

**Faculty Senate
Minutes
Clarion University
10/21/19**

Faculty Senate met on November 4th, 2019 in 250 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: J. Croskey, J. Haight, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, C. Li, A. Lockwood, J. Lyle, M. McConnell, J. McCullough, N. O’Neil, K. Overmoyer, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, L. Taylor, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent, J. Hendershott, 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 (10/21, 2019) – M. Lepore, (S. Boyden seconded) approval of the minutes. Minutes approved.

III. Announcements

1. Common Hour Open Forum – November 15, 2:00 PM, SOMN Theatre
2. Council of Trustees Meeting - November 21, 7:00 PM, 108 Eagle Commons
3. OER Survey forthcoming by end of the week
4. Ralph Leary will attend CCPS day in Senate
5. PSAC Commissioner will be on campus 11/18

IV. President’s Report-- D. Pehrsson

D. Pehrsson noted that there was a death of a student in the past few days. She was a former student who came back to continue her education, and died suddenly of Leukemia. All are saddened.

CUP saw a 4% overall rise in freshmen on campus, and a rise in retention over last year. D. Dollins is doing a great job tracking aspects of student demographics to better track our students. Open houses and quality of education seem to fuel retention. New emphases fueling growth of students from local surroundings (38 students)—not going to SRU, for ex. She thanked everyone for the work done during discovery days and open houses.

Wanting a dashboard so we can all track our retention, etc numbers.

Was recently at a meeting with African American alums in Philadelphia (Party With A Purpose), from back when only a very few Af Americans were on campus. Meeting was to raise funds to benefit student resource room on campus. Group raised a minimum of \$2,400 at that event, plus many boxes of materials for the student pantry/student resource room on campus.

Sees ongoing need for faculty development on developing skills on communication and diversity issues.

Also sees a need for upgrading teaching technology in classrooms, and time to release faculty to teach more.

Pressing issues related to PASSHE that concerns the President; 1) the uniqueness of CUP and to advocate for CUP. PASSHE does not know CUP, and need to know us; 2) Get ahead of the changes coming down: like a firehose of changes hitting the system, 3) Collaboration re: redesign. Keep conversation lively, informed and current, 4) Affordability. This is a major of students leaving college. Making progress on tuition setting, housing costs, etc.

In questioning, discussion occurred on maybe forgiveness of past tuition debt. A market seems to exist for past students who would like to come back, but who have debt and cannot. CUP can work with students when the debt gets below \$1,000. Once debt goes to the Atty General's office there is less CUP can do.

V. Provost Report—P. Gent

Middle States Self Study is underway. The 5 year review is under a draft, and should be forward looking and useful.

The two searches are in various stages. The Dean search committee met and hopes to have a person in place by Spring semester. The AVP of Student Success is out of budget, and will be in search mode soon. The announcement will be made to faculty this week.

PASSHE is working on various issues related to Redesign. 1) Collaboration PASSHE where schools share courses, such as getting students to an accelerated BA to MA in Lib Sci, etc. 2) PASSHE Online, where PASSHE may decide on a system whereby each school has particular classes/programs that others are not allowed to duplicate, or where schools build a consortium model where degrees are less distinctly local. PASSHE will decide which approach to go with. PASSHE promised that schools like CUP, where online is big, will NOT be harmed. 3) Developmental Education, where we look at the placement of students into remedial classes, or not to do so. One issue is whether ALEKS works for math placement. Another is whether the self-diagnostic placement work for English 111.

VI. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. said that the Social Equity Dinner 25th anniversary is coming up on Thursday, and invitations have been sent to various past presidents, Governor and others. The Student Needs Scholarship will launch next Monday and will go for 2 weeks. Asked faculty to tell students to apply.

Inter-Hall president may or may not come to Senate.

VII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

CCPS open hearings are Nov. 7 at 3:30 SOMS in 9A and 9B. B. Sweet noted that Ralph Leary will come to Senate on the last CCPS day, Nov. 18th, to be honored and roasted.

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

Student Affairs Student Advisory Council will meet on Weds and M. Lepore will bring a report to Senate then.

The Safe Schools event is upcoming in November 22, with 50 or more signed up.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

No report

D. Academic Standards – A. Roberts

No report

E. Budget – C. Childers

No report

F Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

Faculty Mentor program dinner is Nov. 5 at 5 pm in 107 Eagle Commons. All 4 new tenure track members are due to come, as is one faculty who is changing positions. The program has 4 speakers.

G. Institutional Resources – L. Taylor

No report

H. Venango – J. May

No report

VIII. New Business

Police Chief Hendershott came to discuss parking and related issues.

CUP does NOT have the most expensive permits. Our permits are in the top 4 or 5 for expense, but our fines are lower. The goal is to make sufficient revenues but to not make it off the fines on those least able to pay. At the same time, CUP fines are \$15 while those in town are \$5.

Fines do have to be pernicious enough to alter behavior. The goal is to give few fines. Indeed, compliance is up while things like car tire ‘boots’ are down. Student parking costs essentially \$1 per day if purchase a permit. Parking does sell daily permits at \$3 per day to accommodate those needs.

CUP does offer free parking in the stadium, but, realistically, students may start out thinking they will park there, but change their mind when winter arrives.

The lack of parking is more an issue of ‘no parking close to where I want to be when I want to be there’ as opposed to not enough spaces. Lot 3, for example, down below SOMN, is under-utilized by some 150 or more spots daily. No one wants to walk up all the steps.

CUP does oversell commuter permits by about 10%, while other schools do by some 20% or more.

Money from payments goes to parking space improving, with a goal to not neglecting maintenance. Cheaper to maintain than to have to repair later. Other things the payments go to is to partially fund one position, and to purchase new equipment, such as two hand-held ticket writing/dispensing machines.

In other news, the BOG gave CUP police the power to take custody of students for public intoxication and select other offenses. Legally, CUP police cannot take custody of students unless given the authority by the BOG. The last resort is to put intoxicated students in jail for a night. Students will be released into custody of a sober person instead of going to jail, or put in a ‘time out room’ in CUP police building.

It is the case that permit bills are not issued until the student picks up the permit, so the bill may arrive after the student has paid the main tuition bill.

IX. Old Business

No old business

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

