

**Faculty Senate  
Clarion University  
3/19/18**

Faculty Senate met on March 19, 2018 in 246 Gemmell. A. Roberts chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, S. Boyden, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, S. Harris, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, J Lyle, J. May, J. McCullough, J. Overly, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, J. Touster, P. Woodburne. P. Fackler, T. Pfannestiel, and R. Skunda were also present.

I. Call to Order – A. Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Due to a meeting he had to go to P. Fackler will speak ahead of his normal time. His report is given in its normal place in these minutes.

II. Approval of the Minutes (2/26, 2018) – E. Foster, (Y. Ayad seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. B. Sweet noted a typo in comment by D. Clark, a double negative. Friendly amendment on the extra ‘not’.

III. Announcements

A. Roberts noted that Presidential Search has not moved forward. B. Sweet noted that the feedback given by faculty regarding the 3 presidential candidates was important to the committee, and encouraged the faculty generally to continue to provide good and substantive feedback to future candidates. A. Roberts asked if the committee is ‘continued’ search, which B. Sweet suggested was an ‘expanded pool’. J. Touster asked about the timeline, and B. Sweet said that his impression was that the committee sought to be aggressive in terms of the timeline. B. Sweet and other members of the search committee are unable to give any more detail on the search, despite questioning from Senate.

J. Phillips announced that today is B. Sweet’s birthday. Applause. E. Foster noted that D. Lott’s birthday was three days ago. More applause.

IV. President’s Report--T. Pfannestiel

P. Fackler discussed the Provost search. P. Fackler noted that he had nothing to add to the public news as relates to the Presidential search, except to say that it does impact the Provost search. The Provost search committee has now 10 people, but the Presidential search has thrown it into confusion. The plan had been to have a presidential designate who would then aid in the final stretch of the Provost search.

P. Fackler and T. Fogarty feel like they have little time and flexibility. It makes no sense to have a Provost search where candidates visit in the summer, as most faculty are not here. The sense of the future is now that the Presidential search continues, and the Provost search is delayed for now, but will start in August, when the ‘season’ starts in earnest. The Provost committee members from Faculty Senate are O. ‘Mike’ Kaymaz, E. Foster, D. Kelly, and Chun Fei Li. The APSCUF member is P. Klenowski, and J. Allen, J. Croskey (chair), J. Dutkiewicz, and R. Peterson. **[The president named these last 4, but said he had 5 nominees, for a total of 10].** The committee will meet once or twice soon, to go through the prospectus, and make edits, and talk about process and marketing, and then disband, to reconvene when it makes sense.

J. Overly asked about the process for a new interim Provost. P. Fackler is unsure, and it has not been decided. More detail on this later.

P. Fackler noted he owes Senate text on an amended Haines Memorandum, and he will do so.

V. Student Senate –

R. Skunda noted the budgetary process is starting already. Reinhard awards are coming up late next month, the last Friday of next month, and that Student Senate is starting to work on them.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

B. Sweet noted CCPS met and put a small dent into their work. The committee will meet again next Monday, and B. Sweet will likely have to miss the next Policy meeting due to CCPS work. Open hearings will be on April 5 at 3:00 pm in the Senate room. B. Sweet reviewed issues with Inquiry seminars. Because these are offered on a less than regular basis, a student who fails one may not be able to retake the exact same one for some time. Discussion between L. Chambers, B. Sweet, L. Hepler, and P. Gent determined that a solution would be to create a single INQ class shell, INQ 100, and all the classes/topics offered would be sections of that same class. The point is that all INQ classes have the same learning outcomes, and can be seen as essentially the same class. The main content piece of the classes is inquiry, information literacy, teamwork, etc, and the content is simply the vehicle. L. Chambers put forth a CCPS proposal to this effect.

Discussion also concerned taking multiple seminar classes simultaneously or sequentially. Freshmen ought not take more than one class. The initial CCPS coversheet which asks whether the class can be taken additional times could be appropriately checked to say ‘no’.

J. Touster said that in Chemistry, they have a similar structure but where students are allowed to take again, as each is a different topic.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore is in Germany conducting reconnecting/transition groups with returning troops on coming back to civilian society. He has no report at this time. A. Roberts noted that the committee will work with faculty to develop some training to assist faculty in dealing with students in crisis.

C. CCR – J. Lyle

J. Lyle noted that the Senate Elections are Tuesday, April 3. As these are being done live, and while APSCUF’s elections are being done electronically from now on, we cannot piggy back on APSCUF, and have to staff the poll watchers ourselves. A sign-up sheet went around, asking for at least one poll watch for each hour during the election. J. Lyle asked for a list of Venango faculty to be able to set up the Senate election there. He was told to contact C. Huber or D. Sobina for a list of Venango faculty.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

No report

E. Budget – J. Knaust

No report

F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

D. Knepp said the retirement party is planned, and the menu is set. This committee will work with Academic Affairs on the faculty training for students in crisis.

G. Institutional Resources – E. Foster

E. Foster noted that the next meeting was to be March 22, and that P. Woodburne would again go in her stead. E. Foster noted no further information on the lack of ADA compliance for the DEN, Starbucks, and the Bookstore.

H. Venango – J. May  
Next Forum will be March 28<sup>th</sup>

## VII. Old Business

### A. By Laws/Constitution

A. Roberts noted that the Council of Trustees will meet April 19, and expects approval of the amended By-Laws/Constitution.

### B. Seifert Cultural Series

T. Pfannestiel noted that S. Fenske and others had met to decide on the structure and process of a reconstituted Seifert Series. T. Pfannestiel noted that he was unhappy with the lack of degree of faculty involvement on the process, agenda, etc of the committee, and told S. Fenske and UAB to reconvene and place faculty more fully into the leadership into the committee, and in the determination of the working/themes, etc.

### C. Haines

A. Roberts noted that P. Fackler had said he would provide amended Haines language, by mid April.

## VIII. New Business

### A. CCPS .

Read-ins are read in.

### B. GEEC

New language on the charge for GEEC is discussed. Some language changes suggested.

#### Original Language:

The General Education Executive Committee provides administrative oversight of the General Education program and implements General Education policy. This includes **implementing and managing a long-term review schedule of the General Education curriculum**. It is also responsible for developing recommendations for ways to improve the general education policy, curriculum (to be presented through the curricular review process), and pedagogy based upon annual assessment reports. The committee reports to the Provost or another designee and is chaired by the Director of General Education.

Ex officio members serve on the Executive Committee concurrent with their terms of office. Remaining members serve one-year terms but may be reappointed.

P. Woodburne noted that the GEEC seemed to replace Gen Ed Council, which had been disbanded by Senate, as being outside senate rules, and that the creation of GEEC, also not a body

created by Senate, seemed confusing as to its purpose. S. Boyden noted the fact of this committee's difference from Gen Ed, and noted the importance of having a body whose scope and mandate was to think about General Education.

J. Phillips asked if we are voting to approve the charge or approving the fact that Senate appoints to the committee. As Senate did not write the document, it is unclear if we can amend it. D. Clark asked "If Senate recommends changes in the language, who is Senate recommending to?"

Discussion around whether ISLAC exists. T. Pfannestiel said that it does, but has no chair.

A. Roberts asked about the long term support, in terms of non-contractual releases, etc for the chair of the committee to do the work needed. T. Pfannestiel said 'yes'. He also noted that while the language was poorly worded, the intent of the phrase was to decide on and implement an assessment plan via a specific timeline, rather than conducting a 'by the seat of our pants' assessment of Gen Ed.

Comments focused on the phrase in bold above, and suggested the following:  
"...to achieve ongoing and continuous assessment of the General Education Curriculum".

J. Phillips asked if we have a motion on the floor regarding the document and/or the wording. A. Roberts indicated 'no'. S. Boyden so moved. J. Phillips seconded.

Vote called. Unanimous passage.

Senate asked CCR to set up elections for the spaces on GEEC.

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