

**Faculty Senate
Minutes
Clarion University
11/18/19**

Faculty Senate met on November 18th, 2019 in 250 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: J. Croskey, J. Knaust, M. Lepore, C. Li, A. Lockwood, J. Lyle, M. McConnell, J. McCullough, N. O’Neil, K. Overmoyer, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, C. Childers, A. Shannonhouse, M. Terwilliger, S. Boyden, and J. May. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent, R. Leary and R. Skunda were also present. Many department representatives were also present since CCPS was considering major curricular proposals.

- I. Call to Order – J. Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:30.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (11/4/19) – L. Taylor, (C. Childers seconded) approval of the minutes. Minutes approved.
- III. Announcements
 - 1. Council of Trustees Meeting – November 21 at 7:00 pm in 108 Eagle Commons
 - 2. Safe Schools Summit – November 21 from 10 – 4 in Gemmell MPR
 - 3. Celebration of Learning – December 4 from 11 – 3 in Gemmell MPR. L. Chambers indicated there was still a need for reviewers.

IV. President’s Report-- D. Pehrsson

D. Pehrsson was running late and so this report came at the end of the meeting, but is placed here to align with the agenda. She attended the Venango Forum last week.

Tippin is open and the process of moving in is proceeding slowly. She is pleased to report that Clarion won its first game in the renovated Tippin.

The Middle States process is proceeding. D. Pehrsson attended a meeting last week with D. Hartley, S. Boyden, and A. Roberts. She believes the campus is in good hands with those people as the Steering Committee co-chairs.

There is a goal of fundraising \$3 million dollars. At this time \$1.45 million has been raised. PASSHE’s requirement of a financial sustainability plan is going to be discussed at PEC.

V. Provost Report—P. Gent

In future meetings A. Roberts and S. Boyden will provide updates on the Middle States Self-Study process. The Dean of Career and Workforce Education job ad is up with deadline to apply by December 5. As of now there are approximately 15 applicants. The Associate Vice President for Student Success is also posted with applications also due by December 5. There is only one 1 application of now, but this is strictly an internal search.

As of 8:00 am there were approximately 1,320 students not yet registered for spring. This is comparable to this point in time last year of about 1,200 students. All faculty are encouraged to help get students registered. S. Boyden asked how many students have holds to which P. Gent replied about 700 have financial holds. The Provost’s Office will be following up with students after Thanksgiving with phone calls and text messages.

VI. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda reported that the Social Equity Dinner went well. The Students in Need Scholarship is live and the deadline is Monday, November 25 at 4:00 pm. Students apply through CU Connect. Student Senate has only one more meeting this year. WINGO for freshman will be held December 6.

VII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

CCPS proposals were considered under “New Business”.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

The Student Advisory Board met on November 6. The Board is making a goal of getting more students to attend the meetings. An email “glitch” with student email created a large “Reply-All” chain on the system. Computing Services has fixed the issue.

Students reported complaints about the food selection at the dining choices on campus. They also had issues with the cost disparity between various options. Issues pertaining to the lids used on Starbucks coffee were also discussed.

Students questioned the university’s marketing of religious holidays. The response was given that the university will advertise RSO events, some of which may be related to religious holidays, but that the university does not advertise for religious holidays.

Dr. Dale will be attending a spring meeting of the Board.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

No report

D. Academic Standards – A. Roberts

A. Roberts reported that he had discussed modifying the AIP process with D. Hartley. A. Roberts hopes to involve the Academic Standards Committee in that process.

E. Budget – C. Childers

No report

F Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

No report

G. Institutional Resources – L. Taylor

Facilities Planning Committee will meet Thursday in Tippin.

H. Venango – J. May

Renovations in Suhr Library are moving ahead. There will be a safety walk upcoming at the Venango Campus to identify safety issues. A new student club has been started on the campus, and J. May reports that students appreciate the increased visibility of university staff on the Venango Campus.

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. New Business

- a) CCPS Read-ins – B. Sweet read-in approved proposals.

b) CCPS Major Proposals

J. Lyle pulled up a recently added CCPS “proposal” that was a picture of former senator R. Leary. J. Lyle pointed out that R. Leary was long time Faculty Senator retiring at the end of the term was present. B. Sweet moved to make R. Leary “Senator for the day” (J. Croskey seconded). The motion was unanimously approved. J. Lyle stated that R. Leary appeared in Faculty Senate minutes back in 1996 and perhaps had served even longer on Faculty Senate. He was chair of Faculty Senate in 1999 and held a number of roles with the body over the years. J. Lyle noted that he taught in the Honors Program with R. Leary for a number of years and that he was privileged to do so. J. Phillips stated that R. Leary’s work in English was important to the entire campus. J. Lyle read the following proposed Resolution of Appreciation and Gratitude:

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary has provided many years of service to Clarion University’s Faculty Senate;

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary has served in a number of leadership positions, including being elected as the Chair of Faculty Senate;

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary’s service to the Faculty Senate includes several terms as the Parliamentarian where he helped ensure orderly deliberation;

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary possesses the qualities of a Faculty Senator who has always been willing to speak up for the Clarion faculty, the Clarion students, and Clarion University as an institution;

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary’s contributions have helped shape Faculty Senate such that it is the institution that it is today;

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Leary is retiring at the conclusion of this fall semester of 2019;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED ON THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019, BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF CLARION UNIVERSITY:

The Faculty Senate congratulates Senator Ralph Leary on an exemplary career at Clarion University and offers its appreciation and gratitude for his dedication to Faculty Senate and the years of service that he has provided this body.

A. Roberts moved approval with a second by J. Croskey. The motion unanimously (and enthusiastically) passed.

B. Sweet explained the voting process. Senators could ask for proposals to be set aside for further discussion, and the proposals net set aside would be voted on in bulk. Proposals 5, 17, 50, 51 were asked to be set aside by A. Roberts. Proposals 24, 43, 97, and 126 were asked to be set aside by J. Lyle. Proposal 69 – 89 were asked to be set aside by S. Boyden.

All of the proposals with the exceptions of those above were all unanimously approved.

Proposal 5 – A. Roberts asked if this proposal eliminated the “business” requirement on the international course list or just was meant to update the “social sciences” courses. B.

Sweet answered that he believed just update the “social sciences” list and that students would not receive paper copies on the list, but instead could view them in the degree audit. Proposal 5 was approved.

Proposal 17 – A. Roberts indicated that a Computer Gaming Concentration in the BS Computer Science degree was a great idea, but wanted to know if there was staffing to support the new coursework. J. Childs indicated that 2 new courses were written, and that they would only need taught every other year. He believed CIS could integrate those courses into the existing schedule without new resources. Proposal 17 was approved.

Proposal 24 – J. Lyle asked how the BA History could drop to 6 credits in foreign language when BOG policy requires a minimum of 9 credits. P. Gent informed Senate that this policy was superseded by a new policy, and that the proposal was in compliance with the new policy. A BA degree may in fact have no foreign language at all by BOG policy. Proposal 24 was approved.

Proposal 43 – J. Lyle indicated that this proposal was “a lot”. He wanted to verify that the proposal was creating a course, adding it to the General Education Liberal Skills Elective course list, and updating check sheets. J. Childs verified that it indeed was doing all of those things. J. Lyle voiced a complaint about the “creep” of program requirements into the General Education portion of the degree program, and then questioned why this BS program was allowed to go to 63 credits. After some discussion it was determined the check sheet had a typo and that the program was only 54 – 57 credits. J. Childs will send B. Sweet an updated check sheet. J. Lyle then asked why the course should count in I.D. in General Education. J. Childs stated that it was an important course for any field that would interact with Cyber Security. Proposal 43 was approved.

Proposals 50 & 51 – A. Roberts asked about the credentials of the person to teach the new Computer Science teaching methods course. J. McCullough stated that J. Strausser in Computer Science would teach the course while J. Childs stated that he was under the impression that Education would teach the course. M. McConnell stated that whoever teaches the course must have a teaching certification, and that it would likely need to be a mathematics or science certification. A. Roberts asked who would accredit the program, and P. Gent stated PDE. A. Roberts repeated that of course PDE needs to approve the program, but who will be the SPA body for CAEP accreditation. J. McCullough stated that at this point that is unknown. A. Roberts asked why there was no specific mathematics course required when a BS Computer Science degree requires calculus. J. Childs indicated that a calculus requirement might deter students from entering the program. Proposal 50 and 51 were approved.

Proposal 69 – 86 – S. Boyden asked with all of these new courses, could they possibly be taught with current staffing levels. R. Patterson responded that this program needed to be completely reworked due to accreditation requirements which is what prompted the new courses. The program currently includes R. Patterson and K. Curreri, but due to accreditation requirements will need a 3rd faculty member by 2022. B. Sweet indicated that the program had been previously approved, and that these are significant changes to the program to meet the accreditation changes. Proposals 69 – 89 were approved.

Proposal 97 – J. Lyle indicated that his request to pull this proposal was for similar

reasons to proposal 24. With P. Gent's clarification he withdrew his concerns. Proposal 97 was approved.

Proposal 126 – J. Lyle asked why the changes in the BSBA Accounting degree could push the program requirements to 66. A. Greci indicated that the program was restructured to include a “built in minor” in Data Analytics in order to receive recognition from the Institute of Internal Auditors. B. Sweet indicated that the program was 6 credits over the 60 credit cap to which P. Gent stated that as all of the BSBA programs were accredited by AACSB they could exceed the 60 credit hour cap. J. Lyle asked if this required approval by the BOG or Office of the Chancellor, and P. Gent again reiterated that local approval was all that was required since the programs are accredited. A. Greci then stated that the IIA Board directed them to make this change. Proposal 126 was approved.

X. Adjournment – R. Leary moved (B. Sweet seconded). Unanimous passage.