

**Faculty Senate
Minutes
Clarion University
10/7/19**

Faculty Senate met on October 7, 2019 in 250 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: S. Boyden, C. Childers, J. Croskey, J. Haight, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, C. Li, A. Lockwood, J. Lyle, J. May, N. O’Neil, K. Overmoyer, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, A. Shannonhouse, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent 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 (9/23, 2019) – J. Croskey, (M. Lepore seconded) approval of the minutes. B. Sweet noted a correction in L. Cullo’s comments. Sent corrected minutes to President of Senate.

III. Announcements

1. Chancellor’s Visit – Open Forum, 10-8, 12:45-2:15 in SOMN Theatre
2. Engagement Survey – Extended thru 10-8
3. Penn York Conference 11/9 at Clarion – Submissions due 10/19

IV. President’s Report-- D. Pehrsson

D. Pehrsson noted ongoing investment in Faculty Professional Development initiatives. This is a recommendation from the Teaching Excellence Committee, which had met over the summer.

The President’s Diversity Advisory Council has begun with J. Walsh and B. Dede as co-chairs. The charge is to be visionary, and to make recommendations as to how to better reach out to and retain, especially, students of color. As it does its job, the Council will ask for engagement and membership on short-term task forces that will tackle an issue and then disband.

The President’s Commission on Sustainability has been created in response to a clear desire from student, staff, and faculty to tackle sustainability related issues.

The President had pizza with students at Venango today, and will do so with students on main campus, to hear issues and concerns/ideas of each group. Students at Venango are interested in a veterans lounge, and like the learning commons, which is part of the re-design of Suhr library.

For PASSHE reorganization and redesign, CUP has 4 members out of 17 on that committee. D. Pehrsson said that the group is good, and that they will do much needed advocacy on our behalf (and on the behalf of smaller institutions that tend to get short shrift in PASSHE decisions). The members are M. Bauer from the Trustees, T. Spaulding, R. Feroz-APSCUF, and L. Delbrugge-Dean CAS.

Upon questioning, this team is one of the larger on-going PASSHE committees, each of which has a different focus. Among the issues raised are shared resources for I.T., bargaining for food contracts, Online education expertise, and the like. No plans to lose faculty or staff in such reorganizations.

V. Provost Report—P. Gent

P. Gent noted that “Chasing Ice” is showing 10/8/19 in the theater in SOMN, and Bill Mc Kibben will speak next week on sustainability and climate, both as part of the Seifert Series.

An email of essential financial aid facts has been sent to faculty. The goal is NOT to make faculty experts in financial aid, but to give advisors the basic information, such as the minimum new credits needed to continue to receive financial aid, and the like.

The request for 7-week attendance was just sent out. This is largely due to federal financial aid changes, whereby CUP needs to figure out 7-week attendance, and remit unused funds back to the federal government. This is in response to for-profit schools holding onto unused funds and earning interest on the funds, as students were not enrolled. P. Gent asked everyone to fill out the 7 week attendance. CUP will call students who come back as not attending classes. Not everyone fills out the report, so CUP calls to make sure nothing untoward is happening to the student.

Discussion occurred on scheduling classes in Tippin. Classes, such as athletic training classes, will be scheduled in the gym and auxiliary gym. Pilates, Yoga, Dance, etc will occur, not in the racquetball courts, as reported in Policy, but in the meeting room in Gemmell, directly below room 250. Mirrors will be brought in. Such classes cannot be held in Tippin as the mirrors would have been too expensive.

In response to questions about classes in Tippin, issues go back to the early stages of the contract for Tippin. During the various delays, expenses rose and \$10 million got cut. Classrooms were cut, the pool lost two lanes, and another glass-fronted wall were scrapped.

Still waiting for results of the calls for the two open searches—VP of Academic Success, which requires two members from Senate, and the Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Venango, which will be a regional search and require 4 members from Senate.

VI. Student Senate – R. Skunda

Student senate had its retreat where new senators got inculcated in what being a senator means. Good team-building exercises were part of the retreat. Goals were set for the year. The new senate seems ready to go to work. Also, on behalf of Inter-Hall Council, he discussed student parking. IHC has an idea for faculty to pay for parking. R. Skunda suggested that a member from IHC may want to come to Senate to discuss this. Discussion on the possibility of altering the parking permit fee structure to encourage parking further away from campus. J. Lyle noted that research by honors students in the past has revealed that there exist more spaces than students think there are, and enough spaces for more students to park than it may appear. Senate open to having a member of IHC coming to senate to discuss the issue.

VII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

All CCPS proposals are in. Objections are due by 10/18, hearings will be 11/7, and brought to Senate on 11/18

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

An Opioid prevention/awareness grant of \$100,000 will be used to fund a speaker to increase awareness about the epidemic, and work towards eradication. A CUP alum will speak on addiction and reclaiming life goals. He credits his CUP degree with giving him the hope and inspiration to continue when trying to kick his addiction to various substances. The program will occur by October 24 at 6:00 in Hart Chapel.

The Student Affairs Advisory Board will meet Nov. 5, and M. Lepore will bring a report back.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

J. Knaust noted that the calls referenced by P. Gent, VP of Academic Success, which requires two members from Senate, and the Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Venango, which requires four members, have been sent out.

The slate of candidates for senate committees and the slate of self-nominations for the OER committee have been created, and are disbursed to senate. J. Knaust noted that no self-nominations exist for the CUP budgetary committee, and we need several members on Conduct Board. J. Knaust urged Senators to urge faculty members to serve.

The slate for the OER committee is the full set of self-nominations: P. Woodburne, J. Croskey, L. Fleisher, T. Otto, B. Packer, V. Aravind, J. Lyle, and Y. Kim.

J. Lyle noted that the committee is to have its recommendations sent to P. Gent and D. Pehrsson by January, 2020.

Both slates have been approved by CCR, and come to senate without need for a second.

No discussion of the slate of OER taskforce. Vote unanimous in favor.

Discussion of the Senate committees. Decision to vote on existing candidates, and try to fill remaining slots by next Senate meeting. Vote called. Unanimous in favor.

D. Academic Standards – A. Roberts

Given the vote re: CCR committee members, A. Roberts will have a full set of membership and will begin business soon.

E. Budget – C. Childers

No report

F Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

Faculty Mentor program will remain essentially the same. No revamping seen as needed. Sabbatical Celebration will occur in November or December. No date set.

G. Institutional Resources – L. Taylor

No report

H. Venango – J. May

First Forum meeting will occur on Oct. 14 and will report to Senate.

VIII. New Business

1) Budget Advisory Committee

J. Lyle summarized the charter created by L. Cullo for a budgetary advisory committee. Senate needs to do 2 things: 1) vote on support for a budget advisory committee to work with L. Cullo, and 2) decide on how to populate such a committee. L. Cullo's proposal suggests two faculty members from Senate, and one representing APSCUF.

C. Childers moved to support the committee by providing two people to sit on the committee, and B. Sweet seconded.

Discussion on the fact that, in her CCR report, J. Knaust noted no self-nominations for the CUP committee on Budget, and if it could be collapsed into this advisory committee. A. Roberts noted that the committee has been rather inactive, mainly asking L. Cullo to come and give reports on the budget—a duty he now discharges by coming to Senate. J. Lyle noted that the CUP budget committee is ongoing, while the advisory could disappear at some point. An intermediary committee between Senate and the Finance and Administration office is a good thing, especially if L. Cullo or his successor cannot or will not come to senate. J. Lyle noted that in its reorganization of committees as the by-laws were changed, that in committees with subcommittees, those subcommittees were cut. No movement occurred on committees without subcommittees. Despite its relative inaction, the committee should remain. The Advisory committee is to be made up of Senators, while the CUP committee is chaired by a senator, but membership is open to all faculty.

CCR will continue to try to get membership on the CUP budget committee.

J. Lyle called for a vote on C. Childer's motion. Vote passed unanimously.

Looking at the process for populating the committee, L. Cullo wants to meet by the end of the term. J. Knaust moved that the active budget chair and a senator at large, preferably a past-chair of the budget committee, be Senate's nominations for the Budget Advisory Committee. B. Sweet seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Moving to actually picking members, the active budget chair is C. Childers. Former budget chairs have been A. Roberts and J. Knaust. B. Sweet has been chair of the committee, but R. Feroz has asked him to sit on the committee representing APSCUF.

L. Taylor nominated A. Roberts. B. Sweet seconded. A. Roberts agreed to serve. Vote taken, unanimous passage.

2) Policy on Room usage

Questions were raised re: the Policy for room usage, in Tippin, but also in places like the theater on SOMN. P. Gent said that there is a written policy, found on the Student Affairs part of the CUP website, or in other areas where general policies are located. Generally, usage of space in Gemmell is preferentially given to Student Event use, as student fees pay for the building. The Foundation still currently owns the Suites on Main, and other suites. CUP no longer pays for usage of the suites. While a goal was to use the Theaters on SOMN for classes, P. Gent noted that the theater is not set up, with folding desk-tops, to be conducive to on-going classroom use—as Hart Chapel, etc.

In response to a question as to how to organize use of some of the non-traditional space, discussion centered on the fact that the various conference rooms on SOMN and SOMS are used by many student groups, taking them off line for faculty/classroom use.

Single use symposia or art showings, do occur. Showing a movie for a class can be arranged.

IX. Old Business
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X. Adjournment – J. Knaust moved (B. Sweet seconded). Unanimous passage.

