

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2016, 3:30 PM
Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm, and thanked the Athletics Department for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Adam Franssen	Ms. Kelly Nelson
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Adam Paulek
Ms. Jennifer Beach	Dr. Kellyn Hall	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Mr. Carl Harvey	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs	Dr. Patricia Horne Hastings	Dr. Carl Riden
Dr. Roger Byrne	Mrs. Claire LaRoche	Dr. Sean Ruday
Dr. Phillip Cantrell	Dr. Mary Lehman	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Meg Thompson
Dr. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Sara Miller	Dr. Bennie Waller
Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Joan Neff	Dr. Linda Wright
Mr. David Gills	Ms. Tracy Neill	

Also present were Dr. Cheryl Adkins, Dr. Lee Bidwell, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Dr. Doug Dalton, Dr. Wade Edwards, Dr. Sharon Emmerson-Stonnell, Dr. Jennifer Green, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. David Lehr, Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust, Dr. David Locascio, Dr. Sharon Menegoni, Dr. Pam McDermott, Ms. Lindsay Moran, Mr. Shun Qin, Dr. Melissa Rhoten, Dr. David Shoenthal, Dr. Pam Tracy, and Mr. Dillon Yonker.

Members not present were Dr. Paul Chapman, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. Jeannine Perry, and Pres. Taylor Reveley.

The minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Sarah Porter asked for members and guests to sign-in on the attendance sheet. A new member of senate, David Gills, Student Government Association Representative, was introduced.

Dr. Shawn Smith presented a report from the EPC. The only action item was a new program; Counselor Education M.Ed. Dr. Porter asked members to vote on whether to approve the program. The program was affirmed by proclamation. Information items from EPC included program changes to COUN 651 and COUN 622, and MANG 462 and MANG 464 will be submitted to storage.

The following discussion is based on questions submitted by faculty regarding the Core Curriculum proposal.

Budget/Staffing concerns: Dr. Neff said President Reveley is committed to the Core Curriculum and the funding will be there for implementation. The budget includes eight new faculty tenure track lines. She also mentioned that it would be beneficial if co-taught courses could be considered for full instead of half credit towards a faculty member's teaching load.

Release time for the design of new courses: Dr. Emerson-Stonnell stated funds were built into the program to provide for the hiring of adjuncts so faculty could make use of release time to develop new courses. The funds are built in to each year's budget until the plan becomes fully functional.

The role of peer mentors in foundation level courses: Funding for 60 peer mentors has been built into the budget. Dr. Jennifer Green will supervise the peer mentor program when all the details have been

determined. There was a discussion as to whether components of LSEM should be added to ENGL 165 or not.

Course fees in a citizenship class: Discussion was brought up about collecting course fees for CTZN courses. Dr. Neff indicated that any request for course fees would have to be justified by the nature of the course, and there would have to be an accounting of how those fees would be spent.

Representation of the new Core Curriculum Committee: It was suggested that the make-up of the new committee could have, but should not be required to have representation from all three colleges. The new committee will have specific responsibilities for evaluation, data collection, and analysis, and people should not be forced into those roles because of a need to require college representation. The hope is that Deans in each college will value these positions and allow interested faculty to have appropriate course release time, or reduced scholarship during the course of the position.

The scientific reasoning pillar and the minimum number of credits: Dr. Neff and Dr. Emerson-Stonnell spoke about this issue and it was suggested that the wording to describe the scientific pillar that suggests courses be three credits, does not preclude a course being taught for four credits. This allows for flexibility if people want to teach a four credit course. The wording as already in the FPPM to allow for this.

Who will teach CTZN courses: This topic was addressed elsewhere and was not a part of this meeting.

Exemptions for majors: Exemptions for majors will not be encouraged, although this decision may be revisited at a later time. Unlike the current program, 2 courses from the foundations level, and 1 course at the prospective level may be counted towards a major. Programs should try and find courses that their majors can take that would count for both the major and for the Core Curriculum.

Global citizenship pillar: There was concern about what some of the cultural classes might look like for those that aren't taking a language because they tested out of that requirement. Faculty were assured that this was not just a foreign language pillar. Non-western cultures will also be represented. For example; anthropology, or the history of world music might fit here, as well as some other courses. Pillar building will be an ongoing process.

Will symposium courses be taught across campus: Data will be collected by program. Discussions will start next semester to determine who will teach the courses. A major concern is that the departments to teach the symposium receive adequate resources.

Open discussion: The Core Curriculum will be voted on at the November 3 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Department chairs will get necessary data to the Core Curriculum Committee (CCC) by October 18, who will review and disseminate the findings. The result of the vote must go to the Board of Visitors in December in order to move forward in the spring. The question of funding was raised again, and Dr. Neff reconfirmed that President Reveley is fully committed to the program. She assured faculty that changes can still be made after the program's acceptance if necessary. The CCC will be happy to field any questions in the interim.

Dr. Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Anderson