

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017, 3:30 PM
Maugans Martinelli Board Room

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

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Adam Franssen	Dr. Barbara Newton
Dr. Ann Bailey	Dr. Elif Guler	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Ms. Jennifer Beach	Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Adam Paulek
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Kellyn Hall	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Ang Blanchette	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Mr. Carl Harvey	Ms. Lauren Rice
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. Connie Koski	Dr. Carl Riden
Dr. Mary Carver	Mrs. Claire LaRoche	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Paul Chapman	Dr. Kyle Levers	Dr. Bennie Waller
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs	Dr. Lisa Minor	
Dr. Alix Fink	Dr. Joan Neff	

Also present were Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. Jennifer Green, Dr. Brett Hursey, and Dr. David Locascio.

Members not present were Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Patricia Horne-Hastings, Dr. Mary Lehman, Dr. Tim OKeefe, Dr. Tim Pierson, and Pres. Taylor Reveley.

The minutes from the April 27, 2017, meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Porter introduced new and returning Faculty Senators and reviewed responsibilities. The floor was opened for questions. There were none.

Dr. Porter asked for approval by voice vote of committee assignments as posted on the Faculty Senate web page. All were approved by proclamation.

Dr. Porter called on Dr. Bill Abrams to discuss the proposed EPC change which ensures the entire EPC Committee along with the Provost make recommendations to change the Curriculum Handbook instead of only the Provost and EPC Chair making the recommendation. Recommendations must be by majority vote. Bill pointed out that every undergraduate program catalog must change due to changes in the Core Curriculum. The proposed change passed unanimously.

Dr. Porter called on Jeff Halliday to present his report on the Finance and Planning Committee. Admission enrollments are up for this year over last year, transfer enrollment is slightly down. Applications for the Fall 2018 semester are up 63% over last year. There will be a University Planning Council meeting on October 19, at 3:30 pm. President Reveley, Provost Neff, and Mr. Copeland will discuss the state of University finances. Topics for future UPC meetings will include funding for the Core Curriculum and use of LU Foundation funds. Jeff asked for representatives from their departments to contribute and attend the meeting. Future meeting dates are listed on the committee's web page. A budget forum is being planned and will be announced at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Porter reviewed updates to the FPPM passed by the Board of Visitors in June that affect Promotion and Tenure Policy in Section U. The version passed by the BOV was different from what the Faculty Senate proposed. The change was made by the Attorney General's office, without consultation with the Faculty Senate. The clause "except in unusual circumstances," was added to the sentence stating, "For

faculty members without prior college-level teaching experience, the award of tenure is to be concurrent with promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.” The word “notable,” was added to describe scholarly activity and creative work. Faculty Senate was not given ample opportunity to discuss the proposed changes, and Senators are not comfortable with the language used. The BOV voted to approve the change as part of their consent agenda, and Dr. Power de-Fur’s noted the faculty’s concern during her report at the meeting. Dr. Porter, and Dr. Apperson, chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, have requested a meeting with Mr. Cameron O’Brion to discuss the changes and the concerns of the Faculty Senate. The goal is to make wording that is mutually agreeable to all.

Dr. Porter called on Provost Neff to update the senate on the budget for Academic Affairs (AA) for AY 2017-18. The base operating budgets are low and have remained low for years. AA is dependent on summer school and intersession funds to operate. Provost Neff explained how the money is allocated, which creates a deficit for AA due to uncollected funds, fewer class offerings, and fewer students enrolling. Since tuition has increased but compensation for faculty has not, there might be a disincentive for faculty to teach these courses. Competition with other universities and colleges might also be a factor with regard to the cost of credits and the timing of when course offerings are published. Provost Neff feels that the current budgeting procedure is antithetical to the core mission of AA and is talking with Mr. Copeland to switch to a more stable process than is currently in place. Provost Neff will engage in discussions with university constituents at the chairs meeting next week as well as other departments on campus. She encouraged departments to discuss how they want money prioritized in light of the budget issues discussed.

Dr. Power de-Fur stated that budget items of interest from the 2017-18 Operating Budget and Plan Report can be viewed by reading the [BOV Meeting Materials](#).

Dr. Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Anderson