

**Faculty Senate
Minutes
Clarion University
2/1/21**

Faculty Senate met on February 1, 2021 via zoom. J. Knaust chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: V. Aravind, S. Boyden, L. Chambers, C. Childers, J. Croskey, E. Foster, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, C. Li, A. Love, J. Lyle, M. K. McConnell, N. O'Neil, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Shannonhouse, R. Shawgo, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, J. Walsh, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, D. Hartley (for P. Gent), L. Pierce, S. Spang (student senate), were also present. Also present was Zeb Ulom.

- I. Call to Order – J. Knaust called the meeting to order at 3:30.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (11/23, 2020) M. Lepore, moved, (J. Lyle seconded) minutes approved.
- III. Announcements
 - A. The Provost reminded faculty in an email to keep track of online students this term, perhaps more closely than is normal, as payments to faculty for online students will only be forthcoming for those who attend online 80% of the time or more.
 - B. C, Li reminded faculty of the ongoing need for student financial support to attend conferences, even those conferences that are virtual.
 - C. L. Cullo will come on March 15, after the Interim BUD report is finished.

IV. President's Report--D. Pehrsson

In her role as President of Edinboro, which has a different schedule for their faculty senate meetings, she will attempt to be at both sets of senate meetings as frequently as possible.

The report to Middle States 'substantive change' document related to integration has been submitted. She said that this has been a good example of good governance and good process. The new name of the integrated institution are still being vetted. Her preference is for the local name to remain prominent in the new name. The report will be available for public viewing and then go to the Board of Governors.

The BOG meeting will occur on Wednesday, where D. Pehrsson will be reporting.

Tea Times are coming up again.

The president thanked the members of the President's Diversity Council, and especially R. Laugand, in its role in working on ways to break through the issues related systemic racism and to change policies at CUP.

The president is also working with the Sustainability commission seeking ways to reduce paper use and the like.

V. Provost Report—D. Hartley for P. Gent

D. Hartley thanked faculty and expressed appreciation of faculty who are attempting to provide exceptional education in these trying times.

D. Hartley touched on three main points.

First, integration is going well. The program array committee is working hard. No decisions are made yet with regard to program array. Issues that are ongoing include the need to create institutions and committees that will work across the three institutions. For example, Faculty Senate will need to be revamped, possibly to be a local Senate on each campus, and a larger Senate for the new institution. This will be designed, in large measure, by faculty themselves.

The second is the two Middle States reports that are ongoing. The first of these is related to integration and the second is related to our normal Middle States Reaccreditation process.

Middle States will review our report on our intent to integrate. We will give them final revisions in August or Sept.

D. Hartley reminded faculty on the various working groups to keep assessment discussions at the forefront, and expressed his desire and advice that those committees devise simple and efficient assessment schedules up front, rather than trying to 'bolt them on' after the fact.

Regarding Clarion's reaccreditation, the administration has completed its review of the various working group reports, and is working on getting finalized reports to compile and send to Middle States.

The Third item was to share that the administration is anticipating and planning for a Pre-COVID-style opening in Fall '21. Lots of 'ifs' exist, but the desire and hope are there.

In other news, PASSHE approved the concentration in cyber security within the CIS program.

In bad news, the Theater department has moved to put all its majors in moratorium for the foreseeable future. The BA in theater had only 1 student, and the BFA had none. Approximately 7 students are obtaining interdisciplinary majors in areas related to entertainment management and/or theater. These students will be taught out of their programs. D. Hartley expressed a desire that, like choir, that community-oriented and supported theatrical production operations could be maintained. It is unclear if the programs can be saved after integration. J. Croskey suggested perhaps theater and COMM could work together to create.

The proposed academic calendar has been approved by EU and CAL. Discussion noted minor changes made to winter intersession and summer terms. S. Boyden moved to approve. C. Childers seconded. Vote in favor. Motion passed.

J. Knaust asked about the Gen Ed changes being discussed in the integration process. D. Hartley had no specific information on that. He did note that Clarion seems to have the most robust CCPS style process across the three institutions. As with the program array and faculty senate, this process will be largely driven and designed by faculty.

VI. Student Senate – S. Spang

S. Spang noted that the Student Senate holds its third meeting of the term tonight. Elections for the new senate are ongoing. All the CUP student clubs and organizations will hold a virtual activities fair 2/4/21 from 7-9 pm. All groups have their zoom links up on CU Connect. 24 student leaders are on the student COVID advisory task force committee to keep students in the loop regards to COVID. Senate is also dealing with student concerns in an ongoing manner.

VII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

The various deadlines were emailed out, and will be emailed out again. Experimental course deadline is Weds, Feb. 10. Major change proposals are due 2/26, and objections are due March 19.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M Lepore noted that several changes were made to the student code of conduct. The three main areas are related to COVID, Conduct, and Title IX.

Regarding COVID, all students coming to campus have been tested, and in a specific on-going process, 20% of students are tested weekly.

Regarding Conduct, PASSHE is working on a 14-school code of conduct.

Regarding Title IX, several changes were made. Among the changes are some related to: when sanctions could be placed upon students who have since graduated; terminology; the role of the advisor; equity in student ability or inability to have an attorney present, among others.

C. CCR – A. Roberts

No report

D. Academic Standards – M. McConnell

No report

E. Budget – C. Childers

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F. Faculty Affairs – J. Walsh

The committee is working on how to do a retirement celebration to cover two years of retirees.

G. Institutional Resources – L. Taylor

No report

H. Venango – J. May

J. May was absent.

VIII. Old Business

A. Gen Ed Requirements Document

L. Pierce has finished incorporating the changes to the Gen Ed document.

B. Waiver of INQ requirements

L. Chambers and V. Rao have written and reviewed the CCPS proposal to eliminate the INQ requirement for Fall '21. She asks Senate to read it and be ready to vote next meeting, so it can go to CCPS in a timely fashion.

C. General Education and University Wide Learning Outcomes

L. Pierce noted that, for Middle States, CUP must review the General Education and University Wide Learning Outcomes. It is not the case that we need to change them, but they do need periodic review. P. Woodburne and B. O'Neil have volunteered to be the Senate Gen Ed Select Committee, to work with L. Pierce on this issue.

IX. New Business

No New Business

X. Adjournment – B. Sweet moved (C. Childers seconded). Unanimous passage by hitting the ‘end of zoom meeting’ button.