

President David Courard-Hauri called a regular meeting of the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate to order at 3:30 p.m. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Dan Alexander, Robyn Cooper, David Courard-Hauri, Renee Cramer, Debra De Laet, Carrie Dunham-LaGree, Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp, Royce Fichtner, Jerry Honts, Teri Koch, Jerrid Kruse, Sarah McCoy, Jennifer McCrickerd, Chip Miller, Craig Owens, Chuck Phillips, Dorothy Pisarski, Elizabeth Robertson, Heidi Sleister, Melissa Weresh, and David Wright

Absent: Lourdes Gutierrez Najera, Nancy Reincke, Mark Vitha

The January 2018 minutes were approved.

President Martin was not present due to business travel.

Provost Mattison Report:

Provost Mattison shared that increase in retention percentage of the Fall 2017 entering first year students to second semester as compared to last year. Also, she stated the Fall 2018 undergraduate admission data is where we want it to be at this point of the process. Now is the season for students and their families to be making their hard decisions.

A request was made from Provost Mattison to have ideas and general thoughts given to her concerning an objective in the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). An objective is to support faculty scholarship. The current measure is a dollar amount and to her that measure is not telling the whole story. She is looking to have a more meaningful measure of faculty engagement, such as having a measure be the number of faculty/student co-authored papers. She is interested in ideas of what might be a good measure of the quality of the scholarship in addition to the faculty monetary support.

Additionally, the Political Science program has recently received a high rating in the Seventeen magazine. The recognition included comments of how non-majors are involved in this discipline. She noted that her position includes the responsibility to read promotion and tenure materials. She stated that the files "are an absolute joy to ready the good work".

Finally, she read the notice of reaffirmation of accreditation which Drake just received. As she thanked the co-leaders of that effort, Craig Owens and Kevin Saunders, she knows this is a great thing for Drake.

President Courard-Hauri Report:

President Courard-Hauri reminded all assembled that March 6th is an election in Polk County for Measure A. He encouraged persons to read up on the issue and take the time to vote.

Recently two town hall meetings, attended by about 30 people total, were held. There was a fair amount of frustration with the current Faculty Senate At-Large representation system expressed at the meetings. One thing that stood out to President Courard-Hauri at the meetings was that there was very little interest in voting reforms that would improve representation within the at large system but keep it intact. People were much more interested in increasing unit representation and reducing at large representation. There was also a fair amount of discussion of representation for contingent faculty, and he heard no opposition to that suggestion. He acknowledged this will be tough as they are not compensated for service, and are often less familiar with candidates. The next step will be to put together a campus questionnaire.

Yet this semester, Senate will be discussing a proposed faculty misconduct policy, as Drake does not have an explicit policy on dealing with misconduct that falls short of the bar for dismissal. The Executive Committee is looking at policies that have been implemented at other schools, and is meeting outside of our regular meeting schedule to get this put together a proposal.

President Courard-Hauri reminded all present to provide feedback concerning the proposed Core Values and to participate in the Great Colleges to Work For Survey.

Old Business: None Presented

New Business:

Senators McCrickerd and Cramer moved and seconded **motion 18:07**:

Approve 2021-2022 Academic Calendar & Confirm 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Senator Dunham-LaGree asked how the calendars come together as she and others would like to have some days in between JTerm and the Spring semester. Provost Mattison acknowledged the challenge of having a 3 credit course in such a short time and moving directly into a full semester. Associate Provost Art Sanders shared that this topic was reviewed by the JTerm Oversight Committee a couple of years ago. This particular year's scheduling was a function of the rotating calendar and as such not every JTerm will begin on a Monday. Senator Dunham-LaGree suggested the JTerm faculty comments be considered as the calendars are created.

With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Scott Law, Director of Public Safety and Operational Services, spoke to Senate concerning the Parking Committee recommendations for 2018-2019. The Parking Committee will seek feedback from Student Senate, Faculty Senate and All Staff Council before submitting their recommendations (by April 1st) to Presidents Council. The Parking Committee does not set policy, it makes recommendations. Mr. Law reminded Senate that last year's feedback caused the Parking Committee to recommend to not change the parking rates for 2017-2018.

In response to concerns last year, the Olmsted parking lot has been closed infrequently this year, only for major events and with notice given via blueView. Eventbrite software is used to obtain parking permits for invited academic guests. Departments have a set of free parking passes available for their use. Multiple of the ITS and Facilities reserved parking spots have been removed. Some of the Ray Society reserved parking spots are expected to be removed this summer.

Several initiatives are underway to align with the University's interest to reduce the carbon signature and accommodate multi methods of transportation for various campus constituents. Mr. Law indicated the option of using of Bulldog Bucks for Uber rides has been quite successful. This payment option is available for local or not local Uber use and to date approximately \$7,000 has been spent by students and Drake employees via Bulldog Bucks on Uber. There were three BB Cycle stations installed around campus last summer in cooperation with the Des Moines Bike Collective. This spring the Bike Library option will again be available at Olmsted for students and the monthly DART bus ridership holds steady at about 3900 individual rides a month.

With Student Senate financial support, there are now two Safe Ride Buses which operate in the evenings making two distinct routes. Mr. Law expects to purchase a third bus for next year. The vehicles are available for approved academic group use, also. A new initiative for Fall 2018, will be the option to rent an Enterprise car which is kept at Drake. The rental will be at a reduced rate, offered for the time periods of one hour up to 4 or 5 days and offered to students who are less than 21 years old. This Enterprise agreement will include their hiring of a student (or possibly two) to promote and help with the program. Announcements concerning this agreement are expected in March for start-up in August 2018.

Concerning the Parking Committee parking rates for 2018-2019, Mr. Law shared that several rates are expected to stay the same. Some will be increased over a three year period and the proposal calls for the rates to be held at those dollar amounts for two years after that. Senator McCrickerd asked if there was consideration given to basing the cost on a sliding scale based on salary. The reply was that this idea has been reviewed and not endorsed. There are several complications including how to accommodate employees in marriages or within the same household. Another suggestion which has been considered yet not easily applied would be to charge less for parking farther from an individual's office. Senator Koch asked about an estimate of the income from the fees. Mr. Law did not give a specific dollar reply yet stressed the Parking Committee goal is to use, as the practice is now, all funds for the lot maintenance and equipment. He stated that currently Drake has a backlog of improvements to bring the institution close to industry standards.

Senator Pisarski asked if there could be a Town Hall on this topic in an effort to communicate more widely the information. Mr. Law indicated he would take that suggestion to Chief Administration Officer Macro and President Martin. Another question pertained to where would the rental car parking area be to which the reply was that has not yet been determined. The Olmsted Lot will have 12-15 spaces opened up and 3-4 rental cars are expected in August, thus there should be a net gain in available parking spaces. When asked, Mr. Law indicated the parking permits available via Eventbrite are handled similar to

the lot dots were distributed in the past for department. Also stated was that some policy and procedure information is not posted on the web but available within the Public Safety Department.

Keith Summerville, Deputy Provost, was introduced to address Senate concerning the possible establishment of a Blanket Transfer Articulation for transfer students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. This initial effort would be established for students from Iowa community colleges. He indicated his interest today is to look for an outcome from this discussion of how Senate would like to move forward and gain a sense of how Senators feel about the topic. He reminded the group of a question which was raised last December at the Budget Town Hall concerning transfer students and the recent decline in their interest and admission at Drake. Mr. Summerville stated it is an issue of cost and the tuition guarantee overall does not give the much help to transfer students with a large number of credits. Also, there is not a “smooth path” for these students to apply their credits to Drake’s general education requirements. He continued talking about how the three Iowa Regents universities handle this issue. While the three institutions are not exactly the same, the student are complete with their general education and can focus on getting their major.

Mr. Summerville supplied some trend numbers concerning transfer students who have come to Drake and placed them in “three buckets” concerning their higher education path before transferring. These groupings were: 20% come from a four year experience and the remainder from community colleges. The community college transfer student is increasingly finishing their AA/AS degree before moving to any school.

Additionally, Drake does target the possible transfer admission of the direct from high school student who first chooses a community college rather than Drake when it is known the student/family is interested in Drake. Currently admission counselors are traveling to and making relationships with out of state community colleges.

Another admission initiative, led by Dean of Admission Anne Kremer, is the establishment of Transfer Pathways. These will directly build transfer in credit for major courses. This effort is in conjunction with the appropriate college/school and departmental leadership.

Concerns were raised that writing skills are important for not only the direct from high school student but also for transfers. This element of community college offerings is sometimes lacking. Additionally, there was concern that Drake not take advantage of students and support mechanisms need to be included in the planning effort. Senator McCrickerd noted that “really good grades at a community college does not translate to success at Drake”. Mr. Summerville noted that investment in helping students succeed is needed anyway. The admission standards would not be changed.

Senator Fichtner described the current transfer course review process as “clunky” and he wondered how many students are lost “due to the process”. Senator Cramer shared that the Blanket Agreement idea has made her department “think about our courses” as it relates to this topic. More than one Senator stated that (a) many AOIs are available, thus these offering should not be in jeopardy; (b) there are so many Advanced Placement (AP) credits accepted already which cover AOIs and (c) multiple courses within various majors are AOIs, thus the transfer students may well still become enrolled in Drake AOIs.

Senators Cramer and Wright moved and seconded **motion 18:08**:

Faculty Senate charges Keith Summerville to form a team comprising of the Associate Deans and a current UCC member (to be determined by UCC) to prepare a blanket transfer articulation proposal, with possible asterisks, which can be brought to Faculty Senate for consideration and vote.

During discussion of this motion, the membership language grew to include an individual from the current University Curriculum Committee (UCC). Senator Kruse noted the UCC charge includes the Drake Curriculum and the AOI’s. The Senators determined the UCC representative would be chosen by the UCC. While acknowledging that Associate Deans are faculty, Senator Alexander was in favor of faculty membership who currently were not holding administrative assignment. Neither the discussion nor motion mentioned a time frame restriction or preference.

With a voice vote, the motion passed.

The meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.