

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2000

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Dan Sheffer at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000, in Room 201 of the Buckingham Center for Continuing Education.

Forty-nine of the sixty-four members of the Faculty Senate were in attendance. Senators Gibson, Kinion, Lavelli, Lee, Li, Lyons, and Weaver were absent with notice. Senators Binienda, Dhinojwala, Graham, Hebert, Ofobike, and Purdy were absent without notice.

SENATE ACTIONS

- (a) APPROVED THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR FALL 2000 GRADUATION.**
- (b) AFFIRMED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT OF APCC RESOLUTION MOVING DUE DATE FOR SPRING 2001 STUDENT INVOICES.**
- (c) ELECTED SENATOR JULIA SPIKER AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL.**

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Chair Sheffer called for a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Bonnie Filer-Tubaugh so moved; Senator Linda Saliga seconded the motion. Senate then voted its approval of the agenda.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2000 - Senator Chand Midha moved that the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Senator Filer-Tubaugh. Senator Kennedy stated she had no corrections to the minutes. The body then voted its approval of the minutes.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS - The Chair started the meeting by remarking on the parking situation on campus. He stated that in response to both verbal and written comments, President Proenza had convened a meeting on Nov. 13, 2000, to again discuss the parking situation as construction progressed on campus. The President wanted the faculty and staff to have an active role in the discussion and had asked the Faculty Senate to participate. Chair Sheffer had suggested that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee and the Executive Committee, along with the two Senators from the ASG, participate in this particular meeting. Therefore, all constituencies of the Senate would be represented in these three groups. He believed that President Proenza had asked others from the administration to also participate. If Senators had any comments or suggestions, they were to please forward them to any member of the Executive Committee or the CFPC or the Senators from Associated Student Government.

IV. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - Chair Sheffer stated that the Senate first needed to approve the Fall 2000 commencement candidates. Mrs. Quillin had a list of those students if anyone wanted to see that. He then asked for a motion to approve the Fall 2000 candidate list. Senator Qammar so moved; Senator Sakezles seconded the motion. No discussion forthcoming, the body then passed the motion.

Two new Senators were here today, and the Chair wanted all to welcome them. These new Senators were: Dr. Julia Spiker, from Fine & Applied Arts College, who would fill the unexpired 2-year term of Barbara Heinzerling; and Dr. Brian Ebie, a part-time faculty member, who would fill the remainder of Peggy Richards' term. Drs. Spiker and Ebie stood to a round of welcoming applause by the Senate.

The Chair's third announcement concerned an update on the condition of our former Senator, Gary Oller. As many knew, Dr. Oller had suffered a stroke two weeks ago. After medical stabilization and assessment, he was moved to the Edwin Shaw Hospital for extensive rehabilitation therapy. Senators were asked to please keep Dr. Oller in their prayers, to drop him a note, phone or visit him if they had an opportunity. The Chair stated that he knew Gary would appreciate hearing from all, but because of the intensity of the program at Edwin Shaw, visiting hours were limited from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mon. through Fri., and 12:00 till

8:00 p.m. on the weekends.

The final special announcement the Chair had was to make note of the passing of a former colleague of ours, Constantin Dimitriu. A former member of the Classics Dept., Constantin Dimitriu passed away at the age of 84 on Oct. 7 of this year. He had had a long and varied life, which was the case with so many Europeans of his generation profoundly altered by World War II. He was born in Romania, earned his bachelor's degree at the University College of Cluj, and a master's of arts in international law and diplomatic history from the University of Bucharest. An avid horseman, he had served as a reserve officer in the Royal Rumanian Cavalry in the 1930's and had remained an excellent judge of horsemanship throughout his life. After 1947 he went into exile in Argentina where he taught at various colleges and universities in the field of oriental and near eastern history. He arrived in the U.S. in 1968 and began work as a librarian in the J. White Collection of the Cleveland Public Library. He had a master's degree in library science from Case Western University, and joined The University of Akron in 1970 as a research librarian and part-time instructor in eastern civilization. He then taught full-time in the classics department until his retirement in 1994. He was a man of great intellect and immense curiosity with wide-ranging interests from hunting and fishing to opera. As an exile from his homeland, perhaps his most amazing quality was the ability to adapt to a new culture and immerse himself in whatever they had to offer. He never complained about the lost past but actively participated in the present.

Senators then honored Mr. Dimitriu with a moment of silence.

V. REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Senator Kennedy reported that the Executive Committee had met on two occasions in October. At the Oct. 12 meeting the following had been discussed: First, the agenda for today's meeting had been set. As Senators might have noticed, there had been a slight change in the order of reports, but at this time it was thought that this would be the only session at which that happened. The Executive Committee also discussed the wireless technology plan which was to be introduced to the campus. The committee had had several concerns and questions raised, not only in terms of implementing the technology, but also regarding what the roles of the CCTC and the CFPC would be in those plans. The committee's questions and concerns were forwarded to the CCTC. Further, the committee asked that the CCTC request Dr. Tom Gaylord to come to one of their committee meetings and present the plan.

The Executive Committee also passed a resolution from APCC regarding moving the due date for the spring 2001 invoice. Senator Kennedy then read the resolution: **APCC recommends to Faculty Senate Executive Committee that the spring 2001 invoice due date be changed from December 22, 2000, to January 4, 2001.**

Senator Kennedy stated that this request had been sent originally to APCC from members of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Cashier Installment Plan, and Information Service offices. She then made a motion that the Senate affirm the Executive Committee's approval of this resolution from APCC. No discussion of the motion forthcoming, Chair Sheffer called for a vote. The motion passed.

The final item discussed at that meeting concerned a mailing Senators should have received from Mrs. Quillin. This mailing asked that Senators with questions or issues they would like the Executive Committee to discuss with the President to please forward those items to the committee prior to its meeting with the President. Due to a glitch in the email system, we had had to do a snail mail this time. However, Senators would receive future calls for questions via email. Items were to be emailed to Mrs. Quillin directly.

The Executive Committee also met with President Proenza and Ms. Becky Herrnstein on Oct. 25, 2000. The President updated the committee on the following items: He talked about new appointments and the status of several search processes. He talked about the Charting the Course document (presented to Faculty Senate at the last meeting), and discussed when this document would be released to the campus at large. He also reported on the construction campaign, and updated the committee regarding the maternity

leave and new sick leave policy. For the latter, President Proenza indicated that a discussion had been initiated between Ms. Herrnstein, Kathy Watson, and Senator Qammar regarding the language of that policy. Senator Elizabeth Erickson had asked that the Well Being Committee be included in these discussions. Plans were made to do so.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY - President Proenza thanked the Chair for his introduction and began his remarks.

"Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your help and that of all the Senators in moving forward in a constructive approach to bring forward ideas that may help us to transition through the stress that is obviously apparent to all of us as we continue to build our campus. That is deeply appreciated, and your input is sought and appreciated.

In keeping with my meeting with the Executive Committee in case you missed the announcements - as you know, we appointed Dr. George Newkome, an internationally renowned chemist, as our new Vice President for Research. He will arrive on January 1 and begin his duties. We also announced the appointment of a new Athletic Director, Mr. Michael Thomas, from the University of Virginia, an exceptionally energetic and experienced person. He has been on the job now since the 23rd and is moving along exceptionally well.

The Provost met yesterday with the Engineering Dean Search Committee. That committee had been in place for a year and have done an exceptional job under very difficult circumstances. This is not a good time to be finding a dean of engineering. We have asked that committee to retire, and the Provost will empower a new committee and will proceed again. We were not in a position to settle for second best, and we did not have adequate candidates during that year's period. Jack (Braun), thank you very much for your help and we look forward to continuing input from the entire faculty and colleagues. It is a difficult time. I've been in touch with many of my colleagues throughout the country, and for some reason, engineering deans are in short supply throughout the country.

I have a number of other items to bring you up to date on, and let me try to do so as succinctly as possible. First of all, following the presentation that I made to this body about the strategic thinking, the Charting the Course document. We have briefed the Trustees and have begun to brief individual groups throughout the campus. I will be visiting with all administrative services units and all academic departments and colleges and schools in the months ahead. Very shortly we'll post the revised version based on the input we've received on the web and continue to solicit your input. Equally important, however, are the initiatives that are beginning to spring forth from that framework of strategic thinking, and we will put appropriate linkages in that document so that you see what has happened.

As you know, our budget this year will be a little bit stressed because of the 1.7% decrease in head count, 1.7% decrease in semester credit hrs. As a result, I've asked several of our key vice presidents to be looking at cost-saving opportunities to minimize the disruption in our overall operating budget. Last week the Trustees approved a plan by which we will retain the services of First Energy as our broad energy and related-expenditures manager. The anticipation is that we may be able to save as much as a half million dollars by this integrated management experience, so we will keep you posted on that. Hopefully, that will reduce our debt burden for the year appropriately since we need to find about \$2 million in order to come out whole at the end.

Equally, I've asked Vice President Gaylord to be exploring, and this will be part I'm sure of his discussion with you, how we can better utilize our total University resources in making computer acquisitions, in acquiring software, in acquiring computer services, and importantly, we're also looking at how we can join with other institutions in reducing the overall cost. As you might expect, if we can create a larger, cooperative buying power, we can get a much better cost structure for our requirements. Equally, however, the leadership we have taken as an institution may enable us to utilize our expertise and our facilities to provide services to other campuses and thereby generate savings for them at the same time that we create a revenue stream for us. So we will continue to look at these opportunities and will be seeking

your input and certainly informing you as we go forward.

Related to the parking situation, do be aware and in fact as we speak, the fence posts for the construction of the new Arts & Sciences facility are being put up. We're going to shortly put up the fence that will protect that area appropriately for safety reasons, but we will not close that parking lot until the machinery is ready to come in to begin digging the footings for the building and the foundation. At the same time, in fact already we have made available, and I'm sure Mr. Stafford can inform you in more detail, of the parking area in what is going to become the administrative and student services building; namely, the old Goodwill building. There is a parking area there that we are going to make available to take care of the overload that may be created for people having to relocate. That is going to happen during the next week. The reason for it being done next week and not later is that we're entering into a period of increasingly colder weather, and if we do not take advantage of this weather window we would be delaying that construction by as much as six months, and that is not possible in the cost structure as well as the construction schedule that we need to put forward. So please be aware of that and if you have any questions, Mr. Stafford or Mr. Curtis' office can answer any questions.

We've handed out for your review a letter from Chancellor Chu to Senator Ray and others in the government outlining the budget recommendations, and I underscore "recommendations" that the Board of Regents is forwarding to the administration for consideration (**Appendix A**). I invite your review of those and will be happy to speak to those perhaps at our next meeting if you'll kindly remind me, Mr. Chairman.

At this point let me just outline what the major elements of the proposal are, and I think some editorials were appended to that, if I'm not mistaken. So the budget proposal is being met throughout the state by the press and by leadership as being very positive. However, in a very difficult budgetary environment in which the Board of Regents is requiring the state to consider major investments in K-12, it is our general anticipation that the Governor will not be able to accept all of the proposals. As a result, the higher education community has generally indicated the following set of priorities: First of all, the operating budget should be protected and enhanced. The proposal calls for roughly a 6-8% increase in the operating budget.

Attached to that, in addition to the basic previously-called instructional subsidy now to be called instructional support, (a little progress and one of these days we'll finally realize it's actually an investment), there is an opinion piece. In addition, there are significant proposals in the various challenge categories including success, access, and research challenge.

The Board of Regents is proposing a number of new initiatives, some to address through higher education the leveraging of higher education as part of the process of improving K-12. As you know, we already do a great deal as a University, as a school of education, in serving the needs of K-12. We think the higher education community can support even further opportunities for enhancing K-12.

Secondly, there is a major initiative in enhancing the information technology work force skills, entitled the IT Guarantee. The Chancellor of the Board of Regents is proposing a nearly \$20 million initial program to be enhanced later to improve the basic information technology skills of Ohio's work force. Included in that are some monies that would enhance our ability to keep our information technology requirements up to speed and to gain some new ones. In fact, with education and the State Department of Education there are some other opportunities as well.

Thirdly, there is a major initiative for economic development responding to the considerable discussion that we have undertaken over the last year and a half to highlight the role that research and development that our colleges and universities play in seeding new intellectual resources, new technologies, new ideas for technology improvements, and potentially new company formation. That initiative includes within it an item called The Ohio Plan, which would call for \$150 million investment in each of the biennia for new research initiatives, in biotechnology, information technology, and nano-technology. As you may know, we have some expertise in that area, just having received a \$1 million appropriation from NASA to undertake a nano-

technology initiative on top of our ongoing projects here at The University of Akron.

In that domain there is a line item for an industrial clusters pilot project, which would address specifically the polymer industry and would call for an initial investment of \$1 million followed in the second biennium by 2, and on out into the forward years, and the understanding is that that would increase to no less than \$5 million exclusively related to the polymer industry. Needless to say, we are well positioned to capture the lion's share of that appropriation, assuming it eventuates. In any case, I invite your review of that document and will be happy to discuss other details at the next session. Obviously, what I'm also telling you in that context is that the Governor is likely to pare that request down to a manageable level that will hopefully protect and enhance the operating budget, but strategically hopefully make some investments as appropriate in the other areas commensurate with the dollars that would be available.

Next, I've just mentioned the appropriation from NASA to The University of Akron. There are two pending appropriations that I hope will eventuate - one for our global business institute in the amount of \$100,000, and the second for gerontological nursing in the amount of \$600,000, but it's too early to tell whether that will be completed before Congress adjourns. The likelihood at this moment, given the proximity of the election next week, is that they may pass a continuing resolution that will be left for the next Congress to deal with.

We hosted a meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents on our campus on Oct. 19. Several of you were present and had occasion to hear the deliberations and presentations to the Board of Regents. Importantly, the Board of Regents met with our Board of Trustees and a senior leadership for dinner the night before. They heard much of the momentum and key initiatives that we're undertaking.

During the meeting of the 19th itself, they had requested a presentation about our alumni work, about our development work, and about our marketing campaign and were unanimously complimentary on all three. The University of Akron is being viewed as one of the best fund raisers, one of the best alumni-relations universities and indeed as having taken great leadership in marketing.

In addition, they had a report about our strategic thinking from me, and most importantly, however, they had a presentation from one of our graduate students, Caroline Sulewski. Ladies and gentlemen, that was nothing short of a WOW presentation, exemplary of the kind of student success that has characterized so many of our students. Caroline did a superb job. If you know Caroline - she was also an undergraduate with us - please express our heartfelt appreciation. She was quite simply, superb.

As a result of that meeting, not only did the Board of Regents express great appreciation and praise, but the Chancellor then wrote on Oct. 26 a letter to the Governor outlining some of the activities of the Board of Regents. His third page is devoted to The University of Akron, and I'll just read this: 'It is programs such as these (namely, the Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering Program and a couple others he highlighted in Business and related things), that fuel the Ohio economy. We are very proud of this crown jewel in Ohio's higher education system.' Specifically referring to your University of Akron.

Three last very brief points - let me read to you and I'll be happy to entertain questions - the press release that we are just sending proactively to the press because of our serious concern for the safety and well-being of all. 'A University of Akron student was admitted to Akron City Hospital early this morning with a probable case of bacterial meningitis. The student, a 19-yr. old male freshman, is currently in stable condition in the hospital's intensive care unit. While this is a serious disease, the risk to others is extremely low.' (Those are not our words; those are words that were communicated to us by the Health Dept.) 'The bacteria that spreads this disease is spread by direct exposure to nose or throat secretions of an infected person. Persons known to have had direct contact with the student are being sought out by the Akron Health Dept. Several have already been contacted and treated with an antibiotic. Casual contact, such as being in the same classroom with the person, is not considered a high risk. The University continues to cooperate with the Akron Health Dept. to ensure the safety of our students and all faculty and staff. Questions on risk factors, preventive measures and vaccinations should be directed to health services at

ext. 7808. Those who wish further information on meningitis should call Dr. Marguerite Erme at the Akron Health Dept. at 330-375-2145.'

Again, we are hopeful that the student who may be infected will be well. We do not know at this point the diagnosis itself; it's still in question. But we thought that it was most important for us to take a proactive approach and not wait until it might be too late for some to seek preventive help as might be appropriate.

Secondly, an equally important concern for our campus, and let me just highlight it by reading a brief statement: 'During the course of this past year The University of Akron has received several complaints from parents and others concerning the conduct of several programs sponsored by the federal government related to student success. Recent communications with the U.S. Department of Education officials identified similar concerns, and as a result, The University of Akron has engaged the services of Ernst & Young to conduct an audit with respect to various grant programs at The University of Akron that may be impacted. The University of Akron will be seeking advice from Ernst & Young concerning compliance with grant agreements and work with appropriate University personnel to develop an understanding of departmental processes and grant requirements.'

My point of telling you that is that if you start hearing about it, you're at least informed about the basic framework of it. It's not appropriate for me to disclose anything else because obviously an investigation and appropriate audit needs to be completed.

Finally, if you read this week's Chronicle of Higher Education, there's an opinion piece entitled, 'The Future of Colleges: Nine inevitable changes.' I commend that to your reading and will probably at least share it with this body, if not with the entire campus community. It is congruent with the kind of overall strategic thinking that we have been undertaking, and therefore most appropriate to illuminate on continued dialogue. I'll be happy to accept any questions you may have."

Senator Franks asked whether it was known whether the student was a resident student in a residence hall.

The President replied that he believed this to be correct. The President stated that contact had already been made with all of the residents. What was known beyond what the President had reported was that the student lived in a residence hall, and that contact had been made with his classes. It had become known that the student had attended three or four parties the evening before where there could have been potentially an exchange of glasses. Those contacts had been made. At at least one of those parties there had been students from two other universities. Contact had been made with institutions. In short, the President stated that we had been as proactive as possible.

Mr. Jim Stafford, Director of Parking Services, asked to comment on the President's remarks regarding the space behind Bierce Library for the new Arts & Sciences building. Mr. Stafford stated that they were gearing up for a complete close-down as of Monday morning, November 6. The fencing off of this space had already been started and was going to be finished getting that up tomorrow because they were going to start taking trees out and start stripping the lot some time on Monday. Mr. Stafford stated that he didn't want anybody here who parked in that area to be surprised, because it would be chained and blocked off barring unforeseen delays.

President Proenza replied that at that hour of the morning, right across the street at Buchtel and College there was plenty of parking space at that time. He also pointed out that the lot that was immediately going to replace a number of lost spaces was the space in the former Goodwill building. It would be appropriately marked. Mr. Stafford had already announced that to the campus community.

REMARKS OF THE PROVOST - The Provost began by stating that his report would be very short.

"I want to thank all of the members of the three task forces that were related to the Community and

Technical College and some of our outreach efforts. As I think many of you know, when Dean Sam departed to become President of the Community College in Texas, I convened three task forces and asked them to look at various aspects of the Community & Technical College and some related activities, and those reports were due yesterday; in fact, they all arrived on time or early and are all very good reports. I've now read them all and want to thank everyone who participated in that task force.

One of the task forces was chaired by Jack Kristofco from Wayne College. In reading that report, it's one of the first times I can remember where a task force actually requested an additional assignment. They would now like to become the implementation committee for the recommendations that were made, and this weekend I will write back to the committee thanking them for their effort and asking them to join again under the leadership of Dean Kristofco to implement many of the recommendations that they made because they were excellent and right on target.

The second task force was led by Karla Mugler, and again, I want to thank all those here who participated in that and all those who aren't here who participated I want to thank as well. That, too, was an excellent report. That one has many, many recommendations to it, and I am going to meet with that group in the very near future and start working through prioritization of those recommendations. I think many of them we can do, should do, will do, but we've got to prioritize them because the committee was not shy about suggesting ways to do some new things. I think we need to do many, if not most of them, but we need to do them in sequence.

The third committee was co-chaired by Bill Beisel and Graham Kelly. That committee report was excellent as well, and again, I thank all those who were involved in it. That group was the least shy. They actually gave me a budget for what they were proposing, but the ideas are very, very good and I think I will meet with that group in the very near future and with the faculty of the Community & Technical College as well. I think we can do a number of things to move the college forward, give it a very distinct identity, increase the marketing of the college, increase the surroundings so that things look and feel better than they do now. I think you can look for some significant changes to occur in the Community & Technical College, not the least of which will probably be a name that identifies it as a distinct college, and that should occur in the very near future. So that's the main thing I wanted to tell you about today.

I will tell you that Dolli Markovich has started to work with me on some various tasks. Since I've been sort of functioning as the Graduate Dean here for a while, I noticed that her title was assistant to the dean and I thought, oh boy, I've got another pair of hands, and she's turning out to be a very good pair of hands to help with a number of things. She is taking on some of the part-time faculty issues and working with me on that.

I should also point out to you that I have authorized Karla Mugler to create nine non-tenured track, full-time faculty positions in University College drawing upon hopefully many of the part-time faculty who have been working there for some time. These will be positions with additional faculty benefits. Not the full-blown array of benefits, but some health benefits and opportunities to purchase other health benefits. It's the first step toward creating a very solid group of excellent instructors who will work with us in these roles and providing them with the benefits they've certainly earned and deserve. In working with Dolli we're going to try to do something similar.

In other areas, I've talked to Dean Creel about doing something in his area as well. As you might guess, each of these efforts requires a business plan because we have to figure out how we're going to pay for it, as benefits do cost money and there are some salary implications to doing this as well. But we are moving on the part-time issue, and Dolli is working with me to address some of those other issues that were included in the report that Jean Blosser commissioned several months back and we recently located. So we're now moving on to those. That's my report, and I would be happy to take some questions if you'd like."

There were no questions for the Provost.

UNIVERSITY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE - Senator Erickson pointed out that members of the Senate had a copy of the committee's report (**Appendix B**). She stated that she was not reporting the results of a meeting nor did she have an action item. This was a verbal report in essence to do two things. One, as last time the committee had been asking to receive feedback on employees' experiences with health carriers before the deadline to sign up for this year had passed, we wanted to report to the Senate on the status of that request and to thank all for the responses to that request. We had a significant response, and a lot of long memos from a lot of people. The Well-Being Committee considered this very useful information for next year's situation where there would be new negotiation for contracts.

Senator Erickson continued by urging members of the Senate and other members of the University community to let the committee know of any problems. She stated that there was one set of problems, but there were two issues. One was the problem for those people who had been on Kaiser and were now using an HMO. There was a quite different kind of model used in this system. People were having problems getting appointments and also significant problems with their drug payments.

The other set of concerns, (here Senator Erickson indicated that she spoke for Desnay Lohrum as well), were related to medical Mutual, the PPO and the comprehensive plan. It was not so much a service problem here, but was also a billing problem. This had been a continuing problem and was not getting better. In fact, it was exceedingly getting worse. Senator Erickson pointed out that it did at least help if the committee had documented situations. She asked that Senators please pass on information to the committee or to Desnay Lohrum, as this was important because the committee had a whole set of materials to take to that carrier.

Senator Erickson closed by saying that the committee's next meeting was Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8:00 a.m. at the Faculty Senate conference room in Carroll Hall 326. The meeting was open to everyone. Discussions would center on this health feedback report and also issues related to the pregnancy and sick leave policy.

Provost Hickey stated that perhaps the minutes should reflect that people were having trouble paying for their pharmaceuticals as opposed to their drugs. Senator Erickson replied that she would change the wording - well said.

CAMPUS FACILITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE - Senator Sterns began his report by stating that little did he know when he started to do research on aging that he was also going to become a specialist at parking. On a more serious note, Senator Sterns stated that there was a full written report that everyone should take a look at (**Appendix C**).

He reported that at the last CFPC meeting on Oct. 19, the committee had spent over 90 minutes talking with representatives from the College of Education, including Drs. Isadore Newman and Louis Trenta. The committee went over a number of areas which were listed in his report and he wanted to mention a few of them.

One of the things that Senator Sterns wanted to make very clear was that the two representatives from the College of Education were indeed speaking for all their colleagues. Strong feelings had been expressed regarding the issues Drs. Newman and Trenta presented. Senator Sterns wanted to be certain that everyone understood that Facilities Planning Committee took their reports very seriously and listened to them very carefully.

Further, Senator Sterns indicated he was happy to report that President Proenza had called for a parking problem solving retreat that would involve not only members of Faculty Senate committees, including the Executive Committee, CFPC, student representatives, a Senator from SEAC and CPAC, but also the motor vehicle traffic parking committee, and the College of Education ad hoc committee representatives. That would be facilitated by Becky Herrnstein. He pointed out that the input that had been provided to the committee had been taken very seriously. Action was being taken, and Senator Sterns thought that was very important for all to hear.

Senator Sterns encouraged Senators to attend the CFPC meetings and to provide input on issues related to the parking and construction situation. He stated that among the issues that were under consideration, the first issue was continuation of "All Permit" parking. Senator Sterns felt he must inform the Senate that the committee had supported returning to designated faculty and staff parking as soon as possible. He also reported that the issues of people coming on and off campus and the issues of dropping off equipment, etc., were related to the lot designation issue.

The second issue concerned not knowing where to park. He cited the example of how that could happen with the closing of the lot on Nov. 6, (as mentioned by Mr. Stafford). Senator Sterns pointed out that that lot was closing much sooner than the committee had been informed of - until this moment. In fact, the committee had hopes that that lot might remain open until the end of the semester. Senator Sterns stated, however, that he was glad to hear we were moving on that.

He also reported that there had been a lot of discussions and questions raised specifically regarding problems with the shuttle. Suggestions for improvement and placement had been made. Here again, the issue of the scheduling and the possibility of going to 8:00 in the morning and not starting at 9:00 for the shuttle was under discussion. The committee was also exploring the possibility of using some tram approaches that might allow for easier transport of people. The financial feasibility of some of those approaches was under consideration as well.

Another issue was the problem of not knowing the location of alternative sites. Again, the lot at the Goodwill building would open and the other available lots - those at the Greek Church, behind the Martin Center - all of these were still there and not all of them were full. So again, this pointed to the issue of people not having awareness of parking elsewhere.

Senator Sterns also mentioned the issue of improved ability to find parking by using radio and more staff. He stated that he knew that use of low-wattage radio did not seem financially feasible. How often WZIP could be called upon for assistance was another discussion point.

There was also the issue of the problems of delayed construction site storage areas and state vehicle spaces. Here again, it was acknowledged that there had been problems with fencing off parking areas. He had been told that many of the vehicles that could be removed from the decks and other areas had been removed and that storage materials had been removed as much as possible. What was left were spaces designated as state maintenance spaces which were necessary for emergency vehicles and electrical and plumbing problems.

Dormitory parking on the central campus was another issue. This would also probably have to have some major discussion because there were intertwined issues of students' needs, faculty needs and EJ Thomas needs.

Another area was planning for future parking in terms of the placement of future parking garages and in terms of how that would relate to the campus of the future. He asked Senators to note that in his report these three new parking decks would be within 5-8 minutes' walking distance of the central campus. Senator Sterns pointed out that in his report there was also a listing of all the capital projects and their schedules. He thought that what was most important for all in the room was to realize that we were almost through the semester and had gotten by fairly well. It had not been easy, and he thought that even greater challenges awaited. Steps were being taken to try to make that as easy as possible. The decks would be done very quickly. He stated that he thought that Senate needed to work on this problem together; to function as a mechanism for deliberation. He was happy to report that that was indeed brought forward. He thanked all for their deliberation.

Senator Qammar then stated that she was curious whether or not there had been an option brought up perhaps of having modification of the "All permits" being, "All permits after 9:00 a.m." or something like

that?

Senator Sterns replied that as a result of the ongoing discussion, he had heard the possibility that there might be a return to some designated faculty and staff lots as early as the spring semester. However, he did not want to preempt any discussions; he felt it premature. Senator Sterns stated that he thought that many creative ideas were appropriate. One thing the committee had spent a lot of time discussing concerned the safety of people during the event hours. He mentioned the possibility of shuttles to people's cars; he felt that that was an important issue now because darkness arrived so early in the evening at this time of year. This was an important safety consideration. Senator Sterns pointed out that he did not always feel that the committee had been listened to, but he thought that was part of the deliberation process.

COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE - Senator Dechambeau reported that in early October the CCTC met, and she was elected the new chair of the committee. The committee has scheduled regular meetings through the end of the semester. Senator Dechambeau had been commissioned to update the web page that existed already for CCTC. The committee reviewed the questions that were submitted by the ASG to the Executive Committee and had passed them along to Dr. Gaylord. The committee had a meeting scheduled with him on Nov. 15 to address these and other issues. Members of the committee had been invited by Dr. Gaylord to participate as testers in the first phases of the wireless laptop project. She stated that the committee expected to learn more about this at the Nov. 15 meeting as well.

Senator Dechambeau then stated that there was a handout on the table (**Appendix D**), and made the following recommendation: **The CCTC would like to submit to the Senate a proposed amendment to the wording at section (F)(3) of the bylaws of the Faculty Senate. This changes the name of the CCTC's ex officio member from Information Services. The specific modification changes instances of the "Associate vice President for Information Services" to the "Vice President for Information and Instructional Technologies, Libraries and Institutional Planning."**

Chair Sheffer stated that since this was a recommendation that had come from a committee, it did not need a second. However, since it was a change to the bylaws, it must sit for one month.

PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE - Senator Reed began her report by making a brief oral presentation regarding the continuing work of the Planning & Budgeting Committee in two primary directions. The first direction concerned looking at how PBC could be a part of the process in terms of increasing revenues to the University and thus giving PBC more to allocate out to the campus. The second direction, also in our budget process and resource allocation, concerned how PBC could tie that to strategic priorities in the University as well as productivity of units so that there would be fair allocation of resources. Also, that good investments with good returns would be made to benefit the institution.

Therefore, PBC had had two meetings since the last Senate meeting. First, PBC had had some discussion about the planning process and unanimously agreed that it should suspend the past practice of, usually in the fall, asking everyone to provide account numbers, spreadsheets requesting budget increases for the following year. While that activity had had some use for internal planning, it had resulted in a huge stack of documents that came to the Planning Committee which, in turn, had not been able to make use of those documents consistent with the amount of time, energy, and paper that had gone into their creations. So the committee agreed that it would suspend that.

The committee reviewed the report of the Innovative Budgeting Work Group. The committee had received reports from a few members of the PBC who had also served on that group regarding some of the issues of the IBWG. The committee adopted some of the basic principles that the work group recommended as well as some other recommendations. Senator Reed indicated that she would summarize those in a written report for the next meeting.

She then stated that PBC was trying to make a link between the committee and Strategic Thinking groups and wanted to make sure that good use came of the recommendations that people had spent a lot of time developing.

At the committee's last meeting they were given a really excellent report from Vice President Roney, which she described as kind of an enrollment management 101. Senator Reed wanted to suggest that since that had not been done at Senate, maybe at some point there could be a general presentation that anyone on campus could attend. In that report Vice President Roney described some of the basics of enrollment management for the University, some of the initial findings, and some of the market research that the division was doing. Vice President Roney stressed and discussed at length some of the ongoing recruitment activities at the University. Senator Reed suggested this was important because there were always a lot of rumors about the Admissions office (e.g., that it did not visit all the high schools in Summit County, etc.). Vice President Roney then gave the PBC an overview of many of the activities which were underway, and further stated that the Admissions Office did visit all of the high schools in Summit County, and in fact had had 650 high school visits and college fairs and all those kinds of activities.

Senator Reed further reported that one of the efforts that Vice President Roney's division, along with the Provost's office and the colleges, would be engaged in was to look at the issue of setting enrollment goals in individual units that would also process into university-wide goals. This would also include the establishment of a goal for Fall 2001. That would be the first step in a long-term plan. Then we truly would be able to measure our performance and move forward in terms of planning for enrollment. Not with the idea that more was better, but that we needed the right "more" - students who would be successful at the University and who would increase enrollments in areas where we had capacity and desire to build enrollments.

Senator Reed stated that it was a very good presentation. She thought all should be confident that we were moving forward under Vice President Roney's leadership in terms of developing a real enrollment management plan. If there were any questions, these could be presented at the next PBC meeting where the committee planned to look at the budget process.

Senator Reed stated that Dr. Hickey had outlined three principles related to developing a budget process, at least related to the academic units. First of all, an important principle, and he had demonstrated this in a number of ways, was looking at trying to get more management information into the hands of the deans of the faculty. Resources needed to be tied to productivity. The committee was going to be engaged in setting clear measures in terms of what productivity was.

One common thing would be student credit hr. production, but there were other important measures as well. The Provost's belief (which the Senator thought was shared with many members of the committee) was that the deans and the chairs were in the best position to make decisions about strategic investments. PBC did not really want to micromanage every unit and determine what was most important. We needed to have confidence in our leaders and our academic units. We needed to develop systems to empower them and provide the necessary information.

OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL - Chair Sheffer attended the last meeting since Senator Huff was not able to attend. He stated that today and in the future, either he or Senator Huff would provide the minutes of that meeting so that it could be reported in the Chronicle (**Appendix E**). The OFC representative would only bring a report to the body if there was an action item that needed to be acted upon by the Senate. Chair Sheffer stated that the Ohio Faculty Council was in a reorganization as far as its mission, with an Executive Board, officers, and so forth. The Council had also met with Chancellor Chu, and the Chancellor had basically covered the same things that appeared in the handout from President Proenza. Minutes of that meeting will appear in the next Chronicle. He then asked for any questions, and none were forthcoming.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair stated that there needed to be an election for an alternate representative to the Ohio Faculty Council. This had been brought up last month. He called for nominations for the alternate representative to the Ohio Faculty Council, and Senator Ritchey nominated

Senator Julia Spiker. Senator Franks seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. A unanimous ballot was cast. Senator Spiker was voted the alternate representative to Ohio Faculty Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - There was none.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER - There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The body voted its approval, and the meeting ended at 4:06 p.m.

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