**Faculty Senate**

**Clarion University**

Faculty Senate met on September 26, 2016 in 246 Gemmell. J Phillips chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, C. Childers, D. Clark, J. Croskey, D. Farnsworth, E. Foster, B. Frakes, D. Knepp, R. Leary, M. Lepore, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, J. Lyle, C. Matthews, J. May, J. McCullough, K. McIntyre, J. Overly, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, L. Taylor, J. Touster, P. Woodburne. R. Skunda was also present.

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

II. Approval of the Minutes (September 12, 2016) – B. Frakes motioned (A. Roberts seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

Provost Search Update – A job description has been put together and has been seen by J. Phillips & E. Foster.

Questions for the Provost from Policy - – Policy met with T. Pfannestiel, asked questions and is waiting for responses. T. Pfannestiel has indicated that the Council of Trustee minutes have been, and are being, updated. At this point the 4-16 are missing but the rest have been posted. The July minutes were just approved. R. Leary asked about the consultancy fees for the hiring searches and the costs are 65k for the provost search and 60 for enrollment management.

Promotion workshop this week at Venango – Thurs from 3-4pm

Picket Line Sign-up – D. Clark appealed to folks to help staff the picket line and requested folks to please take time to go to their colleagues and get them to sign up. He asked sign up for teaching slots and please return the form he distributed next Monday. D. Lott asked if sign-up info was being distributed to Venango; D/ Clark said yes. J. Phillips used the moment to remind folks of the rally in Harrisburg on 10/6 and of K. Mash’s visit on Wednesday.

GIS Conference – Y. Ayad let everyone know that the conference is slated for 10/13-14

Undergrad Research – S. Prezzano informed the members of the senate that research grants for undergrads are due 10-10

Seifert Movies – K. McIntyre provided an update for movies scheduled as part of the Seifert series

Boeing, Boeing – R. Leary reminded everyone the 1st theatre event of the season was coming two weeks from now

IV. President’s Report – K. Whitney – no report, no one here

V. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda said that Student Senate had their retreat. He indicated it went well and that people got to know each other. There are 6 new senators (all 1st years), and there are still 2 seats open. R. Skunda noted that Student Senate has started to discuss the idea of a common hour at the university. He said that other schools have one, we don’t, the earliest implementation would be next year.

VI. Committee Reports.

1. CCPS – A. Roberts

A Roberts began by reminding people that the major deadline was Thursday. He added that the objection deadline is 10/22. He indicated he has read-ins, and will have the special topics courses to read-in at the next session.

 B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore said the committee was asked to assist with the sesquicentennial. He said the thought is to come up with awards and judge the merit of individuals. The committee is going to meet in October and discuss this. J. Croskey offered an award idea for students who have been at the university for the centennial and sesquicentennial as he has a student in their sixties who will have been here for both.

 C. CCR – E. Foster

E. Foster brought a slate of names to Faculty Senate to fill the various needs on Senate committees. It was approved unanimously. E. Foster and J. Phillips thanks all of those persons who are willing to serve.

 D. Academic Standards –

No report

 E. Budget – C. Childers

No report

 F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

The faculty mentor dinner is scheduled for 10/25. D. Knepp said he has not seen the list of mentees yet but he hopes it is greater than the four persons from last year.

 G. Institutional Resources – A. Roberts

Facilities Planning has not yet scheduled a meeting; A. Roberts said he thinks it will be held towards the end of October.

 H. Venango – J. May

J. May noted that Venango is not the Venango College of the Health Sciences.

VII. Old Business

1. By-Laws Status Update – J. Phillips asked if anyone wanted to remove the Gen Ed recs from the table. No one did.
2. Clarion Chamber Singers – J. Phillips noted that the resolution went out and was well-received. He added that the provost indicated that there would be some form of recognition for the singers during ALF when they performed outside of the courthouse.
3. Council of Trustees Resolution – J. Phillips indicated that he attended the Trustees meeting two Thursday’s ago and discussed a number of things. He detailed the accomplishments of the Chamber Singers since he was able to speak directly about the Wales trip. He discussed the concerns Senate has with the use of AIPs as an alternative to suspensions (people may be attending the university who do not deserve admission as a result of mixing admit and financial aid policy, and that the recent incidents of government intervention in higher education makes the concern greater). J. Phillips said he introduced the resolution on the need for the president to attend Faculty Senate. He said the situation was unprecedented and unacceptable; he indicated that none of the trustees said anything. J. Phillips added that he participated in a governance meeting a few days ago with the president and others. He noted that they were discussing the need for closer governance relations with the faculty as per a recent Trustees meeting and he suggested coming to Senate. He noted that K. Whitney informed the group that she has a fundamental disagreement with J. Phillips about what it required for governance.

VIII. New Business

1. Capital Campaign and Sesquicentennial Celebration Discussion, Jim Geiger

J. Geiger began by introducing himself and indicating that he has been here 3 years and that he wants to explain the structure of our division. He noted that his office is responsible for marketing, the alumni newsletter, etc., in addition to also managing Foundation relations with the university. He said that M. Kiefer is the CEO of the Foundation, they have a board, they control raising and managing gifts, and that separately we work with them on things like housing and sidewalks and such.

J. Geiger spoke where his office has been and are now. He noted that from FY14 to DY17 the office has gone from 14 people and a 3.1-million-dollar budget to 10 people and 2.4 million. He conceded that some of the budget stuff was due to having a budget that was larger than it would have otherwise been at the time. He noted that part of the reduction is part of the effort to try to save money. J. Geiger spoke about the MOU the school has with the Foundation; we budget 1.1 million of Foundation’s budget. That said he noted that this year we are covering roughly 300 thousand of that obligation because the university has not been wowed by the Foundation and think it can do better. He added that each budget unit gives money to cover the costs so the savings with the Foundation gets dispersed across the university.

Members of the Senate asked questions.

J. Touster asked if the Foundation brings in more than 1.1 million a year; J. Geiger said yes.

J. Touster asked who the Reinhard Villages employees work for. J. Geiger said that they used to be thru outside firm and now are part of the university.

J. Phillips asked how do we got down from owing 1.1 million to 300k. J. Geiger said that he and the president met with them (the Foundation) to discuss earnings and things they have done to justify the reduced pay out.

A. Roberts asked if the Foundation take a cut off all monies; J. Geiger said it depends. He noted that if money comes into the general fund then 100% of it goes to the university and there is no cut. J. Geiger added that they take 1% off the top of donations to create endowments, and highlighted that they use to take 10% of the top of specific-purpose projects but now they don’t.

B. Frakes asked if we pay rent for the Barnes Center thru the Foundation. J. Geiger said he was not sure. J. Phillips said he thinks 300k for the rent comes out of the E&G funds.

J. Phillips asked how well the Foundation is doing now. J. Geiger said that right now we are looking at everything the Foundation does and that all people doing fundraising and alum relations now reports to him.

R. Leary noted that there was an article post-spring meetings that said we spent 7 million with the Zimmerman agency for recruiting. R. Leary asked if this money has done anything. J. Geiger responded by noting that his budget is down and then stating that the 7 million over 7 years is a maximum but that we haven’t spent that much. R. Leary asked how much has been spent, and J. Geiger said he didn’t know off the top of his head. J. Geiger spoke to the work Zimmerman does and said they do ad placements which allows for major discounts because they can drive rates. R. Leary asked if there is evidence of effectiveness. J. Geiger noted that we track applications, they are rising and we attribute that to them. R. Leary asked if it is possible it (money to Zimmerman) drives soft interest and not hard interest since applications but not enrollment is up. R. Leary said that there are a number of folks who are concerned we are not getting the value for the money spent.

J. Phillips asked if we have an out if it is determined the money is not producing. J. Geiger said yes.

E. Foster asked if there is update on the capital campaign. J. Geiger said that his job since he arrived was to evaluate campaign preparedness. He noted that when he arrived the original goal of the campaign was 50 million and he said there needed to be questions asked if this was really doable (he noted that the science center project was the school’s largest project and came in at 11 million, and that the history of money raised was at 2-6 million per year). J. Geiger said the school is looking at a 15 million campaign for Founders Day 18 and it will go public on Founders Day 17. He noted that they have raised 8.2 already. The goal is 5 million for scholarships, 5 million for support, and 5 million for other programs when they align with interests with up to 5 million for Tippin.

J. Phillips asked if we would then do the Tippin project as-is and then add to it based on additional funds. J. Geiger said that the Tippin plan is moving as-is (going for re-bid now) and then they will add money to the pot (for instance, add trophy cases to existing plan).

J. Lyle asked what role of the president is in all of this. J. Geiger noted that she calls and meets folks and actively work with a list of about 150 donors.

J. Phillips noted that a long time ago he had a conversation w H. Tripp where Tripp said that what we need to do is go to non-alums and other people that want to give a ton of money for large fundraising. J. Geiger said that this is not his definition of success because it is hard to get access to those people.

1. ISLAC – J. Phillips noted that he contacted L. Chambers about coming to Senate and that she will be here on 10/10. J. Phillips said that S. Montgomery was slated to be at Senate today but she received an email from the provost telling her she was not authorized to attend the meeting because he would not be able to attend and he did not want her discussing general education without him. S. Montgomery is now set to come on the 24th of October.
2. Committee appointments – Above in committee reports
3. CCPS read-ins – A. Roberts made read-ins.

IX. Adjournment – D. Clark moved (B. Frakes seconded). Unanimous passage.