From the President’s Report

For the President’s Report, Dr. Hopkins turned the floor over to Dr. Berberich who gave a presentation and took a question to a response to a question raised by Senator Sabo (CEMS) at the September Senate meeting. In his slides from Dr. Berberich’s presentation are available online at https://www.wright.edu/sites/ wikiwright/files/ senate/2016/09/meetings/ FS_Berberich_highlighted.pdf, and a summary of the presentation will appear in the online addition at attachments section of the October Senate meeting once available. https://www.wright.edu/ faculty/senate/about/senate-meeting-agondues-and-minutes/meeting/51792

From the Provost’s Report

Dr. Sudkamp opened his report to welcome the new Dean of the College of Science & Math. Dean Leaman comes to Wright State as the former Dean of the University of Toledo Department of Biological Sciences.


The Student Success Center a few weeks ago, the University held the dedication of the John & Shirley Berry Auditorium in the Student Success Center to recognize his gift of $1.5 million for student success initiatives at Wright State University.


The Student Success Center recently received the Outstanding Disabled Student Award from the American School & University Magazine, and received the Merit Award from the American Institute of Architecture Dayton Chapter for its design. Sinclair Community College

The University recently renewed its double degree joint enrollment agreement with Sinclair Community College. Sinclair is one of Wright State’s largest transfer partners, with over 7500 transfer students per year and forty-four department articulation agreements. Accreditation Processes

While the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process is over, there are still other accreditation processes to keep track of. For instance, the Kinesiology Program will undergo its disciplinary accreditation. In the Spring, the School of Medicine accreditation will take place.

Dr. Sudkamp informed the Senate that the Board of Trustees mandated a review of the Faculty Governance. The Senate will be hearing a presentation on the results of the LCME accreditation review and how the College of Medicine will undergo its disciplinary accreditation on December 11, 2016. Dr. Sudkamp informed the Senate that the Board of Trustees mandated an all-day meeting of the Faculty Governance will take place Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

The Senate will receive a copy of the President’s Report and the Faculty Senate Newsletter to discuss in committee meeting. Faculty Senate Newsletter

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Executive Committee Report

EC Report to Faculty Senate

New Seniors

Faculty Professor Loranger welcomed the 2017 class of incoming students who will become the new Faculty Senate representatives for Lakes Campus and CECS, respectively. Senator Pedler will be replacing Dr. Travis Doan, who was elected as Faculty Vice President in September.

Quadrennial Review Committee Assembly of the Quadrennial Review Committee is meeting to review and present a report to the Faculty Constitution in 2017. The Committee aims to submit recommendations to the Faculty Constitution for the review of the end of the academic year. Among the various alterations proposed by the Committee is an interim procedure for handling Votes of Confidence / No Confidence; a draft interim procedure was moved to Old Business for the November Senate meeting to allow for review and completion.

Commencement Survey

Committee Chair Dr. Eric Rowley presented the results of a recent survey concerning the views of Wright State faculty, staff, and students on various aspects of the commencement ceremony. The survey revealed that, while most of the surveyed beleive the ceremony to be an important part of graduation, certain improvements such as cutbacks to the length of the ceremony should be made. A full report on the survey results will be provided to the Faculty Senate and the President’s Office by December.

Presidential Search Committee

Chair Dr. Loranger announced that the Presidential Search Committee has reached its final stage. The Community and Inclusion Working Group has reached out to Wright State faculty, staff, and students with an online survey to rate existing categories and the qualifications they should like to see demonstrated by a new University President. In addition to the surveys, three different public forums have been held on the main campus from October 10th to the 12th on the 1st floor of the Dayton campus and one on the Lake campus.

Old Business

Distance Education Terminology Policy

Senate Professor Loranger presented the Senate with the new Distance Education Terminology which explains the categories Fully Online/No Set Meet Times, Fully Online/Set Meet Times, and Mostly Online. These categories are defined so that there are specific parameters that can be used by the registrar to determine which course is to expect the course. Senator Krane (CoNH) recommended that for Mostly Online classes, the cutoff percentage be raised from 52% face to face to 70% face to face, with agreement from Senator Gnoffo (CH). However, Vice President Smith did not want a percentage but rather that the courses must be defined and is acceptable by Provost Sudkamp. Provost Sudkamp suggested adding another category that goes up to 50% to account for the other courses that do not fall into any other category. Senator Kawska (RSCoB) requested that the UACMC come up with definitions and a full report on the courses and do an inventory of it. With a request from Senator Kawska (RSCoB) and a unanimous vote in favor, the senate unanimously voted to move the UACMC terminology to Old Business for the November meeting.

New Business

LEAP Enrollment Policy

Until recently, students with F-2 visas were not permitted to take language courses. Though the law has changed, the LEAP program does not yet admit these students. LEAP/CLC has requested a policy for these students to begin studying the English language. Although LEAP courses are non-transferable, and permission from any academic degree program, LEAP the English language is to be approved by the senate. With no discussion and a unanimous vote in favor, the senate voted to make the policy on the October agenda. Curricular Items

Curricular Items treated as new business included the addition of a new BSB program in Marketing Entrepreneurship (RSCoB), the name change of Mass Communications to Media Studies (CoSA), and the deactivation of the Nursing Beacon Program (CoSM).

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