

The meeting of the 2016-2017 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Nancy Reincke. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Klaus Bartschat, Maria Clapham, David Courard-Hauri, Renee Cramer, Carrie Dunham-LaGree, Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp, Royce Fichtner, Lourdes Gutierrez-Najera, Jennifer Harvey, Jerrid Kruse, Grady McGrannahan, Chuck Phillips, Dorothy Pisarski, Nancy Reincke, LouAnn Simpson, Melissa Weresh, Craige Wrenn, David Wright

Absent: Dan Alexander, Debra DeLaet, Adina Klipatrick, Karen Leroux, Craig, Owens, Darcie Vandegrift.

The January 2017 minutes were accepted as amended in the third to the last paragraph, first two sentences are to be replaced with the following to sentences:

*During the Board of Trustees January meeting, President Reincke reported that in the Academic Affairs meeting a BOT member suggested that conservative voices were being marginalized and silenced on campus after the November 2016 elections. She asked if Senate should respond to this perception. She also asked how we could help BOT members be better advocates for the system that protected academic freedom.*

#### President Martin Report

There were three main points to which President brought to Senate. The first item concerned the effort to begin online degree programs. Led by Provost Mattison, a leadership committee is putting together a business plan to get resources, working towards program planning and determining existing capacity. President Martin indicated the April 2017 Board of Trustees plenary session will be devoted to this topic. The Board will be asked to support this investment. That vote is scheduled for June 2017.

The Fall 2017 applications are higher now than at this time last year. The issue is now to yield these students. The yield is the best when students get on campus and faculty or students talk to prospective students. President Martin spoke to potential music majors recently and he indicated it was a nice experience. He acknowledges that many of the Senators present do this work also as in a way we are all Admission Officers.

Senator Phillips asked whether or not the online programs would use Blackboard as the learning management system (LMS). President Martin stated it is a widely used system in the classroom and online. Provost Mattison offered she understands there may be a “universal hatred” of one LMS over another, yet the online leadership committee has not preceded that far into the specifics. Senator Cramer offered that she has colleagues at other campus who use Canvas and like it.

#### Provost Mattison Report

As announced earlier today, Erin Lain was offered and accepted the position of Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusion. She will begin those duties officially on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Provost thanked all involved in the position creation and selection process.

When the recent successful School of Journalism & Mass Communication accreditation site visit was announced, a short round of applause broke out amongst the Senators and others assembled. There were no challenges cited by the visiting team.

#### President Reincke Report

The 2017-2018 at-large senator nomination ballot will be sent at end of the this week

Cecilla Bernard, Student Senate member, shared a current initiative titled the Women's Empowerment Summit. It will include high school students. This civic engagement effort will go beyond getting students to vote. She also stated the Student Senate is close to finalizing their annual funding process. The Academic Affairs dinner has not been completely organized yet it is announced soon.

President Reincke indicated the Ad Hoc Compensation committee update will be delayed due to Chairperson Craig Owens not feeling well.

Senator Wrenn, Chair of the Ad Hoc Drake Curriculum Committee, gave a brief update. He indicated the committee was making progress as they have chosen a structure and are now working mapping to the outcomes. He indicated they are on target to meet the April deadline. Senator Harvey asked what would be next for the curriculum report. Senator Wrenn noted that was not in the Ad Hoc Committee's charge.

President Reincke also noted the missed class policy will be presented again.

President Reincke introduced the past Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Renae Chesnut and newly appointed FAR Steve Scullen. She continued her introduction of the Athletics presentation by stating the topic was chosen by President Martin as the main topic for the January 2017 Board of Trustees session. This presentation's purpose was not to create conclusions but rather to share information and spark conversation. She then introduced Sandy Clubb, Athletic Director.

The presentation gave background to the evolution of modern day collegiate athletics. She outlined the NCAA's response to pivotal legislative points beginning in 1984 and then Drake's relationship to those points. The pivotal points included the national football subdivision's creation and the loss of geography determining athletics conferences. Now, within Division I, there is an Autonomous Five and the football playoff system which is dominant in determining the monetary landscape of NCAA schools. Ms. Clubb's presentation to the Board of Trustees offered a question of how Drake athletics can remain relevant and remain true to itself.

She referenced the Drake Relays, the Athletics Department budget in relationship to the University, and presented a SWAT analysis of athletics. When asked, Ms. Clubb indicated an indoor track facility would allow the university and Des Moines to host bigger track and field meets. She referenced possible cooperative efforts which may be pursued with the USATF and various triathlons.

President Reincke asked what has been the conversation about paying coaches. Ms. Clubb responded that Drake cannot compete with big salaries. She indicated that one employment mode that is used is to hire a person who wants to be here in Des Moines. Also an elaboration was offered to the Bulldog Way as a differentiation factor for individuals wanting to be *that kind* of coach. President Reincke asked if the percentage of women coaches was of interest in the Athletic Director's plan. Ms. Clubb responded that she loved to be in the space of hiring women for many women's teams as well as men's sports. But we are not there yet, she said.

When asked about the athletic conference changes, Ms. Clubb indicated she'd put together charts and information for President Martin. She stated that Drake is in a good conference situation now and the goal is to be at the top of the conference for all competitions.

Ms. Chesnut served as the FAR for 17 years. There were a number of ethical situations which she is aware of at other institutions which made her appreciate the good relationships here at Drake. It is a time commitment mostly involved in compliance issues. The FAR is the individual who votes at the Missouri Valley Conference meetings.

Ms. Clubb closed by saying that Athletics wants to change the world "one bulldog at a time".

Senator Pisarski led a discussion regarding parking. She encouraged Senators to review the most current parking regulations. Indeed, the current counts of parking spots on campus are more than the numbers of parking hang tags sold.

Whether or not there are enough spaces in the perceived correct location, is another issue. The available information regarding parking tickets was reviewed. About one third of the tickets (whose cost ranges from \$25 to 100, plus towing charges) issued are not paid. Reminder, that Drake parking tickets cannot be transferred outside the University.

Clarification was offered that money from tickets is not budget line item. Some questions were raised about the handling of parking during the Drake Relays for vehicles without hangtags. Additionally the conversation included the reality that day parking passes can be purchased or given out by departments.

Currently the Olmsted Lot is being closed with limited notice or communication (at times, with less than 24 hours) and several persons added their concern about how the notice is seemingly inconsistently issued. Senator Dunham-LaCree suggested an opt-in type list for communicating the dates and times the Olmsted Lot will be closed.

Senator Courard-Hauri put in a plug for the Drake neighborhood and the convenience of getting to work or class from the surrounding streets.

Senator Simpson suggested that Scott Law, Director of Public Safety be invited to come to Senate. All Staff Council Chair, Jennifer Tran-Johnson stated that Mr. Law will be making a presentation to the March ASC meeting regarding proposed parking changes for 2017-2018.

Old Business: none presented

New Business

Senators Weresh moved and several voices seconded motion **17:07**

*Approve Spring Break 2018 as March 12-16, 2018*

The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

Senators Simpson moved and Wersch seconded motion **17:08**

*Confirm the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar*

A motion to amend was made, seconded and passed to move the May 2019 Commencements to Sunday to avoid conflicting with the Iowa High School State Track Meets.

The motion as amended passed.

Senators Simpson moved and Lourdes seconded motion **17:09**

*Approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar*

The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

The meeting ended at 4:54 p.m.