



# Faculty Senate Newsletter

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From the President's Report: Provost S. Narayanan, reporting for the President:

- Governor Kasich has released his biennium budget: It includes a proposed 2% increase in the SSI in the first year and another 2% increase in the SSI for the second year. The Governor's budget allows for a maximum 2% increase in tuition for the first year, and 0% for the second year. The budget included here is a \$20 million Innovation Fund that supports specific initiatives aimed at efficiencies and affordability in Higher Education.
- The Kasich administration also proposes permitting community colleges to offer four-year degrees in applied and technical fields. Such four

- year degree programs must go through the chancellor's approval process and may not reproduce a program offered by a four-year university, main campus or branch campus, within a 30 mile radius of the community college.
- The governor has issued an executive order on affordability and efficiency in higher education. The order includes creation of a taskforce that led by OSU chief financial officer Geoffrey Chatas.
- Among the initiatives proposed, the taskforce may be increasing shared services and privatizing nonacademic assets.
- The Ohio Senate is moving forward with SB 4, which would reduce tuition by 5% over two years.
- Faculty Senate Leadership has made a list for the service units to be looked at, and we also have a list from Council of Deans; we hope to be able to

- announce the first three units that will be assessed as we move forward with the budget model.
- The Council of Deans has reached consensus on a 50-50 tuition split between the department offering the course and the student's home unit under MDA. This is a change from the original 25-75 split, with 25% going to the unit offering the course.
- The 2015 campus scholarship Innovation Campaign kick-off has begun.



## From the Provost's Report

Vice President Tom Sudkamp reporting for the provost:

- Dr. Carl Brun has been named Assistant Vice President for University Curricular Programs. He will serve as liaison to the Ohio Board of Regents on the Ohio Transfer Module, Transfer Assurance Guides, and statewide articulation projects; Dr. Brun will head Wright State's participation in the Prior Learning with a Purpose-Ohio Board of Regents initiative on competency based education; and will provide administrative support for the Wright State Core and the Writing Across the Curriculum programs.
- One year remains before the Higher Learning Commission visit. On March 20, everyone will be invited to a presentation and lunch at 12:30 in the Endeavor Room of the Student Union to learn where we are, what the process is, what to expect the coming year, and what to expect when the review team comes to campus.

## Introduction of Craig Woolley, CIO

Craig Woolley, WSU's new Chief Information Officer, introduced himself before the Faculty Senate at its February 23 meeting. Woolley will oversee information technology policy, programs and planning. He is also responsible for the leadership of Computing and Telecommunications (CATs). Woolley brings to Wright State more than 27 years' experience in managing higher education information technology with a strong focus on the customer.

## Executive Committee Report

### Tobacco Free Policy

The Senate Executive Committee met with Dr. Mary Chase, Professor of Public Health to discuss the administration's proposed Tobacco-free policy (tabled at the January meeting) that would ban smoking everywhere on campus. If implemented, students, faculty and staff who are caught violating this policy would face increasing penalties. Chase, who has some expertise on tobacco policy, recommended that the WSU administration work to develop a policy that would lead to

positive changes instead of focusing on penalties. The senate decided to leave the resolution on the table indefinitely.

### House Bill 616: Textbook Policy

The Ohio Faculty Council has requested feedback on Ohio House Bill 616, which would prohibit faculty from assigning proprietary or custom textbooks for a course unless that course is offered exclusively by the institution. The intention of the bill appears to prevent faculty from profiting from textbook selection. However, as written, the bill fails to consider customizations that might save students money. If this policy is implemented, instructors will be unable to use custom material that may reduce costs. Faculty would also be prohibited from assigning textbooks they have authored, regardless of savings to students. Because of these concerns, the Executive Committee have agreed to report to the OFC that the Wright State Faculty Senate opposes this bill, and believes that it has not served its intended purpose.

### Volunteer for the Athletic Council

Dr. Susan Carrafiello, Associate Professor and Director of the University Honors Program, is the new Faculty Senate representative to the Athletic Council.

### Resolution in Support of the AAUP Centennial Declaration

This year marks the centennial celebration of the 1915 AAUP Declaration of Principles of Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure. **It is resolved that the Wright State Faculty Senate:**

- Strongly Supports the principles of academic freedom and academic tenure codified by the AAUP;
- Applauds the AAUP and AAUP-WSU for their leadership in protecting the core values of the institutions of higher education; and
- Congratulates AAUP on their centennial celebration

Senator Doom (CECS) moved to suspend the rules, citing the timeliness of the AAUP's Centennial Declaration. All senators present

were in favor of the suspension and by a unanimous decision, the Faculty Senate approved the resolution upholding core AAUP values of academic freedom and academic tenure, as well as the AAUP's and Wright State's leadership role in protecting these values. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

## February Business

### Building and Grounds

Wright State is close to implementing a \$5 Million Renovation Classroom Project. Building and Grounds Committee Chair Dr. James Menart discussed B&G's role in the decision-making process in determining which classrooms have the potential to be renovated and why. A study conducted by Woolpert assessed the condition and quality of all of the classrooms on campus. Each classroom has been given a rating between 1 (outdated and non-conducive for teaching) and 5 (updated to incorporate the latest technology and pedagogical practice). Because the \$5 million renovation will not cover all of the classrooms, B&G is asking members to deliberate with their Deans about any pressing issues—furniture, spatial layout, outdated technology or inadequate lighting—and to submit that information to [james.menart@wright.edu](mailto:james.menart@wright.edu). A list will be compiled and then sent to the university administration.

## Faculty Line

### Election Updates:

- Dr. Carol Loranger will be the candidate for the Faculty President
- Dr. Doug Petkie (CoSM) & Dr. Melissa Gruys (RSCoB) will be the candidates for Faculty Vice President
- Balloting for Faculty Officers and Senators will begin the week of March 9-13

Faculty Senate Meeting dates, agendas and minutes: [www.wright.edu/administration/senate](http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate)  
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