

The regular meeting of the 2010-2011 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Bartschat. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Bartschat, Courard-Hauri, Cramer, Dore, Esposito, Evans, Fairbairn (Gillespie), Freeman-Miller, Klipec, Koch, Lyons, Nelson, Reed, Reincke, Saylor, Schneider, Simpson, Vandegrift, Wrenn, Wright and Younger

Absent: none

Upon proper motion and vote, January 2011 minutes as amended were accepted.

Secretary's note: The word explication replaced with expectation on page three.

President Maxwell Report: President Maxwell was not present due to being away from campus on University business.

Provost Renner Report:

Provost Renner began his remarks by sharing Spring 2011 enrollment figures. He stated that these figures are basically on budget for the year yet with a smaller margin as compared to the past couple of years. He announced 84 students are studying overseas including three who were gotten out of Egypt. He recognized the staff efforts made in a timely, compassionate manner to accommodate these three students overseas experience in an uncertain area.

The Provost offered a reply to a previously submitted question concerning how faculty positions are allocated. He stated that each position is reviewed as a strategic decision rather than each position being automatically seen as a replacement. This past year the position requests were asked for earlier and the Dean's Council reviewed all the case statements. Then they reviewed the requests as a collective body. Several factors were considered during the review process including enrollments, trends, courses requested and possible collaborative positions.

Each decision which leads to a search is shaping the future of the institution as faculty are at the heart of the institution. Provost Renner indicated he was open for suggestions in retooling any portion of the process as each decision is made for the best interest of the University.

Secondly, Provost Renner referenced a previously distributed iTunes U policy statement. It was shared with Faculty Senate for informational purposes. He suggested that anyone with questions should contact Chief Information Technology Officer, Ann Kovalachick.

Special Counsel for International Initiatives Ron Troyer was invited to speak to Senate. Mr. Troyer offered some background to the creation of the Internationalization at Drake University Report. The effort has been ongoing for 19 months with the goal of bring order and direction to the University's international activities. He complemented his committee: Marc Cadd, Wanda Everage, David Skidmore, David Wright, Shelley Fairbairn, Pramod Mahajan, Leslie Mamoorian, Darcy Vandegrift, Rahul Parsa, Jimmy Senteza, Kirk Martin, and Gretchen Olson for their work on this report. One of their first tasks was to compile an inventory of existing international activities at Drake and it was impressive. What they did note was a lack of good communication within the campus community to know what activities are in process or being proposed. He emphasized that the purpose of the report is to bring support to what is already underway and to push the institution further.

Mr. Troyer continued by stating where a short term trip is nice; the international experience needs to be included within a major or program to bring the most benefit to the student. He said there are not many details within the plan and this is on purpose. He stressed that one of Drake's advantages is its willingness to talk to each other and to work together. Senator Bartschat asked about funding for the initiatives. Mr. Troyer shared that while there are not yet signed documents the administration does have commitments for large amounts of money which would be used towards internationalization efforts. Also it was noted that \$200,000 is slated for the 2011-2012 year towards these efforts. Both Mr. Troyer and Provost Renner indicated that as monetary sources are contacted and conversations proceed, it would be helpful to have faculty support for the initiatives.

Senator Wright and Evans moved and seconded motion **11-16**:

Endorse the International Initiatives Report.

Without further discussion, the motion passed with a voice vote.

President Bartschat Report

President Bartschat announced that Deputy Provost Sue Wright was looking for three faculty volunteers for a one time meeting of the Salary Committee. Terri Koch, LouAnn Simpson and Beth Younger volunteered.

Secretary Nancy Geiger announced the election process will begin soon for the 2011-2012 At-Large Senate positions. Several Senators indicated they would be resigning due to their sabbaticals.

Student Senate Liaison, Ben Cooper began his report with the distribution of the Student Senate motion which supported the January Term motion. The Student Senate passed the motion unanimously. Their discussion included some of the same concerns as Faculty Senate yet the J-Term (January Term) concept was approved. It was clarified that the Student Senate had discussed the January Term without the mandatory provision.

Old Business

With proper motion and vote, motion **11-15** as amended was brought forward for discussion. President Bartschat reviewed the general sense of the latest, quick poll which was sent to Senators concerning the J-Term. Associate Provost Art Sanders was recognized and spoke on the motion. He stated that without the term being mandatory for students, the cost issues surrounding the J-Term will be easier to implement and allow for a longer period of implementation. If the only option for the experiences were offered in the summer, there would be greater costs for students whereas many J-Term costs are built into the full semester costs.

Provost Renner indicated that he appreciated the questions and had looked for themes. He stressed the J-Term is not meant to be a mandatory exercise for faculty. Where as he acknowledged there is uncertainty of funding, there are a number of unknowns and there would need to be a collaborative process to create the plan and met the goals of J-Term offerings. While it is his stated preference to have faculty workload accommodated from within the academic year and avoid a huge number of overloads, he knows this would need to be a collaborative process and decision. He concluded his remarks noting that this is an adjustment of the academic calendar which is within the faculty domain.

Senator Esposito asked why the institution did not already have the J-Term if it is so important. Mr. Sanders indicated that he knows from experience that changing the calendar is not a small matter. He indicated what he did know is where this proposal came from which was the Drake Curriculum Task Force discussions and in those discussions he did not recall the current absence of a J-Term being discussed.

Senator Esposito asked if it were known if the benefits outweigh the costs of adding this feature to the Drake calendar. He added that he continues to not understand how a three week class will be as challenging and rigorous as a 15 week course and although he appreciated the student endorsement of the motion, he still believed that there are unanswered questions. Provost Renner indicated he believed the ratio of risk to reward was skewed to reward. He appreciated the concern to academic rigor and content as that is a main commitment of his to Drake's students. He expressed that the J-Term offerings would avoid many regular courses and should be used for immersive experiences.

Senator Klipec was cautious that servicing the J-Term with courses would take topics from the regular offerings and when Drake is having a hard time staffing FYS courses, he could not be sure about the impact being worth the risk. Provost Renner stated that resources need to be put where the students are and navigate the supply and demand within the curriculum. Senator Evans stated he believed this was an idea worth a chance as it is a dynamic piece of the curriculum. Senator Wright stated that the recent Journalism and Mass Communication Accreditation team heard from students that they would be very interested in the J-Term especially for elective courses. He believed the offerings could be intensive both globally and locally.

Senator Wrenn presented the Pharmacy & Health Sciences viewpoint. Whereas it would present an opportunity for the bachelors' students, it would not be an advantage for the doctoral students. He

could not vote to take away two weeks of instruction (one each from the fall and spring semesters) from each of the five years of courses before the sixth year, their experiential year.

Previous question was called and seconded. The motion failed with a show of hands vote.

Senator Younger indicated she was an advocate for the J-Term. She presented that students can get a lot out of an intensive learning experience. She offered that this proposal may not be going far enough in offering forward thinking opportunities for the students. Senator Esposito indicated that he believes Drake is already working under a model of out-performing the existing resources. Drake is engaged in four high impact programs and they take resources. He desired to have these high impact efforts (such as FYS and capstone courses) fully supported rather than adding new initiatives. He indicated that he has talked with the faculty he is representing and they are not in favor of this motion. Senator Klipec indicated that he was not willing to disrupt the whole calendar to do an experiment when there is the summer already available to do similar experiences. Whereas he may like the concept, he would not support the current motion.

Senator Saylor wondered if there were other ways for the calendar to be arranged to include the intensive experience and not disrupt the teaching semester for all programs. Senator Courard-Hauri expressed that he senses an undertone of faculty vs. administration in the discussion of the motion. He notes that 65% of faculty who responded to the J-Term poll were in favor of the measure. He feels that the most resistance to the motion is here in Senate. He takes the 65% faculty in favor and the unanimous Student Senate Support as being a real reason to give this a try. Senator Simpson noted that the faculty support was in theory from many of the comments in the poll.

The motion to suspend the rules to allow the meeting to continue failed.

Previous question was called on the motion as amended and that vote failed.

The motion to adjourn was properly made and passed, thus the meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.