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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 9/17/2019 Room 4440, Booth Library

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*the minutes summarize the proceeding, and do not constitute a verbatim transcript*

### I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, VanGunten, Barnard, Chahyadi, Eckert, Holly, Hugo, Scher, Shaw K., Shaw N., Stowell, Wharram, White; student senator Khamisani
- Guests: JJ Bullock (DEN reporter); Provost Gatrell; C. Polydore; G. Sterling; K. Wetstein; several students from a Technology class

### II. Approval of Minutes, following minor corrections. Motion (Stowell/Barnard), VanGunten abstains

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive
  - Wharram: met with VP Drake to discuss textbook services, told advisory subcommittee forming; request from S. Rich to appoint someone to 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee; attended BOT meeting; still trying to get minutes from last meeting of spring semester
- Elections & Nominations
  - Stowell: systems maintenance briefly delayed elections launch on Monday morning. No candidates from CHHS or APERRC or Faculty Senate. Can only hope for write ins. Dean of CHHS did some heavy recruiting but no one volunteered. Voting ends Friday (9/20)
- Student Senate
  - Khamisani: met 9/11, mostly orientation. Bowling with the president tonight (9/17) at 5pm
- Student and Staff Relations
  - VanGunten: met 9/11; discussed if “Shout Out” Program (recognizes employee achievements/extra effort) should continue. Collecting data now to make informed decision. Discussed “call-back” lists from layoffs (9/2015, 3/2016) and how these have complicated desk audits (which determine if job duties assigned have changed). BOT scheduled to vote on non-negotiated 1% raise; Staff senate donating \$240 to Blues BBQ and challenge Faculty Senate to match; voted to recommend to admin. that 11/30 be administrative holiday.
- Awards Committee
  - N. Hugo: nothing to report
- Faculty Forum
  - Abebe: forum event on 9/12 was very successful: attendance good, presentation by Prof. M. Dobbs informative, opening remarks by Pres. Glassman on point and affirmative.  
*Discussion*
    - VanGunten: recommend don’t use Charleston/Mattoon rm in future (hard to see)
- Budget Transparency
  - Barnard: met 9/6: FY 19 budget performance generally favorable due to increased tuition revenue. Next meeting 10/4 to receive report on health and counseling services.
- Naming Committee
  - Wharram (from Scher): victory suite at Stadium will be renamed and remodeled for donor/Alumni

### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - Provost Gatrell: CLAS and COE dean searches are underway; Assessment committee is meeting/working, addressing learning goals; Nursing Program moving ahead but year-long process, will use concept and case-study based curriculum; lots of (developing) programs on campus to be proud of: Psychology, MBA, Electrical Engineering; thanks to all
- (more) Business
  - Wharram: S. Rich requesting Faculty Senate representative for 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. Motion (Barnard/VanGuten). Call to Question (Stowell). Approved (unanimous)
- Testing Accommodations
 

*Discussion*

  - Wharram: met with K. Sanders and A. Jackson, they are happy to accommodate. Set up ad-hoc committee?
  - Provost Gatrell: discussed with President. Testing services in place ~3yrs (2013-6); proposed a number of models (time/staffing), need to finalize budget
  - Stowell: we once had advisory committee. Will look into that.
  - [N. Hugo enters 2:25PM]
  - Abebe: this is something that could be handled by academic or student affairs?
  - Barnard: Faculty Senate can help gather/communicate information to Provost
  - K. Shaw: (I'm) willing to serve/chair
  - [C. Polydore and Scher enters 2:33PM]
  - Wharram: let's table conversation (testing accommodations)
- C. Polydore (RISE Conference)
  - Polydore (provides history and mission of RISE [Reaching Inclusivity for Student Excellence] and importance in context of increasing diverse population of students); conference on 10/11, with keynote speaker and 18 sessions on variety of topics. Go.

*Discussion*

  - Barnard: went to previous conferences—excellent, valuable; would like to see more faculty attend.
- G. Sterling (general education coordinator)
  - Sterling: Gen Ed. Committee almost fully formed, will serve as subcommittee of CAA, (I) will chair and report to Provost; want to encourage faculty conversation about gen. ed; putting together reading group and reading list; perhaps faculty forum on topic?

*Discussion*

  - Stowell: is there a moratorium on new Gen eds?
  - Sterling: yes, through Spring (2020)
  - Scher: changing structure of Gen eds? Implications for articulation agreements?
  - Sterling: not necessarily restructuring—assessing (broader) goals of gen ed. University has fair bit of leeway as to how structure, but cognizant of possible transfer problems
  - Scher: learning goals?
  - Sterling: challenges with assessing learning goals: critical thinking, working on writing and speaking now; quantitative not yet
  - Provost Gatrell: need to articulate learning goals and decide where locus of assessment should be
  - Sterling: hard for assessment committee to start before Gen ed. committee does
  - Scher: assessment meaningful only if we have pre-test score
  - Provost Gatrell: many ways to do assessment (e.g. growth and competency models). Feedback loop critical

- Sterling: need faculty buy-in on goals (to be effective)
- Barnard: (and) agreement on measurement
- Sterling: forward concerns, ideas to me
- Wharram: maybe we could help with a faculty forum. (also) think students should be more intentional, rather than gen ed. be a mere checklist
- Abebe: learning goals was supposed to accomplish this (checklist problem)

BREAK (3:16 PM-3:35 PM); VanGunten and Khamisani depart

- K. Wetstein (University Advancement)
  - Wetstein (provides personal background, career history); immediate goals: People (reorganize staff/job duties), Product (prioritize needs and formulate master plan and philosophy), Process (assess how we interact with donors), Metrics (track how we are doing/who are donors are).
  - Discussion*
    - Scher: endowment?
    - Wetstein: ~70-75 million, most of which is restricted
- Other Business
  - Scher: study abroad fair tomorrow (9/18) 10am-5pm.

Motion (N. Shaw/Abebe) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*