

**Faculty Senate
Clarion University
11/20/17**

Faculty Senate met on November 20, 2017 in 246 Gemmell. A. Roberts chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, C. Childers, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, S. Harris, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, D. Lott, J. Lyle, J. May, J. McCullough, J. Overly, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, 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.

II. Approval of the Minutes (Sept. 11/6, 2017) – J. Overly (E. Foster seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

A Roberts noted that on the back of the packet containing the agenda and minutes was a note from R. Lane about a pilot program using Beacon, part of the software package Baseline currently in use. The goal of this program is to enable faculty and student affairs to more quickly identify and assist at-risk students. This will impact retention etc. R. Lane, in the note, encouraged faculty to participate in the pilot process. Training will occur on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 10-11:30 and Wednesday, December 6, from 1-2:30. Please notify Bonita Bailey (bbailey@clarion.edu) with your preferred date/time.

A. Roberts also noted that S. Fenske, S. Hoke, and D. Emmings will come to the next Senate meeting to discuss the Orientation process. S. Montgomery will also come to the next Senate meeting to discuss Senate representation on the General Education Executive Council. S. Montgomery will also discuss the W-flag changes going through CCPS.

A. Roberts noted a pleasant Council of Trustees meeting in Pittsburgh last Thursday (11/16). A Roberts closed with a reminder that Tuesday (tomorrow) is 'Friday' for class attendance purposes, and wished everyone a pleasant Thanksgiving.

IV. President's Report – P. Fackler

P. Fackler noted that he is focusing on about 2 major issues. The first issue is the PASSHE and/or legislative goal of 're-engineering' the State System. He believes that there is a window in which to be heard on any reimagining of the State System. He has started to examine every PASSHE policy that he can, that impacts what universities are allowed to do. He will analyze each policy, and grade with a "Good", "Bad" and "Ugly". When he hears the Board of Governors talk of reducing bureaucracy, he hears 'de-regulation', and an opportunity to promote policies that promote increased self-determination at each university. The second major issue, for him, is to understand various data; who has it, where it comes from, etc. Specifically, he wants to know about enrollment management and retention data, space utilization data, and employment cost inflators. The first is of prime importance to our main mission. The second has to do with funding of building demolition and construction. He believes CUP has excess space. Egbert, for example, is empty. The third is for him to better contribute to budget discussions in the future.

V. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda reported that the Social Equity Dinner was held Nov. 15th and was a success. R. Skunda noted that J. Phillips spoke on ageism, which was enjoyable and informative. Wingo is coming up next Friday, and is usually well received by freshmen. He closed by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

B. Sweet noted that CCPS Proposal 130 is the changes to the W flag, which S. Montgomery will speak on at the next Senate meeting. B. Sweet noted a read-in.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore said that the committee will meet Nov. 21, to see how his committee can work with S. Fenske's Student Task Force. He will have a report of that meeting next time.

C. CCR – J. Lyle

No Report

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

Has sent out an email to all members of Academic Standards for a meeting time to take place in Spring. Tentatively the meeting will take place at noon on Jan. 24. Goal will be to notify all members about the By Law changes.

E. Budget – C. Childers

No report

F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

No report

G. Institutional Resources – E. Foster

E. Foster said that the Library committee will meet with T. Latour on 12/1. She awaits response from S. Selker regarding Becker technology issues brought up by J. Lyle in the last meeting. Y. Ayad asked about the requirement of UTAC to have members from Institutional Resources subcommittee on its committee. E. Foster will follow up.

H. Venango – J. May

Meeting was held, but nothing to report.

VII. Old Business

A. By-Laws/Constitution

A. Roberts said that By Law changes had been moved to the President.

VIII. New Business

A. Voting on CCPS major proposals– B. Sweet

C. Childers asked that Proposals 46 and 55 be pulled for discussion. J. Croskey asked Proposal 89 be similarly pulled for discussion.

Proposals 88-89 and 91-92 have outstanding objections, and will be discussed after the previously mentioned proposals have been dealt with.

B. Sweet proposed a vote on the remaining proposals, all of which came from CCSP with positive recommendation. Vote taken, unanimously passed.

Re: 46 and 55 C. Childers asked about the depth and rigor of the proposals. These are for two accelerated BA to MA proposals. P. Gent noted that PASSHE allows the BA to MA accelerated process, but classes have to be counted in each area. Because of the control exerted by each department over whether they will accept the classes, it is impossible to be overly prescriptive in the CCPS proposal. The proposing departments suggested that the given classes met the criteria for an accelerated BA to MA. PASSHE gives universities leeway in determining their own fate on this issue. P. Gent noted that the CCPS proposal was more in the way of a notification, and was a different thing from a traditional CCPS proposal, and met all of PASSHE's requirements. Further, she noted that, while PASSHE did not require much more in terms of notification, L. Hepler wanted some written record of the process. C. Childers was satisfied. A. Roberts called for a vote. Vote taken. Unanimous passage.

J Croskey noted that on Proposal 82 included Psy 260, which does not exist, and was replaced by Psy 310. Discussion concluded that this was a clerical error, and that a vote on the proposal could occur, pending Psychology making the change in course requirement numbering. P. Woodburne moved that a vote occur pending changes by Psychology. Unanimous passage.

The outstanding objections (88-89 and 91-92) have to do with the proposal for COBAIS to be exempt from Freshman Inquiry Seminar classes. These came to Senate with a negative recommendation from CCPS. A Roberts noted that L. Chambers, in her role as leader of the General Education enterprise would be given a chance to object, and COBAIS representatives would then rebut. Questions will follow. D. Hartley said, "on behalf of the chairs, we're going to withdraw those. We're not going to contest the negative outcome from CCPS". A. Roberts clarified that COBAIS was going to withdraw the proposals. D. Hartley said 'yes'. Discussion followed on whether a vote had to occur or not. Given that the proposals were withdrawn, they did not exist, and the process ceased, and could not be voted on.

A Roberts reiterated the W flag outcomes are on the CCPS website, and they will be voted on next time. They come to Senate with a positive recommendation.

IX. Adjournment – D. Knepp moved (B. Sweet seconded). Unanimous passage.