

Clayton State University – Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday January 12, 2015 (11:00 am-12:15 pm)

University Center Board Room U260

Called to order: 11:00am

Members Present: B. Musolf (Chair), K. Pratt-Russell, K. Kemp, R. Gooden, C. Walley-Jean, M. Grant, J. Mascaritolo, C. Pitskoulis, D. Cody, X. Zornosa, C. Matos, J. Qu, L. Herndon, E. Nagel

Non-Members Present: President T. Hynes, K. Demmitt

- **Approval of Minutes from the November 24, 2014 meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Mascaritolo, and was seconded by J. Qu. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Reports:**
- **President:** President Hynes began by thanking the faculty for the work on achieving the Carnegie classification. Over the last 10 years, it has become a status on which some real rigor has been imposed. It is of great note and considerable praise to our faculty, staff and students that this status was achieved. Dr. Hynes spoke about the merger of Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College: The merger is at two levels- administrative level (VP Academic Affairs, VP Student Affairs, etc) and areas like advising and large data analysis about student success. Things like admission standards and student progression from GPC to GSU, are not likely to see any modifications. Dr. Hynes stated that the legislature may offer some surprises this session, possibly impacting faculty salaries and general budget support for operations.
- **Provost:** Dr. Demmitt stated that we have hired the new Director of Advising, Eric Tack. He was Assistant VP at Oglethorpe. Oglethorpe is rather similar to Clayton State. He was the unanimous choice of the committee and will start Jan 15. Dr. Demmitt stated that the articulation agreement for Logistics and Supply Chain management with Atlanta Tech was approved. Atlanta Tech agreed to follow our curriculum. Students who follow the curriculum can start as a junior in our program. 16 nursing students from South Korea arrived last night and will be here about a month. In the summer, we will be bringing in 16 business students and 16 nursing students. We'll generate about \$24k for our ESL programs to help us offer more support to other students who come needing ESL. Dr. Demmitt addressed the issue of textbooks, stating that we want to be proactive and see what we are doing to reduce the cost of books. These decisions are best made at the department level, but it is wise for us to start now looking at what is good for our students both pedagogically and for their pocketbook. B. Musolf brought up the recent research that indicates that reading books online reduces the understanding and retention, adding that that consideration should be included in discussions.
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- **New Business**
 - **Approve Course proposals from UCC:**
 - **HLth3110 and NURS 3110:** D. Cody moved to approve the courses, and R. Gooden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - **Discuss University Guidelines for Promotion and Tenure:**
 - **Timeline:** Dates for Promotion and Tenure and Post-Tenure were modified to correct errors and to allow more time for deans and the University Promotion and Tenure Committee to review portfolios.
 - **Validation of the appropriate degrees:** A change was made to clarify that the Provost's Office uses the Clayton State Faculty Credential and Hiring Guide. J. Mascaritolo moved to accept the change, seconded by D. Cody. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Old Business:**
 - **Report on Delay of Promotion and Tenure Guidelines:** B. Musolf heard from the Deans about delaying the P&T guidelines. There is at least one college that will have trouble meeting the deadlines. She will talk some more with Dean Roberts about the issue.

- **Discuss University Guidelines for Promotion and Tenure:** The discussion centered around the need for University guidelines for Scholarship. K. Pratt-Russell stated that they are looking at P&T guidelines from other colleges for comparison.
- Updates from Subcommittees:
 - APC: J. Mascaritolo: Committee is on schedule.
 - FAC: No updates.
 - SAC: No updates.
 - UCC: No updates.
 - GAC: No updates.
 - SEI ad hoc committee: No updates.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:54 am