

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

Absent: Cramer, Dore

The April 2012 minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell Report:

President Maxwell offered informational items from the recent Board of Trustees meeting. These were the Board's approval of the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget, the fact that the Board discussed the draft Strategic Plan and Vision 2025 document and the Board held a plenary session about the current status and future of higher education leadership. Additionally, there was a discussion of the need to communicate well what Drake is, especially its image and reputation.

The Strategic Planning Council will continue to meet and shape specific goals. President Maxwell encouraged all faculty and staff to visit the website. He looks forward to engaging as many faculty and staff as possible in this process.

Vice President Tom Delahunt announced that as of today, there are 831 deposits of direct from high school students for fall 2012. This number is the higher than the last two years at this point. President Maxwell thanked the Admission staff for their work. He also stressed that he remains cautious as the stress of student choice is based on the financial aid package as much as whether or not the student feels academically comfortable with Drake University.

Interim Provost Wright Report

Provost Wright announced that Melissa Sturm-Smith will be the Interim Vice Provost and Kevin Saunders will move into a reorganized position taking many of Rachel Boon's tasks. Christine Marchand will become more involved with Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) coordinator activities.

The Board of Trustees action items included approving Promotion and Tenure submissions. The individuals will be announced soon to the campus community. The Graduate and Professional Enrollment Task Force Report was presented to the Board. There was a Deans presentation to the Academic Affairs Committee which highlighted recent new programs.

Provost Wright shared that this spring the Provost Council comprised of Deans and Directors, developed time to review the book Can We Talk About Race? by Beverly Tatum. The discussion was led by Rachel Boon, Director of Institutional Research and Compliance. Additionally, the Provost Council heard from a student group concerning Social Justice teaching and learning opportunities during the Fall 2012 semester.

And Student group spoke to Provost Council and hear more in the fall and making it a real week of commitment to Social Justice.

Senator Evans asked if there is a budget for implementation of the new LMS. He stated that faculty are concerned and there has not been much communication concerning implementation. Provost Wright indicated that there are ongoing meetings preparing for the new system including sessions this week. Senator Clapham offered her understanding that it would not be implemented in the summer 2012 rather in the fall 2012 semester. Individuals indicated their interest in having a clear timeline for the project.

Senator Gilbert offered that Jimmy & Roslyn Carter will be on campus in September 2012 as the Bucksbaum Lecture and in conjunction with the Slay Social Justice Fund. This was confirmed by President Maxwell.

President Simpson Report

Senators Beisser and Evans moved and seconded motion **12-21**

University Service Recognition for Victoria Payseur & Wanda Everage

The motion was approved with applause.

Amanda Laurent, Student Senate representative, reminded the group of the upcoming Wanda Everage Last Lecture. The event will be this evening in Sheslow Auditorium. Ms. Laurent introduced Steve Slade who will serve next year as the Academic Affairs Liaison. She concluded by thanking all of the Senators for their efforts and stated she enjoyed knowing each and every one.

Associate Provost Art Sanders gave a brief JTerm Implementation Report. He indicated that while there has not been significant change since the last meeting he acknowledges that work has begun on the January 2014 JTerm course offerings.

Senator Gilbert indicated that new files are on the web and a FAQ has been started concerning the issue of plus/minus grading.

Senator Alexander gave a Board of Student Communications (BSC) report. The committee oversees the funding for several student publications. He indicated that with help from Provost Wright a Task Force has almost finished its work concerning fund allocation issues. One short term issue is fiscal year 2013 funding and the recommendation is to maintain the fiscal 2012 levels. This has student support at this point. A second issue is a review of the governance structure and development of a funding structure which ensures freedom of press and recognizes these are student fees. These recommendations will be presented to Faculty Senate in the Fall 2012 semester. The structure should be maintained out of the Office of the Provost and have membership recommendations from the Faculty and Student Senates. The funding structure will include an appeal mechanism.

Old Business –none presented

New Business:

Senator Gilbert and Alexander moved and seconded motion **12-22**

amend the Honorary Degree & Drake Medal Committee membership

Italics denote new language; ~~Strikethrough~~ denote deletions

This committee reviews nominations for recipients of an Honorary Degree and the Drake Medals. The committee recommendations are presented to the Faculty Senate for their consideration.

The members of this committee (*excepting the Board committee member*) are appointed by the *Faculty Senate* Executive committee for staggered two-year terms. Membership ~~should represent a broad spectrum of academic disciplines and should also include~~ *should include three faculty representatives, one staff representative, and an emeritus representative.*

A currently serving Board of Trustees member will be appointed to serve a two-year term. The Trustee member will be appointed by the Trustees Board of Affairs. One faculty member shall be designated chair and another chair-elect.

Senator Beisser, as a member of the committee, indicated the current committee membership did not have a problem with the language change. Senator Gilbert offered that his review of other committee memberships did not have formal additions from the Board of Trustees. Senator Clapham noted that the language indicates a broad spectrum yet a limit of three faculty. She questioned how a broad spectrum can be achieved with three.

Senator Beisser offered that a current committee member voiced interest in having the language restored. Senator Gilbert offered his reason to exclude the language was based on the realities of how Senate Executive Committee selects individuals and persons availability to serve.

The motion passed with ten in favor and five against and one abstention

Senator Evans and Schaefer moved and seconded motion **12-23**

Approve the 2013-2014 Academic Calendar

The motion passed on a voice vote without discussion.

Senator Wrenn and Gilbert moved and seconded motion **12-24**

Approve the date for the December Commencement 2012 as December 15, 2012, Saturday

And December Commencement 2013 as December 14, 2013, Saturday

A question was raised about alternating the event between Saturday and Sunday. There was no interest in moving in that direction for events so close to the break, at least not while the December Commencement is a new event for current students and families.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

Thanks and recognition was given LouAnn Simpson for her leadership this year and to Cowles staff for technology service for Senate meetings.

Senate moved into Executive Session at 4:10 p.m. to consider Drake Medal and Honorary Degree nominations.

The meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

Secretary, Nancy Geiger