The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, November 11, from 11:15 AM-12:30 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and may be viewed at:
http://adminsournalservices.clayton.edu/provost/FacultySenate/minutesdefault.htm

Reports

I. President Hynes

President Hynes discussed: (1) Acquisition of Clayton Place (2) Strategic Planning and (3) Performance based funding.

(1) The University Foundation has made an offer to acquire the property Clayton Place, which affords twice the beds of Laker Hall plus 14 acres of land. The acquisition of this property that sits at the front door to the campus is vital to the future of Clayton State University.

(2) Dr. Crafton is working with various groups to flesh out the academic plan considered in the Pappas report, which affords Strategic Planning efforts a data driven starting point. Feedback and involvement from the campus community will be solicited throughout the process. President Hynes commended VP of Business and Operations Cummings for shepherding the Suzaki group Strategic Planning event.

(3) Performance based funding allocated to the University will not be based on credit hours taught. Yet discussion regarding how to place such data in the broader context of our actions may be of benefit. Retention remains an area of focus.

Discussion focused on (2)

Among other things, the Pappas report outlines counties that constitute our enrolment. This data is to give us an idea from where we draw students, not to fix the direction of future outreach.

Data shows that students who transfer out of Clayton do very well in other institutions and numerous signs indicate that Clayton offers consistent rigor. We need to continue in this, while reflecting more on what support we offer students.

Outreach to county schools may bolster new student success rates and the number of dual enrolment students that continue on at Clayton.

II. Academic Affairs

Effective immediately, we are exempt from administration of Regents’ testing; and completion of area A1 at Clayton exempts a student from Regents’ testing at any USG institution. Hence, we must be certain any transferred A1 is equivalent to Clayton’s. The exemption may impact the financial aid of Regents’ students who have received a ‘U’.

Core outcomes went to the Council for General Education at the end of October. Outcomes for areas A-C and learning goals 1-3 were approved.

Still to be approved are areas D and E. The Council notes area E seems best suited to E4 and that other area E outcomes need to be addressed. Language suggesting that area D may be
satisfied without completion of a science course needs modification to avoid giving this impression. The deadline for changes is November 29. Faculty Senate will vote electronically.

III. Senate Standing Subcommittees – University Curriculum Committee

Sociology special topics course was not approved. The intent was to use the course to provide academic credit for military experience, but such experience shows up elsewhere at the 1000 or 2000 level.

ECON 1101 approved. A motion to a table discussion regarding whether to place ECON 1101 in A4 Core, in light of possible Area revisions, was approved. (See documentation here.)

Old Business

Second Vote to Amend Bylaws to Include E-Voting – Passed

New Business

Roundtable Discussion – CSU website renovation is called for and underway

Upcoming Business

No upcoming business was discussed

Members Present
Anthony Giovannitti, Antoinette Miller, Barbara Musolf, Betty Lane, Cathy Jeffrey, David Williams, Gail Barnes, James Keebler, Maria Bullen (for Judith Ogden), Ron Jackson, Rosemary Fischer, Scott Butterfield, Alex Hall, Marko Maunula

Non-Members Present
Tim Hynes, Robert Vaughan