

## Clarion University

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, November 17, 2014 in Room 246 Gemmell. J. Phillips chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: Y. Ayad, D. Clark, J. Croskey, R. Frakes, M. Franchino, R. Leary, 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, L. Smith, B. Sweet, and L. Taylor. R. Nowaczyk, K. Whitney, and a number of additional faculty members were also present.

**I. Call to order** – J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

R. Frakes moved and Y. Ayad seconded a motion to approve the minutes from November 3, 2014. The minutes were approved with one typographic correction.

**III. Announcements**

- Campus interviews for the Vice President for Finance and Administration are on-going this week
- The Taming of the Shrew will be presented this week, Wednesday through Sunday, in the Little Theater.

**IV. President's report – K. Whitney**

Thanks to members of the search committee for the Vice President of Finance and Administration for their work. Copies of the position profile were distributed and reviewed. K. Whitney noted that the person in this position will be critical in financial planning and working with institutional stability, and so needs to be technically competent but also able to communicate with others. It is hoped that the new hire can start early in the spring. P. Fackler will stay through short transition period.

K. Whitney is working with the Foundation, deans and the provost on planning the next comprehensive campaign. This campaign will be aligned with the university's mission and high academic priorities. K. Whitney will provide a brief outline of the campaign to Senate once a plan is completed.

K. Whitney will be meeting with the chancellor and discussing the transition with the new governor.

R. Nowaczyk reported that scholarships for incoming students have been announced. These include an additional \$1000 for high-achieving students majoring in Education with a dual certification. He noted that there is additional scholarship support available for students majoring in some strategic areas including business, STEM, and health. There is also some other money for outstanding students in other programs. There was a lot of interest in these scholarships at last week's open house.

R. Nowaczyk said that as of last week, the university has received about 60 more applications than last year at this point and about 40 more completed applications ahead. Deposits are down 2 compared last year. D. Behr will be coming to Senate next week.

K. Whitney noted that the scholarship profile is an aggressive effort to increase the academic profile of students across the university.

There was a brief discussion.

K. Whitney noted that she will pass on information about state appropriations as it becomes available.

J. Phillips said that he has been serving as co-coordinator of the SECA campaign, with Shelley Williams, and that the campaign raised \$21,000, exceeding the goal of \$18,000.

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

## **VI. New Business**

1) CCPS – major curricular proposals

B. Sweet presented the proposals, noting that proposals 98, 102, 104, and 105 were pulled for discussion due to standing objections. Proposals 116-123 were set aside as General Education proposals. Proposal 88 was withdrawn by the department.

Senators requested that proposals 51-64, 66, 68, 78, 125, 75, 91, 92, 93, 77, and 84 be pulled for discussion.

A motion came from the CCPS committee to approve the remaining proposals, all with a positive recommendation from the CCPS committee.

The motion passed.

On proposals 51 – 66, 68, 78, 125, R. Leary asked if the prefix LEGL implies that the courses will be taught by someone with JD or who has passed the bar. J. Belloit replied that all of the courses would be except for one, the real estate course (proposal number 66). There was a discussion. D. Lott noted that several courses were moved from the 200- to the 300- level, and that this results in 24 out of 39 credits for the paralegal degree being upper level courses. J. Belloit replied that they are positioning the courses to be part of a four year program, and that there was no limit for upper level course for an associate's degree.

R. Leary requested that proposal 66 receive a separate vote.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposals 51 – 65, 68, 78, and 125. The motion passed.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 66. The motion passed.

On proposals 75 and 91, D. Clark noted that this proposal included a different checksheet than the one in proposal 91. B. Smith replied that it was an issue with timing of approvals. There was a brief discussion. The department withdrew proposal 75, and will resolve the checksheet issues. J. Overly noted that the checksheet on proposal 91 had a typographical error; the asterisk at the bottom of the checksheet should refer to ED 332 not ED 337.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 91, with the typographical correction. The motion passed.

On proposals 92 and 93, L. Occhipinti asked what the department of record is for Military Science. R. Nowaczyk replied that it is directly under the provost's office as a joint program with Slippery Rock. There was a brief discussion.

The proposal were tabled by acclamation, to be sent back to CCPS for review of its standing.

On proposal 77, A. Roberts asked if Senate had approved a proposal for a masters in accountancy last spring. B. Sweet replied that it was approved as a “pop-up” program that was not subsequently approved by PASSE. The current proposal is for a regular degree. There was a brief discussion. R. Frakes asked if there were enough faculty to support the degree. P. Frese said that there will be four faculty total.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 77. The motion passed.

On proposal 84, the BS in Sports Management, A. Roberts asked if the change was truly a name change only or if there were changes in degree requirements. D. Knepp replied that it is a name change. C. McAleer said that PASSHE had indicated it would support this. There was a discussion about the procedure and about changes to the checksheet. Senators expressed concern that new degrees should not be introduced as a change in name only.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 84. The motion passed.

Proposals 116-123 related to General Education.

Proposal number 118 was pulled due to questions about how many flags could be on one course. A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposals 116, 117, and 119-123. The motion passed.

Proposals 104, 105, 102, and 98, from Library Science, came with a positive recommendation from CCPS but a standing objection from the CIS Department.

J. O’Donnell presented the objection by CIS. The department objects to the use of the term “information science,” because CIS teaches this as an integral part of its degrees. He said that it sets a precedent of a department expanding into what another department already is doing.

B. Buchanan replied on behalf of Library Science. He said that the department’s accreditation report expressed concern that there needs to be more information science in the master’s program, which the department responded to by hiring faculty with those skills. He said that the department is not trying to infringe on CIS, but information science is an interdisciplinary area, and is addressed very differently in a library program.

J O’Donnell said that the objection is specifically to the name information science.

There was a discussion of the negotiations between the two departments that did not result in a compromise.

There was a discussion of specific requirements of the library course offerings, as well as possible alternative names.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 98. The motion passed.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 102. The motion failed.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 104. The motion failed.

A motion came from the CCPS committee with a positive recommendation to approve proposal 105. The motion failed.

**VII. Committee reports**

**A. CCPS – B. Sweet**

There were read ins.

**B. Student Affairs – C. Matthews – No report**

**C. CCR – J. Croskey**

A motion was made by the CCR to approve J. Aaron, Y. Kim, and S. Gendler as faculty members for the University-Wide Professional Development Committee. The motion passed.

**D. Academic Standards – D. Clark – No report**

**E. Budget – M. Franchino – No report**

**F. Faculty Affairs – L. Taylor**

The committee is working on planning the faculty retirement reception and drafting a values statement on faculty promotion, tenure, and evaluation.

**G. Institutional Resources – A. Roberts**

The recently scheduled facilities planning meeting was cancelled.

**H. Venango – L. Smith – No report**

**VIII. Old Business**

- 1) Bylaws revisions. Revisions will be finalized at the next meeting to be sent to the president.

R. Frakes asked if Senate would address the proposed inquiry seminars. J. Phillips replied that if they are new courses they would go through CCPS. This issue will be addressed further at the next Senate meeting.

**IX. Adjournment –M. Robinson moved to adjourn, seconded by B. Sweet. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Occhipinti  
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