

Spring 2016 Faculty Meeting

February 9, 2016 - CE-101

President Hynes called meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

1. President's Remarks – Dr. Tim Hynes

- **Snow:** Forecast for light snow, not much accumulation. Chief Hamil will analyze and advise. Stay tuned.
- **PACE:** Miller will update faculty on PACE, appreciates faculty support.
- **Strategic Plan:** Committee work is ongoing, do not plan to do massive changes; however, wants to get more specific goals in place. Refinement only of the work from five years ago. Plan for the next 3-5 years is the goal. Gaining Carnegie status was a specific item included and with thanks to Vaughan accomplished. Excited for the new outcomes and goals and excited to be held accountable for achievable goals.
- **Legislature:** Hynes has no specific comments regarding the Legislature. The 13.1 million pitch for capital funding was supported by Fayette, Henry, Clayton, legislative representatives; however, has not passed yet. Georgia Tech withdrew request, which left funds on the table to be distributed, Hynes feels certain all the Universities in the system would like to claim stake. Budget Subcommittee meet this morning, J. Flowers attended. Currently proposed salary increase of 3% average per faculty and staff. Funding may be more or less based on assessment. It is a myth that President's do not like giving raises. Hoping for many more. Guns on campus law has been proposed to support the 2nd amendment for those with permits to carry. The bill has not passed Senate nor has the Governor has not stated his position. Hynes is not in favor. Hard to tell what other legislative issues will arise. Modifications in Hope Scholarship Funding not clear at this time. The Budget was passed to appropriate funds for Move on When Ready funding to allow students to attend summer.
- **Questions:** Any news on the **8% budget cut**. No, BOR Staff are trying to figure out how to allocate. May not have answers until April after the General Assembly. **Consolidation?** No news. The only one likely to have issues if consolidating is the President. Typically there are not many changes to faculty during a consolidation. We will continue to serve our community and students to the best of our ability and hope for the best.
- **President's meeting notes can be found at:** <http://www.clayton.edu/President/Communications>.

2. Provost's Remarks – Dr. Kevin Demmitt

- **PACE/EDGE:** A. Miller will provide update on PACE, it is going well and appreciate Miller's hard work. Modeling EDGE after PACE is the goal. A steering committee has been formed for EDGE, faculty may already have been contacted. Has potential for strong impact.
- **Advising/Mentoring:** Encourage to visit the new Advising Center, there is a lot of information in one place. Tracking has been made easier by having one database. Appreciate all support by Colleges/Departments in support of the Advising Center. Research shows central advising equals success for students. Faculty Mentoring is a critical need. We do not want to lose the connection between faculty and students. There is a Summit in November and plans will be implemented in the Fall. A subcommittee was formed to redesign CSU 1022, to include aspects from PACE and EDGE. Task Force is chaired by M. May. Plans to implement new curriculum in upcoming year. Transfer students are also a concern; therefore, there is a need to consider them as well. Appreciate efforts.

3. Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Randall Gooden

- **Faculty Senate and Subcommittees update:** There are 19 senators currently serving. Some of the highlights of the year: Faculty Affairs and UCC both reviewed proposals and shared in faculty governance. Faculty Affairs lead by Musolf adjusted faculty bylaws for consistency. Proposals for replacing senators is forthcoming. Attendance at Commencement is also in review.
- **Motion to Amend the Faculty Bylaws** to Provide for an Ex Officio, Non-Voting Representative from the Provost's Office on the Faculty Affairs Committee. A. Miller expressed concern that this was not provided to faculty before meeting. Gooden stated it was in email with agenda provided by President's Office. What is motive? Committee felt the need to have official bylaws compliant with practice, Academic Affairs already has a member attend. Some further faculty discussion. A motion was made to approve and faculty approved unanimously.

4. PACE Update – Dr. Antoinette Miller

- Maddox video link will be sent later. Middle of the second year and all is well. Most faculty have heard of PACE at this point. Thanks for the assistance of all participants thus far. Spring 2016 there were 20 sections of PACE from freshman seminar to senior level across colleges, departments and disciplines. Expect about the same number for Fall 2016. There are approximately 600 PACE students per year. Expect 300-400 this semester. When PACE first started there were four courses now we are up to twenty. There are wide array of partners. At the end of last semester there were 47 faculty evaluated and they were mostly good. Expanding reach is the goal: non-profits, other schools, Peachtree City, Fayette, etc. Currently looking for student mentors. Encourage your students to apply. There are three active bodies two on campus and one advisory board. If you are interested in participating in any way let A.Miller know. Corrado 8th Annual Civil Engagement at Georgia Archives upcoming. Encourage faculty and students to participate in the Academic Conference. Bailey, Burton, and Miller gave updates on current class projects.
- Questions: PACE courses offered upper division? Yes. Several courses across Departments are currently offered upper division.
- Hynes invited Associate Professors to a meeting regarding Leadership opportunities at University. There will be a total of three sessions and hope to encourage faculty into leadership roles early. Upcoming opportunities will be shared later and will not be in competition with College/Department opportunities.

5. Announcements

- **D2L** – J.Lane advised there was concern over D2L going down over weekend. She did not have issues; however, provided the link to faculty so they may check status: <http://status.usg.edu/gaview/>. J.Lane will follow up with link in email. D.Parham, Director of Client Support Services stated the video tutorials for D2L were out of date and have been removed, they will be replaced. Faculty and Students needing assistance are encouraged to stop by for assistance. All are welcome.
- **Library** – Going great, temperature not adjusted as of yet; however, students are finding their way to Library for services.
- **Academic Conference** – Baily recommended faculty to participate in the upcoming Academic Conference if available. Alumni Kevin Liles will be speaker. Performances will be from 10-12 on the first morning not concurrent to talks.
- **Faculty Senate** – Gooden encouraged all younger faculty who are interested in leadership to attend Faculty Senate. Encourage all interested faculty to seek nomination for Senate or other committees.
- **Health Clinic** – Eichelberger suggested visiting the new Community Health Clinic next to Student Health Services. There is a minimal cost it is not free.

Hynes dismissed with no objection.

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