

**Faculty Senate
Clarion University
12/3/18**

Faculty Senate met on December 3, 2018 in 246 Gemmell. J. Lyle chaired the meeting, with the following senators present: L. Chambers, C. Childers, D. Clark, J. Croskey, E. Foster, J. Knaust, D. Knepp, M. Lepore, L. Lillard, A. Lockwood, D. Lott, J. Lyle, J. May, J. Overly, J. Phillips, S. Prezzano, A. Roberts, A. Rosati, B. Sweet, J. Walsh, P. Woodburne. D. Pehrsson, P. Gent, R. Skunda, and S. Montgomery were also present.

- I. Call to Order – J. Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:32.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (11/19, 2018) – E. Foster, (C. Childers seconded) approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Announcements
 1. Council of Trustees meeting delayed until December 14th
 2. Commencement, Dec. 15th
 3. Provost Search Meetings, Dec. 3, and 5, at various places/times for various groups.
 4. First Senate meetings of Spring, for Policy and full Senate are Wednesday, Ja. 16 and 23, due to start of term and holiday.

IV. President's Report-- D. Pehrsson
The president summarized a few points.
The Council of Trustees meeting has been delayed, as was noted in the announcements.

The Venango Task Force report was shared with the PEC and the co-chairs of TNI, which have read or will read and review, and use to make recommendations. The full TNI will get the report soon and will use it to ask for more data and as a guide for their deliberations.

She will meet with the Venango Advisory Board in about a week and will give them an update on the Task Force at that time.

She noted looking forward to marching and attending graduation, and ask the faculty to attend as well. She noted that the COT will meet and will tour the Tippin renovations. The renovations seem to be moving apace, with great results so far.

The President noted that she is on the PASSHE University Success Committee for Restructuring of the PASSHE system. The committee meets bi-weekly, and is looking for indicators of university success linked to community partnerships. A goal is to augment traditional measures of success, like graduation and retention, with other measures. She

Last, the President noted that the Housing Affordability Committee met last week, and is looking carefully at the cost of housing at CUP, and attempts to mitigate these costs. The committee is charged to find short term solutions, this year, and long term solutions. She wants a report by February 1, as it is very important to get these costs reduced as quickly as possible.

Later this week the "Eagles Rising" video will come out supporting the athletics scholarship campaign.

In response to questions, she noted that members of the Housing Affordability Committee knew that housing costs were high, but that faculty and staff across campus were surprised and taken aback to know that our housing costs were so high compared to our sister/competitor institutions.

J. Lyle thanked the president for speaking at the rally/vigil against violence against minority citizens, primarily at the hands of law enforcement, on Nov, 29th. She replied that it was well attended and was moving.

V. Provost Report—P. Gent

P. Gent noted that she sent out/submitted a report on new learning outcomes and methods of assessing areas where we do not have flags or outcomes. The report is now submitted to the Senate Gen Ed Select Committee. In response to questions, P. Gent wants to get started on this as soon as possible. Senate will look at it and act on it at the first meeting in Spring.

The announcement was made by a member of the CAES Dean Search Committee that the ad is finished and published, and that applications are due by January 31.

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

The TNI met and had reports from J. Geiger, on the marketing of the university, and by P. Gent and S. Hoke, on retention issues. Both reports were very interesting and useful, and eye opening.

The next meeting they will review the Task Force report, and will use it as a basis for asking for more data and to direct their thinking, and as a basis for the formation of sub-committees. Meeting notes are posted on the TNI link on the web page of the president.

VII. Student Senate – R. Skunda

R. Skunda noted that final meeting is tonight, and that President Pehrsson will attend. The final Wingo will occur this Friday. Usually a very successful activity. The Student Need Scholarships applications are in, and are being reviewed by student senate and members of the Student Affairs Committee. Recommendations are due by Friday. These scholarships are for books, and will kick in during Spring.

In question time, A. Roberts noted that a few years ago winter break was shortened. He wondered if students had any anecdotal feel for how this is perceived, how the shortened break impacts the winter session classes, etc. A. Roberts asked R. Skunda to informally ask about this, and maybe give a brief report in Spring.

R. Skunda was asked by J. Lyle to come back and make a presentation on student affordability from a student perspective. J. Lyle noted that faculty perspective, looking at books and housing, may be very different from the interests of students. R. Skunda said that he would be happy to.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. CCPS – B. Sweet

No Report

B. Student Affairs – M. Lepore

M. Lepore reported that the proposed minimum sanctions for various violations of the Academic Code of conduct were reviewed by the committee, and were voted favorably. He asked that these proposed sanctions be approved by Senate to give M. Kitzmiller and the Judicial Affairs office the support of Senate. As this comes out of a standing committee, it does not need a second.

SUMMARY

MINIMUM ACADEMIC SANCTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

*-Recommendations for minimum academic sanctions
from the Student Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate-*

1st Violation

Disciplinary Reprimand or Disciplinary Probation,
letter to faculty,
Module Academic Integrity, and CheckIt!
(if online student Personal Decision Making Module) (Note: or another appropriate module.)

2nd Violation

Disciplinary Probation,
letter to faculty,
Module Academic Integrity, and CheckIt!
(if online student Personal Decision Making Module) (Note: or another appropriate module.)
Referral to Judicial Mentoring Program.
Possible Suspension.

3rd Violation

Disciplinary Suspension for one semester,
letter to faculty,
Module Academic Integrity, and CheckIt!
(if online student Personal Decision Making Module) (Note: or another appropriate module.)
Referral to Judicial Mentoring Program.

Discussion centered on the point of the vote by Senate. This is to give guidance and support to Judicial Affairs, not to have Senate dictate sanctions policy. Also, the point was made that these sanctions are a floor, and not a ceiling, and are a soft floor at that. These sanctions do not tie the hands of Judicial Affairs and the Conduct board, but give guidance so the board has some sense of what has come before, and what the standards are.

Discussion also centered on what sorts of sanctions appear on the transcript and permanent record of the student. Reprimands do not appear on a transcript, while expulsions and probation do appear. M. Lepore noted that these academic (not behavioral) sanctions, in part, are meant to be developmental, and not to follow a student around their entire academic and post university career.

Discussion also flowed into the chart created by Judicial Affairs, with 'color coding' of types of violations. A. Rosati asked if there are minimum sanctions in the various color coded zones, or if they just exist for these academic sanctions. M. Lepore said that they do exist, and that he'd share them with senators.

Call for a vote of support. Passed unanimously.

Finally, the Student Advisory Board met Nov. 28. The committee polled the students about the bus schedule and the meal plans.

C. CCR – J. Knaust

Dr. Li cannot attend Senate next term, so S. Boyden will take his place.

D. Academic Standards – J. Phillips

No report

E. Budget – A. Roberts

No word from L. Cullo regarding setting up his advisory committee to give him feedback regarding the budget. A. Roberts will reach out.

F Faculty Affairs – D. Knepp

No report.

P. Gent noted that K. Roth, J. Jolley, and B. Buchanan are retiring at the end of this semester. J. Aaron, B. Balough are retiring at the end of the year.

G. Institutional Resources – A. Love

No report. A. Love is absent.

H. Venango – J. May

No report.

IX. Old Business

A. CCPS

At the last meeting, one CCPS proposal, 055, was tabled so that final changes can be made. A. Roberts asked that the tabled proposal be brought forth. J. Knaust seconded the motion. Vote taken, and passed unanimously. *[Goal is to broaden the classes, especially in STEM fields, that can be taken by students who may find that continuing in Chemistry, etc is too difficult. Comments made about allowing classes, at the 200 level (the current guide is for 300 level classes), if they have had prerequisites in section 1 of the checksheet. This change was greeted favorably. Other minor changes, such as unreflected changes of prefixes noted].*

Discussion taken, mainly to remind the body of the issues.

Discussion ended. Vote, unanimous in favor.

B. Seifert Cultural Series

J. Lyle wrote up a suggested formalization of the process and committee structure. Attached to back of minutes. Calls for 3 year memberships, starting in March, starting with an arbitrarily chosen 1, 2, and 3 year initial membership, with aspirational language about including members from all colleges.

S. Fenske and B. Hoover want the current committee to remain for another semester, given the lateness of the current committee set up, and the time line of current committee decisions.

J. Knaust moved to send the process/call for membership to CCR. E. Foster second. Vote in favor unanimous. J. Knaust will put the process into the CCR duties.

C. Student Affordability Issues

J. Lyle wants to put something together for dissemination to faculty that speaks to affordability issues. E. Foster emphasized the possibility of faculty contributions to the Emergency Fund.

J. Lyle noted the location and importance of the Gemmell Pantry. J. Lyle asked for any additions to this before he sends it out.

X. Old Business

1. CCPS—dealt with

2. Academic Sanctions—dealt with

3. Guests for Spring
S. Hoke, Jan. 23
Public Safety
Chartwells, maybe
Venango Task Force and TNI
Enrollment issues with D. Dollins

In discussion of public safety, C. Childers asked if public safety salts the sidewalks, or who is in charge. She commented about icy sidewalks, nearly falling coming to class on the first day of hunting season. A. Rosati noted that a student fell on icy sidewalks and had a mild concussion.

4. Student Affordability issues. In discussion, J. Lyle noted that it is possible to donate unused meal plan swipes. This is done at Thanksgiving, where the proceeds went to purchase of turkeys for the public. J. Lyle wondered if this is a thing that can be ongoing for needy students. Possibly something to discuss in Spring.

XI. Adjournment – B. Sweet moved (S. Prezzano seconded). Unanimous passage.

Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series Committee

History and Mission

Mary L. Seifert's rich family history with Clarion University can be traced to 1907 with the enrollment of her mother, Sabina Mooney-Seifert, and her uncle, Charles A. Mooney. From 1909 to 1912, her grandfather, John A. Mooney, served as a trustee for the Clarion Normal School. Shortly after her mother's and uncle's graduations in 1909, their two younger siblings, Thomas W. and John A., were to follow family tradition by attending Clarion. Two of Seifert's uncles became medical doctors after furthering their education at the University of Michigan. To date at least 18 members of her extended family have graduated from Clarion.

Seifert loved music and the arts. As an investment in young people, she chose to endow a culture and lecture series at Clarion University to ignite the passion for learning that she encouraged. Through that endowment, the Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series Endowment of the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., was established to provide the Clarion University community with cultural experiences that inspire learning through thoughtful discussions.

Committee Structure

In order to provide events that will meet the spirit of this endowment, the committee is structured to represent a variety of constituents and interests. The task of facilitating the committee and its work resides in the division of student affairs and is chaired by the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee. Members serve a term that begins in March of each year and ends with the conclusion of all series events the following academic year.

Committee Membership

Committee Chair, Student Affairs Staff member

5 Students from the University Programming Board, Appointed by UAB Advisor

2 members of University Advancement, Appointed by Vice President for Advancement

3 Faculty members (one from each of the Colleges), Appointed by Faculty Senate

Other faculty/content experts as appropriate

Committee Function

The Committee Chair is responsible for contacting each representative area to request new representatives and discuss appointment timeline at the beginning of each spring semester. At the beginning of each cycle, the committee will discuss planning, themes, budget and logistics for the upcoming academic year and garner feedback and ideas from their respective constituent groups.

Funding for this series is provided by the Endowment and the University Activities Board. Upon recommendation from the committee, any discussions about intentionally saving funds in order to finance larger events from year to year will be had between the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Clarion University Foundation. All finances will be handled by the Chair of the committee.