

**Faculty Senate
Clarion University
4/16/18**

Faculty Senate met on April 16, 2018 in 246 Gemmell. A. Roberts chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, S. Boyden, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, S. Harris, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, J Lyle, J. May, J. McCullough, K. McIntyre, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, J. Touster, P. Woodburne. P. Fackler, 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 (4/2, 2018) – E. Foster, (Y. Ayad seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

A. Roberts noted that the Elections (Faculty Senate and APSCUF) are up and running, and that the Faculty Senate elections had 90 votes so far, since the election began in the early afternoon.

IV. President's Report-- P. Fackler

P. Fackler covered 5 items today. First was a review of the little he knew of the Chancellor search. He noted that there will be a meeting on April 23 for the PASSHE presidents to meet the Chancellor candidates. The interviews will be done the next day by the Board of Governors.

Second, he read the email from Milissa Bauer, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. The committee is happy with the new candidates, and will bring some candidates from April 29-May 4. All candidates will visit in 1 week.

Third, the strategic future vision of Venango Campus is the focus of a steering committee. Committee is made up of APSCUF, Faculty, Community, and interested parties. Committee make up will go to Venango Advisory Council for approval. Task is to look at the campus and its reason for being, and its strategy for going forward. A. Roberts asked about the scope or limit of the Venango Campus steering committee, whether 'everything is on the table' or not. P. Fackler noted that, perhaps, a change of focus may be in order, toward adult education/job training, etc. This is consistent with advice from advisory committee meetings. This would be a return to that basic vision. T. Pfannestiel noted that the goal was not to close the campus.

Fourth, after checking with computing services, there is nothing to hinder the broad dissemination of commencement across the internet. There had been concerns raised at Facilities Planning about the limitation on the number of viewers the system could handle. Apparently CUP graduation will be broadcast on the internet to all who wish to view it.

Fifth, President Fackler announced that Dr. Pam Gent has been asked to take on, and has accepted, the position of Interim Provost. Senate applauded.

V. Student Senate –

R. Skunda noted that student senate elections are tonight, which means a long meeting. He also noted that the Reinhard Awards are April 25th at 7 pm.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

B. Sweet noted that the dormant courses have been noted again and will be deleted. They will be read-in at the next meeting. Also, that the most recent read-ins from CCPS are now read-in.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore was absent. No report.

C. CCR – J. Lyle

J. Lyle noted that the Senate Elections are going forward and will continue until 4 pm on Tuesday, April 17. CCR is meeting at 4 pm to certify the results. CCR will also meet at 3:30 to discuss the self-nominations for the GEEC.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

No report

E. Budget – J. Knaust

No report, except to note that Len Cullo will be at the last (next) Senate meeting.

F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

D. Knepp said the retirement party is going well. The brochure is almost done.

G. Institutional Resources – E. Foster

E. Foster noted that there had been a ‘deep’ internet interruption at Reinhard Village. This is being looked into. Res. Life is looking into whether the vendor is providing services as contracted. E. Foster was not told of the cause of the interruption. The last Tippin update was sent as via email, so that has remained the same.

H. Venango – J. May

Public safety is no up at Venango Campus as needed. Long term plans are being worked out for public safety coverage in the future. A blown transformer was taken care of quickly by myriad first responders.

VII. Old Business

A. By Laws/Constitution

A. Roberts noted that the Council of Trustees will meet April 19, and expects approval of the amended By-Laws/Constitution.

B. Seifert Cultural Series

T. Pfannestiel reiterated that the committee was still in process of figuring out how the committee would work and the degree to which faculty would be involved. K. McIntyre stated the faculty position that it is important to keep faculty highly involved on the committee, and argued against the seeming position of students and some administration members seek to limit such involvement. T. Pfannestiel reiterated the fact that he directed S. Fenske to make sure faculty are involved at the start of the committee decision-making process, and not only at the end. The committee is still working this out.

C. Haines

A. Roberts noted that P. Fackler had said he did not meet his deadline to provide amended Haines language, by this senate meeting, but would have language in the next few days.

D. Retiree emails

P. Faclker noted that PEC was unhappy about the decision to limit retiree email, and that he has stopped the elimination unless and until the PASSHE lawyers can give a good rationale

VIII. New Business

A. CCPS .

Standing objections to proposals 002 and 081.

Senators pulled out proposals 22, 90, 91, 92, 95, 93, as well as 132, 19, 51, 57, 80.

90, 91, 92, 95 have to do with Honors.

132, 19, 51, 57, 80 have to do with INQ numbering and other issues.

Proposal 22 was a quick fix on a chemistry proposal, clarifying when some classes are to be offered. Vote taken, passed unanimously.

D. Clark noted that the proposals 19, 51, 57, 80 seem to cover much the same issue as 132, and asked if they could be taken as a group, and/or set aside, because 132 seems to be the overarching proposal. L. Chambers agreed and noted that the issue was to re-name all INQ classes as sections of INQ 100, or titles, not as separate topics. After some discussion, vote called. Came to Senate with a positive recommendation. Passed unanimously.

R. Raehsler is seeking flexibility to offer Honors classes in those cases when a class cannot be offered at the last minute as the faculty member gets called back to teach in their own department. His proposal was to rename the HON classes as “great ideas in . . . “ Sciences, Social Sciences, Art/Humanities, and to essentially mimic the old grad council, where faculty are listed and approved (by senate) and can be more easily slipped into the shell classes created by the ‘great ideas’ classes. Discussion centered around whether Honors compares more to INQ or is a separate thing, and whether HON should have a stable of classes on the books, ready to go. D. Clark argued that the process proposed seemed redundant to CCPS. R. Raehsler noted that, due to the speed by which a faculty member may be called away from an Honors class, and because the learning outcomes of all the HON classes in the sophomore series are the same, it made sense to trust the director and the Honors council to speedily find a replacement. Vote called, passed.

Moving to standing objection 002, CIS proposes to alter the department of record, and to alter the course content of DA 550. The issue is that DA 550 was given to CIS without ECON’s knowledge and without CIS’s intent, and how best to solve the acknowledged mistake. ECON’s essential point was to have CCPS and Senate policy work through, and have the proposal rejected, to avoid a precedent. CIS’s basic view is to acknowledge the mistake, and to transfer ownership, with the knowledge that a ruling where they possibly cannot teach the class will result in a serious disruption to their students. General view coalesced around the suggestion that CIS continue to teach the class, and create a new class proposal to CCPS in time for the next time DA 550 is scheduled to be offered.

Proposal 002 came to Senate with a negative recommendation, so a vote of Aye, is to uphold the negative recommendation, and a note of ‘no’ is to reverse CCPS’s recommendation, to allow CIS to take control of DA 550. Vote taken, Majority ‘Aye’. P. Woodburne and two or three others abstained.

Moving to standing objection 081, PHIL proposed to alter is BA, by altering the modern language competency requirements, and adding a broad list of Arts and Humanities classes, and did so in reaction to the threat of moratorium. Modern Languages argued about the slippery slope and the fact that the department has only a couple of minors left. English/Modern Languages also face a potential moratorium and possible elimination of a department/program. Discussion focused on the ‘all or nothing’ view of Modern Languages. Philosophy noted that they had proposed a 6

credit change, keeping some of the foreign language competency, which was not seen as sufficient. Discussion kept coming back to the view that the initial compromise seemed a good solution, given that both departments/programs are in untenable positions. Many agreed with the view of S. Boyden who noted that she could see each view, and agreed with each view, and would likely abstain. S. Boyden also wondered if Senate could really tell a department what to include or not include in its major/program, over-riding that department's control over what it considered necessary for its majors and survival.

After discussion, Philosophy re-proposed its 6 credit compromise, which Modern Language accepted.

J. Knaust moved to table the discussion until the next meeting where proposal 081 would be voted down, and the compromise would be voted in. S. Prezzano seconded. Vote, unanimous passage.

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