

## Faculty Senate Clarion University

Faculty Senate met on September 11, 2017 in 246 Gemmell. A. Roberts chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, S. Boyden, C. Childers, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, S. Harris, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, J. Lyle, J. May, J. McCullough, K. McIntyre, J. Overly, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, J. Touster, P. Woodburne. P. Gent, T. Pfannestiel, and R. Skunda were also present.

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

II. Approval of the Minutes (Ma 1, 2017 – both sets) – J. Overly motioned (J. Croskey seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

Meet Your Advisor Week – J. Croskey distributed information.

Council of Trustee's Meeting – Sept 21, 7PM – Rhoades Student Center

Search Updates – T. Pfannestiel indicated that he was waiting for K. Whitney to discuss those.

IV. President's Report –K. Whitney

K. Whitney began by stating that she was open to questions. She noted that the first day enrollment numbers are up, planning for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary are going well, and the launch of the opioid management has taken place. She thanked R. Feroz for his work on the opioid program and said she is thinking about a strategy for raising money for that program. She added that she leaves tomorrow for the Chancellor's Office and said there is hope to have an interim president at Clarion in the next couple weeks. K. Whitney offered congratulations to those people who got service awards this morning and said she was glad to have the former presidents here for that. She noted that D. Dolans is already doing lots of work for both the 18 and 19 fall enrollment plans to boost numbers and quality of admits.

C. Childers asked what is up with the House study on the PASSHE. K. Whitney said it is the Senate leading it and noted that she thinks some senators are playing games for constituencies. K. Whitney said she will stress importance of all the schools as Chancellor.

J. Croskey said he has had a pair of Honors students reaching out so he thinks recruitment efforts are working. K. Whitney told folks that when they see M. Dunlap to congratulate her because she worked her butt off to get us where we are at right now. The President said it is very tough to recruit this in the neck of the woods, and supplemented by noting that our excellence with grad, transfer, and non-degree populations shows the complexity of enrollment patterns.

J. Lyle asked if the use of consultants can be deemed a success given issues with the searches for a provost and interim provost, among others. K. Whitney said that we have a troubled reputation given the outgoing Chancellor's comments and the strike. She said that firms find new people that otherwise wouldn't get here. She also said that she met with the Provost Search Committee last year about doing things for the search and the sentiment was that it would be tough for faculty to do some of that on their own. She said that results across PASSHE are similar.

D. Lott asked if there are any updates on the rural community college. K. Whitney said they have president and provost and are working with Middle States.

B. Sweet asked if the fact 6 PASSHE schools are seeking presidents was typical (K. Whitney indicated it was not), and said that it seems like this will make it harder to get a person given competition.

R. Skunda said that he knows his mom said last week that she again heard CUP was closing. K. Whitney said the school wasn't and that she has fighting the perception.

A Roberts thanked K. Whitney for her service. K. Whitney said the school was in good hands with T. Pfannestiel. She said she appreciated the Senate for the efforts at administration-faculty governance.

V. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda said that elections were held for the first year seats as well as a couple of other open seats. He said he thought there was a full Senate. The first meeting is tonight.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

B. Sweet said that the read-ins (new business) are read in. C. Childers said that they say they are for fall 2017. B. Sweet indicated that yes they are. He said the first one is to remove some dormant courses because of an email mix-up, and noted that CCPS did vote on this. The rest were for making courses available online and said that the reason was because there was some fear about the ability to deliver them this semester so he was asked if proposal could be pushed thru for online offering ability in case that method was needed.

B. Sweet said that he set the special topics date as 9/19, the major proposal date for 9/29, and the objection date for 10/20. The open hearing is not scheduled yet as he was looking for times that worked for all the members of CCPS and added that he hoped to announce that this week. He also said he let people know that there is an ability to opt out of the inquiry seminars but indicated that he has heard nothing yet about intent to do that. He said that he will wait to see what he gets on that front, if he gets anything, and then develop a process to move forward.

B. Sweet said he thought the W-flag document was to be amended based on the 5/1 minutes but said he hasn't received anything yet.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore stated that he spoke with M. Schaefer about the new code of conduct and added that he thinks that is kind of set in stone so M. Schaefer will be meeting with the departments to discuss it and get feedback about how the code will play-out. M. Lepore asked if we want M. Schaefer to come here and speak. A. Roberts said the 9/25 or 10/9 meetings would work. M. Lepore said he will check on availability.

C. CCR – J. Lyle

J. Lyle said that the call for committee nominations were out.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

J. Phillips said the committee as a goal of aligning the process with the by-laws and added that goal is to work with the AIP process to clarify the faculty role.

E. Budget – C. Childers

C Childers said that she was working with L. Cullo to set-up a meeting.

F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

D. Knepp stated that he was looking at dates for the mentor dinner and said that he would be calling on people to help with that. S. Boyden asked if Senate assists with the training now. P.

Gent said that there was representation and time to meet with people during NOW week even though there were no tenure-track people there. J. Phillips asked how many new tenure-track hires there were; B. Sweet said five.

#### G. Institutional Resources – A. Roberts

E. Foster said she contacted E. Martin for Tippin updates but was yet to hear anything. She said that if people have concerns to let her know. Y. Ayad stated that it seemed like parking lots were being closed without notice. S. Boyden said that the swimmers and divers were concerned about the status of their programs given the Tippin uncertainty.

#### H. Venango – J. May

J. May said that there were still questions about how full-time, online nursing faculty could get on Senate. She noted that T. Fogarty had directed her to T. Pfannestiel. T. Pfannestiel said that Senate needed to make those determinations in the by-laws and said he could assist in the making of that determination. J. May noted the need for a short-term solution. There was discussion of options ranging from self-designation (in terms of campus) to replacing/creating new seats for Senate. It was suggested to see how those folks were classified in the spring election as a first step.

### VII. Old Business

#### A. By-Laws/General Education Recommendations

Still old, still business. A. Roberts expressed confidence that there would be closure on this front.

### VIII. New Business

#### A. CCPS Read-ins – They were read-in.

B. Secretary election – Failed to get a nominee. Will be revisited at the next meeting. J. Lyle agreed to take minutes for a final time.

C. University Conduct Board – T. Kitzmiller – T. Kitzmiller noted that Senate provides folks to the various panels through its committee. He said that the panels cover a range of issues and expressed appreciation for the willingness to serve. He added that the roles are not defined but stated that people volunteer (once on the committee) for specific panels based on email requests from Judicial Services. He said there are a couple trainings a year for new folks and added that while there is not a general need for “re-training” it might make sense for folks now given recent changes in the process. He also stated that he would like to have the committee look at case studies to get everyone on the same page.

D. Assessment of Advising - P. Gent – P. Gent stated that there is a need for assessment of faculty advising as part of our Middle States responsibilities. She asked for Senate to help figure out a way to get folks involved. A. Roberts suggested that as there is no real fit in the existing committees an ad hoc one could be formed. It was decided that Senate would create an Ad Hoc Faculty Advising Assessment committee with six members serving a one-year term. The motion passed unanimously. J. Lyle stated he would add the committee to the existing call for nominations.

E. Guests – A. Roberts asked if there were people members of the Senate wanted to come and speak here. D. Dolans, L. Cullo, P. Gent (Middle States update), G. Price from Education, M. Schaefer, the new Director of Residence Life, and R. Legand were mentioned. It was also suggested to have feedback from someone regarding the new orientation process.

IX. Adjournment – E. Foster moved (B. Sweet seconded). Unanimous passage.