**Faculty Senate**

**Clarion University**

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, January 26, 2015 in Room 246 Gemmell. J. Phillips chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, D. Clark, R. Frakes, R. Leary, C. Li, D. Lott, H. Luthin, C. Matthews, L. Occhipinti. J. O’Donnell, J. Overly, S. Prezzano, M. Reef, B. Register, A. Roberts, M. Robinson, E. Sauvage-Callaghan, A. Shannonhouse, B. Sweet, and L. Taylor. R. Nowaczyk and K. Whitney were also present.

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

R. Frakes moved and M. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from Monday December 1, 2014. The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

1. **Announcements**

* The PASSHE Chancellor will be visiting Clarion tomorrow. J. Phillips will be meeting with him.
* Candidates for the Vice President of Student Affairs will be on campus next week.

1. **President’s report – K. Whitney**

* K. Whitney welcomed senators back. She noted that she will be meeting with the chancellor during his visit tomorrow. There are no major developments from the new governor yet with regards to higher education. Budget planning anticipates flat funding for next year.
* Update on searches – Candidates for the VP of Student Affairs will be on campus next week for interviews. Roxanne Gonzales-Walker has been hired as the Venango executive dean and will be starting July 1. There is a search underway for a new football coach. Len Cullo has been hired as the new VP for finance and administration. The search for the School of Education director is ongoing.
* Budget planning will be underway in late February thru mid March. K. Whitney will give senators the schedule for RC presentations.

**V. Student Senate Report –** No report

1. **Committee reports**
2. **CCPS – B. Sweet**

An email was sent out to the campus with deadlines for proposals, which are 2/13 for experimental courses and special topics and 2/20 for major changes. The objection deadline will be 3/20. Hearings are tentatively scheduled for 3/27.

K. Whitney asked about the timeframe for making changes to the general education curriculum. B. Sweet said that it depends on when the Council on General Education submits proposals to CCPS. He will be meeting with the Council next week**.** There was a discussion. K. Whitney said that it would be good if the general education curriculum appeals to incoming students, and that it would be helpful to market test some changes. There was a discussion of the process of making changes.

1. **Student Affairs – C. Matthews**

The committee has been given the charge of nominating students for two scholarships, and will be meeting to go over the criteria.

1. **CCR – J. Croskey –** No report

1. **Academic Standards – D. Clark**

The subcommittee chairs will be K. McIntyre for Admissions and P. Klenowski for Athletics.

The committee met over the break to review appeals, and is still waiting on final numbers for readmits

1. **Budget –**

J. Phillips noted that M. Franchino is unable to attend Senate this semester, so we are looking for new budget committee chair.

1. **Faculty Affairs – L. Taylor**

The committee will meet 2/19.

1. **Institutional Resources – A. Roberts**

The Facilities Planning meeting is scheduled for 1/29.

1. **Venango – L. Smith –** No report
2. **Old Business**
3. **Bylaws and Constitution** - The revisions to the Senate bylaws and constitution have been submitted to the president, to move to the council of trustees at their next meeting. J. Phillips noted that the last set of changes were not officially approved.
4. **New Business**
5. **CCPS** – Read ins.
6. **Missing minutes** – A number of sets of Senate minutes were not transferred to the new website. L. Occhipinti will track down the missing minutes to update the website and will create an archive. Also, an updated Senate picture is needed for the website. H. Luthin noted that CCPS guidelines are hard to search for, and will alert J. Strohm.
7. **New agenda items for this semester** –
   1. **Inquiry Seminars** – S. Nix will be invited to Senate on 2/9. J. Phillips noted that the intention is to pilot the seminars in the fall. They will be experimental courses and count as a general education course within the appropriate content areas. J. O’Donnell noted that some won’t count except as electives, if they are not associated with a prefix that applies under the general education checksheet. There was a lengthy discussion. Inquiry seminars that fall into the category could request approval through the Council on General Education to be applied to a specific appropriate area once there were approved by CCPS as experimental. B. Sweet noted that experimental courses are submitted as a read-in but placement in the general education curriculum has to go through the CCPS process and go to Senate for a vote.
   2. **Revisions to general education** – B. Sweet and J. Phillips will be meeting with the Council on General Education next week. J. Phillips noted that the new proposed bylaws will change the general education committee structure.
   3. **Foundations of Excellence** – P. Gent will be asked to come in to discuss this with Senate at some point later in the semester.
   4. **Engaged learners program** – E. Schultz and T. Pfannestiel will be invited to Senate to discuss the program, how it is working, and how it can be improved for the fall. K. Whitney suggested that P. Gent could provide a report on matriculation numbers. S. Prezzano asked how the decision was made to create specific course sections for students in the program. A Roberts noted that this was how the “engaged learners” program was initially set up. There was a discussion. J. Phillips will put this on the Senate agenda for February 23. Senators can send any request for specific information or issues to P. Gent directly or through J. Phillips ahead of time.
   5. **Other items** – Please let J. Phillips know of other items for upcoming Senate agendas.
8. **Adjournment** –M. Robinson moved to adjourn, seconded by R. Frakes. The meeting was adjourned at 4: 29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Occhipinti

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