individuals for the next year's appointments.

B. Retiree emails update. D. Pehrsson suggested S. Puleio may know what is going on. D. Pehrsson is unclear on the logic of the desire to retire the email, as P. Fackler was confused. No particular update.

C. CCPS Read-ins.

B. Sweet read-in the current set of 'read-ins'. He noted that this is a bit early, but that CCPS does meet over the summer when needed, and these read-ins were the result of that process.

D. Gen Ed Assessment Document

J. Lyle suggested reading the document as he anticipates

E. Visitors to Senate

D. Dollins will speak on enrollment, Sept 24

J. Geiger will talk about Fundraising

D. McFarland-scholarships

Venango Task force member

M. Shaffer on BART again

S. Machokas at the CSA/Follett bookstore issues, low cost initiatives

L. Cullo

S. Montgomery re GEEC, etc.

Someone regarding Orientation process and programs

S. Puleio re: Retiree email

M. Lepore said that M. Shaffer may want to talk about outcomes related to academic dishonesty program of the conduct board. Also issues of academic integrity.

Given the number of Senate dates, this is too ambitious for Fall.

F. Acknowledgment of Excellence

J. Lyle reminded us that in the past J. Phillips noted the importance of acknowledging excellence on campus. J. Lyle noted that we have 3 Fulbright Scholarships; one student and two faculty.

Faculty are J. Smerker and Y. Ayad. J. Lyle asked for a write up of a resolution. E. Foster volunteered. J. Phillips noted that it should also include a description of the award, and to put it into the Clarion Call, and to Tina Horner's call for things going on as part of the CUP site.

VIII. New Business

A. GEEC—S. Montgomery

S. Montgomery presented the GEEC membership. Membership has modified a bit. There is no intent to slight any area, Lana Smith asked to be on the committee. The committee ended up ruling out Nursing, which was not the intent. Thus, representation of Lana is that of those outside of the traditional Arts and Sciences, thus including Nursing. Also, Rich Lane, as head of the First Year Experience, was included as Ex-Officio. B. O'Neill will chair ISLAC. Was chosen by Senate, and she will take over ISLAC in Spring. S. Montgomery noted that the terms are all 1-year terms. J. Lyle noted that the 12 membership does not have an automatic tie breaking process, if no non-voting powers. J. McCullough suggested that, should an additional member be needed, that Education should be represented.

B. Low Cost Books—T. Latour

J. Lyle noted the importance of reducing the costs of texts, and other costs to our students. T. Latour outlined the Open Source resources in the library. He noted “Open Stax” by Rice University, and “Merlot” by the UC System. Just coming online is “Oasis”, which compiles a lot of the open source, open educational resource into a site that is easier to access.

To get to these sources:

Go to Library Home Page, and go to Help and Guides.

Go to Libguides, and go to Open Access

The tabs across the top shows textbooks, journals, syllabi, etc.

The new site, put out by the NY SUNY system is <https://oasis.geneseo.edu/>

This site brings together a lot of resources, and is easier to use than some of the specific sites.

While this site is not in the Libguide yet, it will be sometime next week.

CUP library has many e-texts for which we have unlimited access, that students can have access to. Also existing are more than 66,000 academic videos.

Given the poverty of many of our students, and the numbers who do not buy textbooks, etc, A. Rosati noted that it would be good to donate money many of us get from the book buyers to a fund, perhaps organized by CSA. J. Phillips noted the need to systematize this for the whole university, make faculty aware of the costs, and make the options known to students. J. Croskey suggested the creation of a lending library, made up of extra copies of texts that may not be sold to the book buyers. Again, the main thing is to make all these things known to students. Freshmen are particularly ignorant of many of these options.

There exists a donation center in Gemmell filled with food and related things for students are food insecure and/or homeless. P. Gent noted that 1 of 6 of our students have family Expected Family Contributions from the FAFSA of \$0. Many of these students are in the straits we are discussing, and could be helped. Many of them can't afford books, even with a full financial ride.

IX. Adjournment –moved (B. Sweet J. Knaust, seconded). Unanimous passage.