

The meeting of the 2012-2013 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Summerville. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Alexander, Chesnut, Clapham, Dao, De Laet, Fejes, Frazier, Gilbert, Mallea, Pisarski, Reed, Reincke, Sanders, Schmidt, Sidon, Soltis, Summerville, Vandegrift, Vitha and Wright.

Absent: Bartschat, McCrickerd

The April 2013 meeting minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell Report:

President Maxwell reported from the recent Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting concerning the upcoming construction within Cowles Library for the Archives. The project was not only approved, but fundraising and building funds were approved. He responded to a Senator submitted question concerning the budgeting process change. President Maxwell indicated Drake is switching from accounting methods to a cash flow basis which will then more accurately reflect where the money is coming from and going to within the budget. Additionally, the transition has begun to move towards a more long-term budgeting process.

Concerning Fall 2013 undergraduate admission figures, as of yesterday, there were 853 tuition deposits. This is 15 more than last year at this point in time. He continued that less than good news is the decrease in law school applications. The Fall 2013 entering law class is expected to be in the 110 to 120 range. While this is a national trend, he offered a lower number of students is not wanted by Drake. In response to a Senator Alexander question about law admission admissions, President Maxwell indicated he did not know whether the specific law admission criteria would be affected. He did state there is a need for persons who are specifically trained in the law and Drake will be looking to create opportunities for the person who graduates from Drake Law to be successful.

Provost Jones Report:

Provost Jones shared with Senate some Board of Trustee feedback regarding the MOOCs discussion. The feedback included: a) appreciation for the session, b) interested in continuing to monitor this new educational initiative, c) learning about other trends for online learning, and d) if the case for MOOCs changes, involving the BOT early in the process. She considered the dialogue successful. Additionally, retention data was shared at their meeting, yet, not much time was spent on this topic.

For the June 2013 BOT meeting a mini-college experience has been created. Provost Jones thanked the faculty who have been gracious to offer to teach the BOT as students. She highlighted a couple of titles and types of experiences which will be presented, at the conclusion will be lunch and hearing their feedback.

The Learning Symposium planned for August 2013 has 38 proposals for 18 slots and the acceptance notices will be going out yet this week. She expressed excitement for this new event.

Senator De Laet thanked the Provost for the BOT MOOC discussion summarization and asked if there was consensus from their comments. Provost Jones offered that she believed that they now better understand the concept and desire Drake to “stay on top of it”. President Maxwell stated that going into the meeting were a couple of issues. He identified one issue being the BOT interest in knowing how Drake is looking at MOOCs and keeping an eye on trends, even those which may not be appropriate for Drake to offer at this time.

President Summerville Report:

Stephen Slade, Student Senate liaison, introduced Olivia O’Hea who will be the 2013-2014 liaison. President Summerville thanked Stephen for all his time, work and service this past year as it was useful for him and both governing bodies to stay connected.

Associate Provost, Art Sanders gave a report concerning J-Term. The 2014 J-Term enrollment figures are 887. He continued that the number will continue to change as one or two courses may cancel due to low enrollment. The Oversight Committee is putting together a planning calendar to help units, academic and administrative, standardize their J-Term preparations. In response to a Faculty Senate request, a Working Group has begun to look at the lack of time between the end of J-Term and the Spring semester. A report will be sent to the Senate Executive Committee. Also, he offered that based on student requests and general feedback, the J-Term website will be reworked this summer.

Board of Student Communications Co-Chair Dan Alexander gave a brief report. He indicated that in this year of transition, the fairly new policy document seems to be working well. He reminded Senate that their role is to approve changes to the policy document, noting that with any policy document issues will and should arise. President Summerville thanked Dan for his service which included the leading diverse groups to achieve an artful governance balance.

Renee Cramer, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Institutional Advancement Committee presented a brief report. She indicated there had been a presentation of amazing software which should be fully implemented by Fall 2013. She offered there was high quality of conversation within the group which included interest in connecting faculty to donors and possible donors.

Deputy Provost Sue Wright offered an AAUP Salary Information Update. She referenced a peer comparison data report made available prior to the meeting via the Senate website. As background, she reminded the body that the whole project began in approximately the academic year 2000. There were two main goals of (a) being competitive and (b) to advance individuals to an average within the rank. She concluded that Drake is remaining competitive overtime. Also, a reminder was made that compensation takes into context insurance. She shared her preparation methodology.

Senator Clapham asked that if a plan still existed to help move persons who are lower than a certain level. Ms. Wright indicated it is still a goal and yet it has moved forward slower in recent years. Additionally asked was who will be taking over this review upon Ms. Wright departure. Provost Jones indicated that Raylene Rospond will take on that role. Senator Alexander noted in his review of the data that more law professors are at tenure which may be skewing the data. Ms. Wright agreed. Several Senators requested more emphasis be placed on presented more detailed information from Table 6, the Drake University Salaries by Academic Unit and Rank, 2012-2013.

A Student Advising Presentation was made by Stephen Slade, Academic Affairs Committee Chair; Natalie Gadbois, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Senator; Michael Terrell, Fine Arts Senator and Katie Ramsey, Academic Affairs Intern. The group outlined, verbally and with a power point presentation, how advising is important and they want it to be very relationship based, with tiers of expectations and roles for both faculty and students. President Maxwell offered at the conclusion of their initial statements that an Advising TIG became official yesterday. Senator Dao offered that he liked the presentation and nice outline yet asked about its administration. Mr. Sanders indicated web presentations of the AOI requirements and Drake Curriculum information will be re-worked this summer.

President Summerville offered his thanks to Nancy Reincke for her leadership of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) as it will be meeting one more time yet this year. Senator Reincke noted the only course to 'fall out' of the Quantitative AOI is Sue Wright's former course in social statistics.

Unfinished Business – none presented

New Business:

Senators Pisarski and Wright moved and seconded motion **13-23**:

*To confirm the 2014-2015 Academic Calendar*

Without discussion or dissent, the motion passed

Senators Alexander and Wright moved and seconded motion **13-24**:

*To amend the Faculty Manual (section 1.431) Senate Rules & Regulations*

Senator Alexander was thanked for his service to chair the Rules and Regulations Task Force noting that his effort, on a variety of faculty governance issues, has been above and beyond for the past two years.

The motion passed without dissent.

Provost Jones thanked Keith Summerville for his efforts to provide her with a wonderful experience during this transition year.

A motion was made, seconded and punctuated with applause to thank Sue Wright for her service to Drake.

The meeting closed at 4:38 p.m.

Secretary, Nancy Geiger