

Clayton State University – Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday January 26, 2015 (11:00 am-12:15 pm)

University Center Board Room U260

Called to order: 11:05 am

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

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

- **Approval of Minutes from the January 12, 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:** Dr. Hynes informed the Faculty Senate that the Planning and Budget Advisory Committee met Friday and that the complete text of the proposal submitted to the Board of Regents that serves as foundation of our budget request is on the president's website. Dr. Hynes stated that the Faculty Meeting this Wednesday is for faculty to have an opportunity early in the semester to ask questions, and for Dr. Hynes to know if there are items that have not emerged from Faculty Senate and other groups that he should know about. The Legislature is in town, Dr. Hynes spent the bulk of last week there, expressing thanks for salary dollars for last year, and requesting to keep bond money that's currently in the budget for a 14 million dollar renovation of campus and IT infrastructure and AC upgrades. The University continues to make progress as fast as they can on library renovations. Bond money will be at a premium in this budget because of demand for transportation funds in this budget. Dr. Hynes felt that a rapid infusion of funds for the library is not likely. He also stated that he does not think there will be enough in the State budget for an average 1% raise without some help from the University.

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- **Provost:** Dr. Demmitt stated that a consultant is coming on February 3rd from the Education Advisory Board and meeting with the Admin council at 9:30, and then with department chairs and Deans in afternoon. They have data for every department: donor majors and acceptance majors, migration patterns, and student success patterns. They've also updated the advisor portal, so that when an advisor or faculty member suggests that a student go to the writing center (for example), it will track if they actually go. Both presentations are open to everyone. Dr. Demmitt stated that we will be focusing now on the second part of the ASTF's recommendations on faculty mentoring. Faculty mentoring could take many forms, for example a faculty member might be working with students on research, sponsoring a student club, or meeting with students one on one. He has asked Susan Hornbuckle to continue chairing the committee for that work. He stated that it is important that we have a way of crediting faculty for their mentoring. Dr. Demmitt reminded the Faculty Senate that summer registration starts on Feb. 3rd, and that there is now a payment plan available, where students can pay their tuition over 3 payments between now and start of summer session. He stated that they will not be putting "must see advisor holds" on students for summer semester at this time. Advisor holds will be placed on students starting March 2.

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- **New Business**
 - **Presentation on Community Standards:** Mr. Jacobs spoke on the current community standards for students. The office provides guidance and support for all those involved in the conduct process, and ensures accused students' legal right to due process. The office offers mediation and sponsor a competition mediation team. They also offer case management to deal with cases that may be referred but are not at the conduct level. Sexual Misconduct has been moved to a Title IX process. Mr. Jacobs outlined how the office takes referrals, including from university housing and public safety. Mr. Jacobs relayed statistics on the top conduct violations for 2013-14.
 - **Vote on course proposals and course modifications approved by UCC**
 - ACCT 3351 International Finance Acct. and changes in the pre-req for ACCT 2102 instead of ACCT 2101.

- SCML 4260 Freight Management and Costing: Allow courses to be taught online, not just in-class lecture.
 - K. Kemp move to accept the proposed changes, and C. Walley-Jean seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Old Business:
 - **Faculty Handbook Revisions**- timelines for promotion and tenure, pre-tenure and post-tenure review: A motion to accept the revisions was made by R. Goodell, and seconded by C. Raridan. The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Second vote on changes to Academic Achievement in Section 205.03.3 Evidentiary Sources Relevant to Promotion and/or Tenure**: A motion to accept the changes was made by K. Pratt-Russell, and seconded by C. Walley-Jean. The motion passed unanimously.
- Updates from Subcommittees:
 - APC: J. Mascariolo stated that the committee is on schedule.
 - FAC: K. Pratt stated that the committee will meet this Wednesday.
 - SAC: C. Pitskoullis stated that the committee will meet this Wednesday.
 - UCC: R. Gooden stated that the UCC met Friday, and will have new items coming to Faculty Senate.
 - GAC: C. Walley-Jean updated the Faculty Senate that the GAC had changed the membership structure to 1 coordinator/director per program, and is working on the graduate faculty status application process and timeline, so that it will be more in line with the tenure timeline. She stated that the proposal in its current form was perceived by the Deans as ambitious and further discussion is needed.
 - SEI ad hoc committee: No updates.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:56 am