

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Faculty Senate

March 13, 2017

Present: Randall Gooden, Kathryn Pratt Russell, Gail Barnes, Debra Cody, Maribeth Stegall, Eugene Ngezem, Keith Miller, Junfeng Qu, Kevin, Celeste Walley-Jean, Mark Watson, John Mascaritolo, Craig Hill

Non-Members: Kevin Demmitt, Elaine Manglitz, Melanie Darby

- I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - A. The minutes of the February 27 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

- II. Reports of President, Provost and Standing Committees
 - A. President's Report

President Hynes was attending the American Council on Education meeting. He submitted a written report to the Senate, which included this update on Strategic Planning: "As promised, we have scheduled a round of meetings with implementation groups across campus on Strategic Plan 2022. The work to date reported from our colleagues can be found at <http://www.clayton.edu/Strategic-Plan-2022/Progress> The reports of the committees will serve as the foundation for a report card or set of indicators that will be part of our fall faculty meeting 2017. This work has already served as the focal point for budget discussions this spring." Dr. Hynes also conveyed information about the state legislature and budgets, and thanked faculty from all four colleges for participating in the Give4Dreams fundraiser.
 - B. Provost's Report

Provost Demmitt stated that budgeting activity was high as Fiscal Year 2017 moves to a close. The office is focused on identifying needs for the as-yet unspent funds. If faculty need equipment or other items, they should contact their deans. IN FY 2018, there will be a budget reduction by the state, but it hasn't been finalized yet. Summer enrollment is up 6% over last summer (which was up by 12% from the year before). Right now, the budget draft still includes money for building renovations of the lecture hall and the theater. Dean Mukherjee of the College of Business and Dr. Tusing, chair of Visual and Performing Arts, will be leaving for other universities, and the university has initiated national searches for both positions.

- III. Reports of Special Committees

- IV. Special Orders

- V. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- VI. New Business
 - A. Discussion Item: Mass Communications Policy

Dr. Walley-Jean brought this issue to the floor for discussion. She was interested in knowing what the Senate or faculty representatives intended to do with the material collected from the faculty on the subject of Marketing's new role in moderating campus email lists that had formerly been open for faculty to post about events and issues. As a

member of the committee that received the materials, Dr. Walley-Jean wanted to make sure that she was in touch with the Senate about its needs. Dr. Gooden had asked Dr. Walley-Jean to funnel comments on the proposed policy from the Senate to Marketing. In response to a question from a senator about what was happening in terms of consideration and implementation of the new mass e-mail policy, Dr. Demmitt replied that the policy has not come back to the cabinet for consideration. He did not think it would return until more people worked to draft the possible guidelines. Dr. Manglitz confirmed this state of affairs and said that she was interested in hearing more from students as well.

Several faculty raised the concern about censorship being imposed by the Office of Marketing, giving examples of title changes being made to faculty-generated events, with the explanation from Marketing that the former titles were “too controversial.” Melanie Darby, representing the Staff Council, agreed and told the Senate that staff were having experiences of censorship as well. A faculty member asked if this issue were really one of policy, or of personnel instead. Dr. Gooden, when asked, informed the Senate that it did not have the authority to outright halt the policy, but it could make a resolution stating its collective opinion. The Senate decided to vote on a resolution at the next meeting.

VII. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.