

The regular meeting of the 2010-2011 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Bartschat. Senate roll call was answered by 19 senators including a brief introduction.

The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Bartschat, Courard-Hauri, Cramer, Dore, Esposito, Evans, Fairbairn, Freeman-Miller, Koch, Lyons, Nelson, Reed, Reincke, Schneider, Simpson, Vandegrift, Wrenn, Wright, Younger

Absent: Klipec, Saylor

Upon proper motion and vote, May 2010 minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell Report

President Maxwell responded to a question submitted from Senator Nelson concerning the plan for science facility upgrades. President Maxwell indicated that the complete plan is expensive and is under constant evaluation. He indicated that there will be faculty involvement throughout the planning stages. Senator Nelson emphasized that getting faculty involved and excited may help get others excited, including donors. President Maxwell agreed.

Considering fundraising, President Maxwell announced the Distinctly Drake capital campaign will become public on October 1, 2010. There will be a number of exciting events including the Francis Marion Drake dinner to move the campaign into a full community wide effort. He continued that there is close to \$65 million already pledged in this effort which has as its main goal to support faculty and students.

An additional \$800,000 has been awarded to the World Languages & Cultures department for the Virtual Language Studies. He noted this effort is turning into a meaningful self-directed learning system and Drake is leading the effort at a national level.

President Maxwell thanked the many persons who had supported him and the University leadership in the past ten days. He noted that the last 13 months have been rough for the Drake community due to several unfortunate incidents. President Maxwell appreciated the support and noted he is thinking about the possible actions which would be appropriate to help the community as a whole.

Provost Renner Report

Provost Renner shared a multi-year enrollment handout. The Fall 2010 new direct-from-high-school student count is 864 which is one person different from the Fall 2009 863 total. He announced he is very pleased with their academic profile.

Twenty three faculty searches have been authorized for next year. While this hire rate will be a stretch for the existing resources, it will be a great investment in Drake's future according to the Provost. He

also has been pleased on the multiple favorable comments he has received about the new Fall 2010 faculty.

Provost Renner commented on the following topics:

- a) the Information Technology division will be promoting some system updates soon to help the overall technology infrastructure. Also there will be an email provider change happening next year.
- b) The Sexual Assault Task Force Report recommendations are being implemented including a one page handout distributed to all new students providing them
- c) With an acknowledgment to the upcoming retirement of Ron Troyer, there will be a search beginning for a leader of the international projects at Drake.
- d) The Teaching & Learning Center's basic structure is now in place due in part to the new position hires and the retooling of the structure of the academic division.

Senator Esposito thanked the University leadership team for their efforts in approving the academic unit's position case statements for next year. He expressed how important it is to the units to know they can proceed with planning and position searches. *Secretary's note: there was applause from the Senate.*

President Bartschat Report

President Bartschat introduced Human Resources Director Vanessa Macro. She shared with Senate that Human Resources has begun the selection process of a third party vendor to perform academic and criminal background checks. These checks will be done for position finalists although that may be expanded. Also, there will be an online application system implemented this fall which is expected to make the entire process easier and more consistent. This is expected approximately November 1st. She continued that the goal of all background checks will be fairness and accuracy and that they are consistency performed pursuant to the best legal practice. Currently the process is already used for persons filling security and athletic positions, residence hall employees, and anyone issued a master key.

Senator Reincke asked Ms. Macro who will be informing the applicants that the check is being completed. The reply was that it will be within the position announcement information and when their name is submitted as a position finalist.

President Bartschat recognized Samantha Haas, the Student Body President. Ms. Haas introduced herself and Ben Cooper. Mr. Cooper will serve this year as the Student Senate liaison. He spoke briefly about the current Student Senate tasks which included some by-law changes and establishing an Auditor within the Student Senate. Ms. Haas closed their remarks with an invite to Senators who wish to engage students in any matter to please contact her.

President Bartschat referenced a document which was distributed with the Senate materials. It was an excerpt from Robert's Rules of Order concerning abstentions. He stressed that an abstaining vote is not really a no vote. He continued that he and Senate Executive Committee wants to get the Drake

Curriculum moving quickly this semester. They are taking the Task Force Report (December 2009) and the University Curriculum Committee Report (April 2010) and are creating motions which will be brought to Faculty Senate for consideration and vote. Drake's Academic Charter indicates that the Faculty Senate is the body to vote on curricular matters.

The Senate Executive Committee will be sending a survey to faculty concerning suggested Drake Curriculum motions. It will serve as a mechanism for faculty input before the matters come to Senate. President Bartschat responded to questions about the poll clarifying that it will be sent to general faculty including the Law School even though they are not directly affected by several portions and that currently there are twelve to fifteen separate motions. Due to the E-portfolio pilot this fall and January Term study needs, these two ideas are not expected to come to Senate until at least February 2011, he said.

There was a brief discussion of how to increase the awareness of the survey to garner timely responses including department announcements by Senators. Bruce Gilbert was recognized and stated he applauded how this process was going but expressed concern that the whole proposal was inter-connected. He noted, as a member of the original Task Force, there was an assumption that if one item was added then something else would go away. Mr. Bartschat agreed that the inter-connectivity should not be lost on the entire Drake experience yet the Senate must either accept or reject the changes before any piece of this can go forward.

New Business

Vice President Vicki Payseur and two PCP Committee (Print/Copy & Paperless Committee) members, Marc David, Cowles Library and David Hansen, Law School, were introduced. The presentation was a high level summary from and an update to the recent town hall style presentation made to the campus community.

Mr. David commented that the committee regarded printing and copying as an academic activity. In general, the committee is looking to replace the legacy machines on campus with multi-functioning machines. The goal is to reduce cost and maintain or increase value. Ultimately, the need is to have standards which allow for good access and whatever savings are achieved they will stay in the department. The committee has acknowledged they will not meet all the specialized curricular needs but will raise the minimum standards across campus. The committee has student interest data which includes the establishment of a student print shop, which might provide binding. This is a service which currently students seek at off campus sites. One overall goal for the PCP Committee is for Drake to be using less paper by 2015. This will be promoted via more document sharing techniques and simple measures like changing the printer default settings.

Senate Wrenn asked about print security when students or anyone else use a common device. The reply was that individuals would need a security code to actually get their documents at the machine. Senator Wright asked about LRI's contract for this year. Ms. Payseur indicated that it will be for service to existing machines only. Senator Reincke asked if the changes will cause any Drake employee to be

displaced. The reply was no. Ms. Payseur indicated that the committee believes these changes will allow existing technology personnel in-the-field to more consistently be handling their own tasks rather than being copier technicians. Also noted as a concern was whether or not the stated goal of less paper use by faculty for their courses will merely shift the printing costs to students thus establishing a bit of a shell game with the costs and not really being 'green'. Ms. Payseur acknowledged this concern within the PCP Committee also. She hoped that their goal of several campus wide approaches will lessen that concern.

Deputy Provost Sue Wright and Director of Institutional Research Rachel Boon presented information concerning the Higher Learning Commission's recently announced Pathways: The New Accreditation Model. This presentation will be also made to academic units in the next few weeks. Ms. Boon stressed that HLC is responding to pressure to change. The process is changing not the criteria. She indicated that many currently submitted reports will not drastically change for Drake yet the HLC say they will now be actually looking at the reports. Reports will be filed digitally throughout the cycle.

Drake will be following the Open Pathway Model. Although the full accreditation cycle is laid out over ten years, Drake will enter in year five (2012) and thus expect a full accreditation visit in 2017.

One change is the need for a QIP (Quality Initiative Project). This project is institutionally designed with over arching expectations of quality campus wide gains and clear outcomes. It must be a do-able project. Drake's project idea will need to be accepted as appropriate. For clarification, it was noted that an already successfully completed one unit upgrade would not be acceptable for the QIP. The completed project (whether it is fully successful or not) will be subject to a review by the Peer Review Team before their full visit.

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not the Drake Curriculum revisions could qualify. The response was doubtful in part since that was already in process before the changes came into effect, although the scope of the whole project does seem to meet the QIP definition. Senator Younger asked if the QIP was to show that Drake is not stagnant. Both presenters felt that was a fair summary statement. Ms. Wright noted the current work towards improved outcome assessment is appropriate, timely and needed, too.

The Senate voted to extend past 5:00 p.m.

Another HLC feature shared with Senate was a set of Minimum Expectations. This included such areas as: Fiduciary Responsibility, Programs & Instruction, and Student and Faculty Support Services. Drake will need to document that it is meeting the minimum expectations and supply evidence to prove the statements.

With a motion and vote, the Faculty Senate closed at 5:05 p.m.