**Faculty Senate**

**Clarion University**

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, September 28, 2015 in Room 246 Gemmell. J. Croskey chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: J. Aaron, Y. Ayad, S. Boyden, D. Clark, R. Frakes, R. Leary, M. Lepore, D. Lott, H. Luthin, J. Lyle, J. May, C. McAleer, L. Occhipinti. J. O’Donnell, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, E. Sauvage-Callaghan, J. Smrekar, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, J. Touster, and P. Woodburne. S. Fenske, E. Green, R. Gonzales, and R. Nowaczyk were also present.

1. **Call to order –** J.Croskey called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes**

C. McAleer moved and R. Frakes seconded a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2015. The minutes were approved.

1. **Announcements**

* It is Autumn Leaf week.

1. **President’s report – R. Nowaczyk**

* **-** Some enrollment data is available, and more will be coming out later this week
* - The Board of Governors has the Masters degree in accounting on their agenda for approval at their next meeting. This degree will be an online program, with 30 credits, which will allow students to gain the credits needed for the professional license.

**V. Student Senate Report – E. Green**

A new secretary was elected to replace a resignation, and there was also an election of five new senators. Some senators will be attending a leadership conference.

1. **Committee reports**
2. **CCPS – B. Sweet –** The deadline for major curricular proposals was last Friday, and the proposals are on the website. Let B. Sweet know if there are any problems. The objection deadline is 10/16. Also, CCPS met to consider the general education proposal. The committee asked the General Education Council for some revisions. The primary issue is that many of the major changes on the proposed checksheet do not have rationales or explanations in the proposal. The committee also asked for more explanation of the proposed keystones, which are being proposed to replace flags.
3. **Student Affairs – M. Lepore** – No report
4. **CCR – J. Phillips** – No report
5. **Academic Standards – D. Clark** – No report
6. **Budget – J. Touster** – No report
7. **Faculty Affairs – L. Taylor** – No report
8. **Institutional Resources – A. Roberts**

A question was asked at the last meeting about the availability of Tippin through the construction period. A. Roberts checked into this, and was told that there should not be an interruption in usage for the foreseeable future. The work will be begin early in 2016 but will be done in stages. E. Martin will be at Senate’s next meeting.

**H. Venango – J. May** – No report

1. **Old Business** 
   1. **Constitution and bylaws –** B. Sweet said that the CCPS procedure manual will be changed to remove the Council on General Education; this change will go to state meet and discuss for approval. A final version of the changes to the Senate constitution and bylaws will be sent to the president’s office September 29.

**b. Academic standing policy –** J. Croskey reported that K. Whitney reviewed the changes to this policy that Senate recommended at its last meeting and approved them. The updated policy will be posted online.

1. **New Business**

**a. Senate guests**

1. **R. Gonzales**, the dean of Venango College, addressed Senate. She said that the strategic plan for the college is being updated, to reflect that the College now includes academic programs on both campuses and also manages the Venango campus itself. There was a meeting last week to work on a plan for the next three years, which she hopes to have finalized by December. There are interests in increasing collaboration across departments, integrating liberal arts and general education across all programs, and thinking holistically about possible new programs. There was a discussion of the role of traditional arts and sciences disciplines in general education. R. Gonzales said that courses in the College of Arts, Education and Sciences support needs articulated by employers in health care, who want well rounded students. There was a further discussion. J. O’Donnell asked about marketing new programs to online students specifically. R. Gonzales said that she has a long history of working with online courses, and with a limited marketing budget, in can make sense to use very broad ads that include online programs. She said there is a need to make sure that new programs that may be online are suitable for online delivery, and that there are students there. She noted that Clarion’s is only PASSHE webpage that directs potential students easily to online programs, and said that we need to optimize search engine hits. She said that the traditional online student was looking for degree completion, but now there are high school students who have completed high school online. Most online students still come from 300 mile radius.

2. **S. Fenske**, the vice president for Student Affairs, addressed Senate. She noted that student affairs includes athletics, residence life, auxiliary services, leadership, and wellness. Since she started, there have been lots of exciting developments, including the move into Becht, planning the Tippin renovation and the rec pool, and the opening of the new residence halls.

J. Phillips asked about the status of the co-curricular transcript. S. Fenske said that Student Affairs is making progress towards implementing this, and will be focusing first on first year students. It was delayed, but they will probably be looking at next fall to implement it for the freshman cohort.

**B. CCPS** – Read ins

**C. CCR** – J. Phillips distributed a list of committee nominations. He said that there were 26 candidates for 33 slots, and so some candidates were contacted and asked if they would accept more than one appointment. A motion came from the CCR committee to approve the list. The motion passed. The list will be sent in electronic format to committee chairs, and individuals will be notified by email of the appointments.

**D. Minutes** – A suggestion was made to share minutes with the faculty electronically. There was a discussion of the best means of distribution. C. McAleer made a motion, seconded by S. Prezzano, to distribute Senate minutes, once they have been approved, via the all-l list. The motion passed.

**E. Location** – There was a suggestion to move Senate meetings to 146 Gemmell, which is a slightly larger room. There was a discussion. The next Senate meeting will be held there.

1. **Adjournment –** C. McAleer moved to adjourn, seconded by H. Luthin. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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