

The meeting of the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President David Wright. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Robyn Cooper, Matt Esposito, Bruce Gilbert, Pat Heaston, Karen Leroux, Craig Owens, Chuck Phillips, Dorothy Pisarski, Eric Saylor, Bart Schmidt, Joseph Schneider, Miguel Schor, LouAnn Simpson, Bob Soltis, Keith Summerville, Jody Swilky, Timothy Urness, Maria Valdovinos, Craige Wrenn and David Wright.

Absent: Maria Bohorquez, Renae Chesnut, Maria Clapham

The September 2014 meeting minutes were accepted.

President Maxwell Report:

The Board of Trustees meeting will be held later this week and one major agenda item will be actions relative to the STEM Initiatives. President Maxwell thanked all who attended the Town Hall presentation last week. It has been a team effort to get the various initiatives to this point. There will be four motions presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval. These include the (a) approval from the Board Building and Grounds Committee to proceed with the detailed architectural work, (b) approval from the Finance and Investment Committee to fund the detailed plans, (c) approval for the administration to work with the bond council to put together the project's debt funding structure, and (d) approve a subcommittee of the Board Finance and Investments Committee to work with Vice President Newsom to work through the funding plans.

Senator Phillips asked what steps will follow these approvals. President Maxwell indicated that further approvals will be requested at the April 2015 Board of Trustee meeting.

Vice President Newsom introduced Russ Nay who will serve as the Interim Chief Information Officer. He'll begin his position next week. The position is expected to be posted in January 2015. Mr Nay is currently retired from Federal Home Loan Bank. He has begun visiting some groups this week. Mr. Nay spoke briefly sharing that he has a high opinion of Drake University and looks forward to working with persons at Drake.

Provost Jones Report

Provost Jones distributed the Academic Affairs & Student Life Board Committee agenda. She pointed out the topics which Student Life will be addressing include very important, nationally relevant sexual assault and gender violence issues.

She continued with sharing observations from her recent trip to South Africa. She believed her trip was productive as an agreement which had expired earlier in 2014 was reestablished. There will be an administrator visiting Drake possibly in December.

President Wright Report:

Olivia O'Hea, Student Senate Liaison, spoke briefly expressing that Senators will soon be receiving invitations to the November 13th Academic Affairs Dinner.

President Wright gave an update on the President Search process. Various candidates met with the Board of Trustee Nominating Committee recently. The process is moving forward on schedule. The faculty members of the Campus Committee met with the Board Committee Chair David Miles recently. President Wright believes there may be involvement of the Campus Committee in finalist interviews. Senator Owens asked if broad campus involvement in the process will or will not include an open campus forum. President Wright offered that is a possibility yet not a strong one. When asked, President Wright indicated that 13 names had been forwarded from the Campus Committee to the Board Nominating Committee.

Scott Law, Campus Security Services Director, gave an update on the One Card Project. He indicated that approximately twelve doors will have swipe access added. He noted that additional readers are not being added. These enhancements should be completed by the end of November. An additional 22 doors will be reviewed in Spring semester for possible card swipe connectivity. He is in consultation with the Deans Council concerning the selection of these doors. Mr. Law indicated that

soon eaccount functionality will be added to the cards. This enhancement will streamline how parents, students or employees can add money to their card account. Mr. Law was asked about how soon exterior door keys will be collected. His reply was that this is not a priority at this time yet will begin this academic year. Also in response to a question, he noted the card system has sufficient power to run for eight hours if the power is out. In the event of a power outage, persons will be able to leave the buildings. The next project phase includes battery backups for some buildings.

New Business:

Senators Gilbert and Pisarski moved and seconded **Motion 15-01**:

*Amend Section I.A., Section I.B.2, Section I.B.3, and Section II.A.
of the Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations detailed below*

Proposed Changes to Section I.A.

I. Senate Officers.

A. Designated Officers. The designated officers of the Faculty Senate are the President, the President-Elect, and the Secretary. *The President of the University, the Provost, the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, and the President of the Senate are designated as non-voting members of the Senate. (This status applies to the President of the Senate even though the President of the Senate may vote if Special Circumstances apply (see I.B.3))*

Proposed Changes to Section I.B.2

B. Senate President

2. *President's Status.* ~~Ex-Officio Senator. The President shall serve as an ex-officio Senator.~~ If the President's term as Senator has expired in ends prior to the year in which he or she begins the Presidency serves in the position of Senate President, the President shall serve as ~~an ex-officio Senator~~ a non-voting member of Senate. If the Senator who serves as President has not completed his or her term as Senator, the President shall withdraw as ~~an active a voting Senator and serve as an ex-officio Senator~~ a non-voting member of Senate. The President's position as voting Senator shall be filled under the appropriate section provisions of (II) (E).

Proposed Changes to Section I.B.3

3. Entitlement to Vote *in Special Circumstances.* The President of the Senate shall not vote in Senate matters except in those instances where there is a tie of the Senate on a main motion or an amendment to a main motion and the President's vote will break the tie vote.

Proposed Changes to Section II.A.

II. Senators.

A. Constitution of the Senate. The voting members of the Faculty Senate will be made up of ten Unit Senators and twelve At-Large Senators.

Senator Gilbert stated the motion will clean up some of the language recently approved. The first change is to clarify the issue of voting. The second change is from the status of ex-officio to non-voting. Senator Gilbert stated these are two separate things and the motion makes the language the same as the Academic Charter for the University President and the Provost. The third portion clarifies when the Senate President will vote which is only for main motions or amendments.

Senator Simpson asked a question about the Senate President and their voting privileges since there seems to be an emphasis on when the person would not vote. Senator Gilbert stated the language covers multiple situations, each sentence describes the different ways a person becomes president. Senator Pisarski indicated that her understanding was that once elected, their term is not extended. Other Senators offered their understanding of the language concerning when the President would be allowed to vote. Noting this was not a time sensitive matter; the movants were willing to have the motion wait.

With a motion to postpone offered and approved, the issue will be brought back to Senate at a subsequent meeting.

Senators Summerville and Simpson moved and seconded **Motion 15-02**:

Change the charge and membership description of the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee

Description ---- Admissions, **Retention** and Financial Aid Committee --- *Proposed*

The Committee reviews the admissions strategies and financial aid policies and practices of the University. It shall recommend change in these strategies, policies and practices when, in the Committee's judgment, such change is appropriate. **Additionally, the committee will collaborate with administration in developing and assessing University-wide retention strategies. The Committee will deliver a report on admission yield, discount rate, and annual retention data to Senate during the Fall semester of each academic year.**

The committee's broad-based membership shall consist of six members of the Faculty of Instruction appointed to two-year terms, three students appointed by the Student Senate, the Vice President of Admission and Financial Aid, the Director of Admission, the Director of Student Financial Planning, **Associate Provost for Academic Excellence & Student Success**, the Dean of Students, and one member representing the Council of Associate/Assistant Deans. The Chair is appointed by the Executive Committee from among the faculty members.

Senator Summerville, who serves as this committee's Chair, indicated this charge was authored last year by the committee. The revision adds retention to the charge. There are ad hoc retention efforts on campus which can now be streamlined and integrated into faculty governance. He continued with stating that faculty are touched by the retention rate and need to be partners in this conversation. Finally, since the Senate agenda was sent, he has received positive faculty mentions regarding this motion. Senator Owens asked if the assessing efforts would be considered within this charge. The reply was yes.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25p.m.