

The meeting of the 2013-2014 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President De Laet. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Courard-Hauri, Dao, Esposito, Fejes, Leroux, McCarthy, Pisarski, Reed, B. Schmidt, L Schmidt, Sidon, Simpson, Sleister, Soltis, Summerville, Swilky, Urness, Vandegrift, Vitha and Wright.

Absent: Alexander

The May 2013 meeting minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell report:

Drake's Fall 2013 enrollment is 850 new first time full time students which is more than the budgeted number and less than some projections. The Board of Trustees Enrollment Task Force number is 900. President Maxwell continued that there are areas of challenges which are known to us all. Over the past three years, the Law School enrollment has declined 90 students and this is a national trend. In terms of this year's budget, we have the enrollment numbers which were expected. He concluded noting the real issue is that while Drake is in better shape than in some years, we do not have the resources to do what we want to do. He stressed that while there will not be a program review as it was 14 years ago, there will be conversations about how we spend our money, how we operate, and looking at the cost effectiveness of money spent. At both the undergraduate and graduate level the conversation from the community is based in professional development. We have a great value and we must move to look at new ventures that fit our mission.

President Maxwell noted that there are 12 TIGs (Task Implementation Group) working and there will be several strategic plan informational pieces coming out soon including an informational dashboard displaying the progress of the TIGs. All TIGs are doing quarterly reports submitted to Deputy Rospond. Dean Lenz has suggested a Town Hall Meeting will may be scheduled yet this Fall.

Provost Jones Report: No report as Provost Jones was out of town on University business.

President De Laet report:

Olivia O'Hea, Student Senate liaison, introduced herself and three students in attendance from the student Academic Affairs Committee. She shared a couple of the current topics which are midterm grade submissions and the Advising TIG. The Student Senate has set 50 goals for the year to help them better communicate their work for students.

President De Laet announced there will be an October Social event at Louie's Wine Dive from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is meant to be an opportunity to get together, share ideas between staff, faculty and administrators. All are welcome to attend.

Joe Riesberg, the new Chief Information Technology Officer, was introduced. President De Laet indicated Mr. Riesberg will be a guest of the Senate Executive Committee on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Riesberg gave a few remarks concerning his first month at Drake. He emphasized that he has met with many individuals and is still listening. Major issues which he has noticed include digital media, signage and even a welcome center need, blueCube, use of one card technology, a general information technology disparity, and a wide variety of applications in use. We need to look close and leverage our existing resources.

Senator Summerville offered that he has had a chance to work with Joe and has received good service. Mr. Riesberg indicated that he is using the description of plumbing. There are simple infrastructure plumbing issues to be fixed and then his staff and the campus can go onto other topics. He indicated that he is going through past tickets himself, to go after some simple things.

Scott Law, Director of Campus Security Services, was also introduced to Senate. Mr. Law indicated he has been at Drake about as long as Mr. Riesberg. His goals include using technology to increase the security efforts including one card access, cctv (closed-circuit television) used to improve security staff coverage, and better utilization of the Bulldog Alert system. He wants to make the security staff available not just when there is something happening but, to be proactive.

President De Laet gave some background on the topic of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and Drake Curriculum & Analysis Committee charges. Beginning with an item from UCC last year's report caused further discussion and framed also by the delayed implementation of experiential learning requirement. The Executive Committee wants to give UCC a chance to look at the bigger picture with a goal of achieving a truly distinct Drake Curriculum. Additionally, some of the ideas came from discussion with Bruce Gilbert as he considered serving as the DCAC 2013-2014 Chair. Senator Wright noted that UCC has a heavy work load and he believes that Drake's general curriculum being something of distinction. He indicated that the charge is to give that committee 'some space'.

There was some questioning discussion concerning this standard committee examination rather than the use of a Task Force. Also, concern was raised as to whether or not this would yield a different result than the previous review which was fueled by the administration at that point in time. Some Senate voices indicated they saw value in this fresh review and have an exciting curriculum. Also, voices shared some skepticism and memories of a divisive frustrating time during the last review. Additionally, it was noted that as the UCC progresses they may request input and assistance from individuals outside their current membership.

President Maxwell offered four documents to help the curriculum conversation. *Secretary's note: the documents were posted to the Senate website on the Agenda & Meeting Materials page at the close of the meeting*) President De Laet offered that she has had conversations with academic leadership to understand that this effort is not going to 'hurt' the institution. There are existing AOI categories and course offerings for current students to have options. If there is an urgent need, then UCC can take a look at the request. Associate Provost Sanders offered that new web based forms are available to directly submit a request. This will streamline the course submission process.

Some apprehension was offered concerning how much time and effort the previous review needed and whether or not that has been considered. The timeline stated in the charge is aggressive and sets out when preliminary reports are due. President De Laet indicated that regular updates will be made at Senate on this matter.

Unfinished Business – none presented

New Business – none presented

The meeting closed at 4:25 p.m.

Secretary, Nancy Geiger