

The regular meeting of the 2011-2012 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Vice-President Summerville. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Alexander, Bartschat, Beisser, Chesnut, Clapham, Cramer, Evans, Frazier, Freeman-Miller, Gilbert, Leroux, McCarthy, Nelson, Reed, Sanders, Schaefer, Simpson, Summerville, Urness, and Wrenn

Absent: Dore, Vitha

The February 2012 minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell Report:

President Maxwell spoke first regarding a senator question concerning Cabinet level response to a recent hate speech incident. The President described the early March event on campus when non-appropriate remarks were shouted from a residence hall window to a group of students and visitors. The President stated he will meet with the students involved. He indicated that an attempt will be made to find out who was involved and he indicated that the campus will not be an environment to tolerate this behavior.

Recently, President Maxwell attended the ACE (American Council of Education) Board meeting and he wanted to share a couple of items (access and completion) from that national higher education community. Concerning the issue of access, there is a mounting concern to keep higher education affordable for returning adults while addressing the intrusion of federal regulations and compliance. He indicated the best defense will be to keep our own house in order. He noted that while we as an institution are not suffering and have opportunities, higher education is in a challenging place right now.

Senator Clapham expressed the frustration which she and others feel concerning keeping the university website up to date and fresh. She asked that, given the importance of the web, why Drake was not hiring a webmaster beyond marketing and admissions. President Maxwell indicated that as the University moves to a new CMS (content management system) this frustration should be eased. Provost Wright indicated that persons can be identified to help units work on individual web pages. She indicated that several units have taken the approach to have their web work outsourced.

When asked about the software changeover timeframe, Ann Kovalchick, CITO, answered. She stated it will be nine to twelve months after a product agreement is signed. Ms. Kovalchick offered that while the ability to publish pages will be easier, there will be a need for training and that capacity does not currently exist in the organization. Senator Nelson offered that he did not believe that one person is enough as 'staying current' and fresh includes the 'gee whiz' stuff, too. Marketing & Communication will be contacted to provide a preview of the new CMS to Senate.

Interim Provost Wright Report

Ms. Wright noted this is a busy point in the semester for many. Along with JTerm registration activity monitoring, she has faculty promotion and tenure submissions arriving for her review. She indicated that planning is already underway for next year including the hiring of many of the open faculty positions. Two candidates for the Vice Provost of Academic Excellence and Student Success position will be on campus after Spring Break. That search committee is chaired by Renae Chesnut. Several administrative transitions are happening in the next weeks as Margie Davidson and Wanda Everage are retiring and Rachel Boon is leaving Drake in early May.

President Simpson Report:

The 2012-2013 At Large Senate elections are complete and several unit representatives will need to be chosen soon. Senate Committees will be asked for a yearend report to be submitted.

The Student Senate report included that they have completed a social media student survey concerning advising. Those results will be made available to Senate. They were happy with the results. Student Senator Amanda Laurent also stated there was guine excitement about JTerm. Also announced was that Student Senate will be hosting a last lecture by Wanda Everage on May 2nd.

Professor Eric Manley, chair of the LMS Committee (Cmte) presented a one page summary of the committee's recommendations. There are five recommendations. He indicated these recommendations were passed unanimously. A full report will be posted on their website. Mr. Manley commented that they found that people did not realize how much they needed to be trained until they received the training and got into the products. The Cmte would be recommending a phased approach to the implementation of Blackboard 9 and also that Moodlerooms should be kept as an available option. The Cmte also expressed concern about technical support staffing. Several Senators had questions concerning the operation of two Blackboard versions at once as well as training and support for students who could very possibly be operating on two different systems in one semester. Senator Evans asked if Drake had the resources for this project. Ms. Kovalchick indicated there is money and some budgeted costs are covered for keeping two environments operating. The whole LMS Committee is expected to be in attendance at the April 2012 meeting when the recommendations and full report is on the agenda.

The JTerm Implementation Task Force report was given by Associate Provost Art Sanders. He had previously distributed a three page report. Mr. Sanders offered thanks to Dorothy Pisarski and her subgroup which worked on the JTerm Fair. He also cited Kevin Moenkhaus, Assistant Director of Student Records, for work above and beyond in managing the over 600 registrations. Mr. Sanders also acknowledged, by name, the various college and school personnel who were also instrumental in getting this registration completed as seamless as it has happened. He also thanked the faculty and expressed excitement for the students who are poised and aready to participate in these JTerm experiences both on and off campus. It was acknowledge that various understandings are still be documented especially for student housing and faculty compensation but all questions are being answered fully and quickly. Mr.Sanders emphasized that multiple

policies and practices will be monitored to determine how they need to be altered, if at all, for the 2014 JTerm.

Senator Gilbert gave an update on the Plus/Minus Grading survey to faculty. This short survey is expected to be sent after Spring Break. It was noted that there is currently not student support for making the change.

Senator Gilbert also announced that the library will be launching their new website in a few days.

Senators Frazier moved and Gilbert seconded **motion 12:15**

RESOLVED: That the Drake Faculty Senate wishes to thank Margie Davidson for her many years of service to Drake University. Specifically, we wish to show our appreciation for her support for the details and structure of the Drake Curriculum over the years. Her insights on the impact of various policies on the Curriculum have been invaluable to the Senate and the University Curriculum Committee. Margie, you will be missed, and the Senate wishes you all the best in the future.

The motion passed with applause!

Unfinished Business: None presented

New Business:

Senators Chesnut moved and Evans seconded **motion 12:16**

amend Faculty Manual Section 2.135 Final Grade Reports and

Amend the Deadline for Submission of Grades in the Guidelines for the Construction of the Academic Calendar.

Senator Chesnut gave some background information for the proposal. This set of standardized grading deadlines (which do not affect the School of Law) will offer faculty and student consistent deadlines irrespective of which semester or term the course is held. She also referenced the additional information which was presented to Senators regarding how many grades are already being submitted within this five day timeframe for the Fall and Spring semesters. Senator Clapham asked is the Christmas holiday would ever fall within the five day deadline. Senator Chesnut indicated that the newly revised academic calendar's fall semester projected grading deadlines will not be later than December 20th.

Senator Leroux asked if consideration was given to faculty with families and how this will impact their end of term activities. She was concerned that this deadline might encourage non-compliance. Senator Simpson reminded the body that Drake's fall semester is one week shorter in December now.

The motion passed on a voice vote with one against and two abstentions.

Senators Reed moved and Beisser seconded **motion 12:17**

Amend the Transfer of Credit section of the Undergraduate Admission section regarding acceptance of military credit

Senator Reed indicated this had UCC (University Curriculum Committee) approval.

The motion passed on a voice vote without dissent or abstentions.

Senators Gilbert and Chesnut moved and seconded **motion 12:18**

Endorse the Responsible Use of Information Technology Resources Policy

It was clarified that the policy has been seen by University Counsel as she is a member of the ITSA (Information Technology Security Audit) Committee. Senator Bartschat moved to table the motion based on noticing the version available for the Senate was not the latest version.

The motion to table was seconded and approved.

Ann Kovalchick, CITO, indicated she would send an up to date version to Senate very soon.

The meeting ended at 4:50p.m. Secretary Nancy Geiger