

**Faculty Senate
Clarion University
4/22/19**

Faculty Senate met on April 22, 2019 in 250 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: S. Boyden, L. Chambers, C. Childers, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, D. Lott, A. Love, J. Lyle, J. May, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, J. Walsh, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent, and R. Skunda were also present.

- I. Call to Order – J. Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:30.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (4/8, 2019) – A. Roberts, (D. Clark seconded) approval of the minutes.
- III. Announcements
 - 1. Commencement – April 4
 - 2. Last senate meeting of the term. New senate to be seated after this one.
 - 3. Final CAES dean candidate on Tuesday, 107 Eagle Commons.
 - 4. Seifert series speaker tonight
 - 5. Celebration of Learning tomorrow

IV. President’s Report-- D. Pehrsson

D. Pehrsson thanked everyone for attending the Installation/Inauguration of the President. TNI has wrapped up. Executive Council will have a retreat to plan next steps based on the report. The outline of the next steps will be out prior to end of term.

COT meeting went well, discussed Affordability Resolution by Senate. Students are also concerned about affordability. Students also feel, as indicated in discussions between students and D. Pehrsson, that their voices are not heard. This will be worked on in the coming year.

In questioning, C. Childers asked about tuition, and individual schools may or may not be able to act strategically. Perhaps West Chester or Shippensburg could afford to raise tuition, or afford not to. CUP does not have the potential student body to absorb any losses due to raised tuition. D. Pehrsson noted that housing prices have been frozen, and would like to lower tuition, but that is not possible currently.

Might “Systemness” result in a race to lower tuition? Initial thoughts are that students would pay local tuition. Also, issues of local decisions on start times may need to be examined. The view is that all issues are able to be worked out. Perhaps regional tuition, like local tuition to some areas in Ohio, etc.

V. Provost Report—P. Gent

The CAES search committee is ongoing. The last of three candidates will come to campus tomorrow.

Comments and feedback is welcome. Committee meets next week.

Assoc. Provost search job description is in budget office.

Residence Hall notice sent to students. Need to be out of halls by 6 pm on Friday. Sent a note to chairs and deans. S. Fenske said that students have 24 hours after last final to vacate. If students need the time, after 6 pm, to let CA know.

3 Goals are asked of all departments. 1. Student success, 2. Affordability, and 3. “university-ness”, working across silos. To be completed by end of fiscal year.

Discussion on the note to students about getting out of the dorms. This seems an unnecessary and harsh, and the day of departure does not seem to matter to the university. R. Skunda, a CA, noted that the early closure time gave the CAs time to clean and inspect rooms. The early closures worked for Fall and for

Spring break, but now not good. He also noted that, as CA, he cannot waive or give permission to students to leave later, but students have to request it from the dorm coordinator—supervisor of the CAs. Discussion made the point that perhaps graduating seniors could have a waiver from the policy, so that they leave the university in the happiest mood possible. Seems unnecessary for students to do something extra to be able to stay in their dorms. This is the point of dorms. D. Pehrsson will have a conversation with S. Fenske about what this means and if we can change it.

VI. True North Initiative Report—A. Roberts: co-chair

The TNI comment box is available. T. Latour and A. Roberts will meet with D. Pehrsson. A. Roberts thanked everyone who worked on the report, and/or on the various requests for information, or who provided feedback on any aspect.

VII. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda reported that the board was elected. The president was re-elected as well. He was invited go back to Harrisburg next month to shadow a legislator. He is still the rep to Faculty Senate, and will see the body next year.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

Dealt with under new business. Read-ins are read-in.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

Reviewed Reinhard award nominations. M. Lepore noted that the Reinhard awards were coming up.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

Eight new/returning senators voted in, and accepted.

J. Knaust noted that Survey Monkey for voting resulted in 3 times as many votes as nominating petitions. Maybe we can figure out how to use Survey Monkey for nominations.

CCR has sent two names, C. Mc Carrick and A. Roberts, to Provost for Assoc. Provost search committee.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

No report

E. Budget – A. Roberts

No report

F. Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

Retirement reception is April 23, at 4 pm in Moore Hall (3:30 for retirees and pictures). Some 9 of 11 retirees have agreed to attend. Menu likely to be similar to last year. Thanks to those who wrote bios and those who introduce the retirees.

G. Institutional Resources – A. Love

Tippin is on schedule, as are the various steam tunnel repairs. Exercise area to be placed between Marwick-Boyd and the Rec Center. Accessibility to Suites on Main South will be finished by fall. Campus signage is being considered in 3 stages. Ideas to revamp the bell tower area have been sent around to some people on campus. Proposal is to put a broad set of steps up the small hill by the bell tower, and placement of a main walkway in the grass between the library and Becht Hall. The comment in the meeting was that the fence there appeared to be in place to keep the animals in or out.

A butterfly garden is in early stages to take advantage of wet spots and bad drainage.

H. Venango – J. May

Suhr and Montgomery hall at Venango to be revamped to create a 1 stop shop, and other changes.

IX. New Business

1. Ron Radacker, Student Success, and Retention.

Key issue is the retention from second to the third or fourth semester. Looking at how many left after the 3rd term, and after the 4th term. Typically we lose about 150 or so over the year, with most leaving after the 3rd term. Getting anecdotal data nationally about Sophomore slumps. Many students leave mid-year, not coming back after Christmas break.

Discussion on the disconnects they or we may have. Discussion on majors. Sometimes students fail out of a major early (a ‘C’ in a nursing class makes it impossible to continue) even in the second year. Perhaps we ‘front load’ a major too soon. Students may not declare a major and lack connection to faculty or cohorts of students in the second year (and feel disconnected if they drop a major). The 1st year has a series of events/curriculum to keep students engaged and feel connected. This is lacking in 2nd year. Lack of majors may contribute to feeling of being lost. Students may leave and ‘start over’ at a different institution. Can we assist with guidance them to remain engaged here as they try to figure out a new major. Can we work with minors to create feelings of connection?

2. General Education: Q and W flag outcomes

The select committee has revised the definitions, and kept the number of outcomes from 5 to 2. As this is a proposal to alter Gen Ed, it should come to Senate, which sends it to the select committee, which reports to Senate, which sends it to CCPS and back to Senate. Due to time pressures, the Policy Committee determined the proposal would go right to CCPS, and then to Senate.

To consider the proposal, J. Lyle requested a motion suspending normal rules. E. Foster moved, S. Boyden seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred. It was noted that the 5 outcomes seemed to be just condensed to 2, and whether this was a real change to 2 outcomes, or just denser outcomes. Discussion also on what assessing written communication means. The question was about assessing the W flag vs writing. P. Gent noted that we have two parallel assessment systems; one for various outcomes, like writing in a program, and another for assessing writing, say, in Gen Ed. Gen Ed writing is about revision, etc, while writing in a discipline may be a lab report, or something that may not require/allow revisions. The two can be assessed, but that this discussion was on the Gen Ed program outcomes.

Question called. E. Foster moved to vote, S. Boyden seconded. Aye’s carried.

Normal Rules: E. Foster moved normal rules be reinstated, S. Boyden seconded. Vote unanimous.

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J. Lyle noted that D. Lott was re-elected senator, but has a class conflict next year. A replacement will have to be found. Will be first order of business for new CCR in fall.

XI. Adjournment – J. Knaust moved (B. Sweet seconded). Unanimous passage.

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First meeting of 2019-2020 Senate.

I. Call to Order – J. Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Acknowledgement of new senators; Marcella McConnell, Vasudeva Aravind, Amy Shannonhouse, Bell O'Neill.

II. Elections for new officers

Chair: A. Roberts nominated J. Lyle, B. Sweet seconded. J. Croskey moved to close nominations, B. Sweet seconded. Motion to close carried. J. Lyle accepted. Vote to elect J. Lyle as Senate Chair passed.

Vice Chair/CCR: A. Roberts nominated J. Knaust. S. Boyden seconded. S. Prezzano moved to close nominations, M. Lepore seconded. Motion to close carried. J. Knaust accepted. Vote to elect J. Knaust as Senate Vice-Chair passed.

Secretary: A. Roberts nominated P. Woodburne J. Knaust seconded. C. Childers moved to close nominations. J. Croskey. P. Woodburne accepted. Motion to close carried. Vote to elect P. Woodburne as Senate Secretary passed.

Members of CCR: C. Childers nominated S. Prezzano. J. Croskey seconded, J. Phillips nominated P. Woodburne. P. Woodburne declined to be nominated. J. Croskey nominated L. Chambers. S. Boyden seconded. M. Lepore moved to close nominations. C. Childers seconded. Vote to close nominations passed. S. Prezzano and L. Chambers accepted. Vote to elect S. Prezzano and L. Chambers as members of CCR passed.