

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of September 6, 2012

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate took place Thursday, September 6, 2012 in Room 201 of Buckingham. Senate Chair William D. Rich called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Of the current roster of fifty-nine Senators, 36 were present for this meeting. Senators Beneke, Bove, Cerrone, S. Clark, Cushing, Ducharme, Mukherjee, Ramcharran, Sancaktar, Schuller, Wesdemiotis and Witt were absent with notice. Senators Elliott, Gwinn, Hamed, LiVecchi, Lyndall, C. Miller, Rostedt, and Zhe were absent without notice.

I. Approval of the Agenda

Senator Klein moved to adopt the proposed agenda. The motion was seconded by Senator Srviatsan.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

II. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Rich began his remarks by stating that Senator and Former Chair Sterns is no longer a senator and therefore no longer Chair of the Senate. Under the bylaws, as the immediate past Chair, Dr. Sterns is a voting member ex-officio of the Faculty Senate and of the Executive Committee for one year. Chair Rich announced that the Senate will need to elect a Vice Chair during the October meeting in order to fill the vacancy in the office of Vice Chair created by his succession to the office of Chair.

Chair Rich introduced the new members of the Senate and congratulated those who were re-elected. From the College of Arts and Sciences, the new members are Kathleen Clark, Janet Klein, Peter Lavrentyev, and David Witt. The re-elected members are Howard Ducharme, Nancy Marion, and Jon Miller. From the College of Engineering, the new members are Frank Loth and Anil Patnaik. From the School of Law, Sarah Morath is new and Bill Rich was re-elected. From University Libraries, Lisa Lazar was re-elected. New student representatives include Mary Beth Clemons and Dominic Donofrio. Shannon Osorio was re-elected as the part-time faculty representative.

Chair Rich announced that the Secretary, Frank Bove, was unable to attend the meeting and that Senator Hajjafar had consented to serve as acting secretary for the meeting.

Chair Rich continued his remarks by citing the purpose of this body from the Faculty Senate bylaws and reviewing the formal procedures that the body adheres to, *Robert's Rules of Order*. Chair Rich concluded his remarks by stressing the importance of Faculty Senate committee work and by reminding the senators to mark the attendance sheet.

III. Special Announcements

Chair Rich reported the deaths of four members of the university community:

David C. Reed, Professor Emeritus of History, died August 16th in Cuyahoga Falls. He was 87.

Alberta R. Hensley, Director Emeritus of Special Projects, died May 12th at Rocky Knoll Retirement Community in Akron. She was 86.

Russ Wilson, Coordinator of Academic Advising at Wayne College, died July 29th. He was 60.

David P. Horn, Director of the Center of Gift and Estate Planning in the Department of Development, died August 22nd. He was 65.

The Senate stood for a moment of silence in memory of our deceased colleagues.

IV. Reports

Executive Committee

Senator Hajafar reported as follows on behalf of the Executive Committee:

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee had a very active schedule over the summer months. The EC met on May 17th to prepare for the meeting with the President and Provost later that afternoon. A main item of discussion was the eLearning Committee and the faculty concern over moving forward with Pearson. The President reported that there was a financial impasse with Pearson and that the committee will be restructured and likely faculty-driven. The meeting also brought opportunity to discuss progress with the Criminal Justice baccalaureate program and Summit College, The University and State budget, the Higher Learning Commission self-study, and the extended campuses issue.

The EC next met on June 21st to conduct Senate business and to prepare for the meeting with the Provost that afternoon. The EC discussed an appointment to fill a vacancy due to a resignation on the UC Student Engagement & Success Committee. The Senate also determined the timeline and public announcements to request Faculty Senate Committee appointments through the online form on the senate website. A main topic of the meeting with the Provost was the UA eLearning Initiative. The Provost confirmed that negotiations with Pearson were not moving forward and that the eLearning Initiative was officially over and that a new initiative – UA Online – would take its place with a new, faculty-driven organizational structure. Another item of importance discussed was the role of Summit College and the collaborative efforts of UA and the Chancellor's office to designate the college as a branch campus and the benefits that would bring to the university and the community.

On July 19th the EC continued the discussions concerning Summit College as a branch campus and the new the UA Online initiative. The President and Provost shared updated timelines and organizational charts with the EC for their input while the EC expressed concern over the amount of faculty involvement elicited over these two important matters.

On August 23rd the EC met to appoint individuals to vacated terms on UC committees. The EC also certified several college senate elections. Later that afternoon the EC met with Associate Provost Ramsier and discussed that the ad hoc committee, chaired by Senator Rich, work in tandem with the FS APC over the Summit College regional campus issue. Senator Rich also reported on progress with the Criminal Justice baccalaureate issue. Other items discussed were the status of Senate bylaw amendments

that have yet to appear in the official University Rules, the resignation of the Dean of the College of Education, and the university deficit and decreased enrollment for this academic year.

The EC also met on August 30th and September 4th to finalize appointments to various Faculty Senate committees.

In May the Senate approved a resolution to authorize the EC to function on its behalf through the summer sessions provided that the actions taken by the EC on behalf of the Senate are duly reported for final approval. Over the summer the EC, on behalf of the Senate, approved the summer graduation list. The EC now brings that action before this body for ratification.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Remarks of the President

The President began his remarks by commenting on the recent positive attention paid to the university by local and regional media. The community is responding favorably to the university's new pathways towards student success with new allocations of scholarship monies and revised admissions policies. The President also made note of the positive attention from the media for the Engineering Research Center located on Wolf Ledges Parkway as well as the 50th company to originate from The University of Akron Research Foundation.

The President then explained that there were mishaps in the appointments process in the State of Ohio that resulted in sixteen appointments being null and void. Six of those appointments were of university Boards of Trustees. Unfortunately, this resulted in the nullification of Judge Jane Bond's appointment to The University of Akron's Board of Trustees. The President thanked her for her service to the university.

The President reported that the governor has called a meeting of university presidents to help determine what changes can be made to the formula allocating the state share of instruction funds. The president hopes that a pool of funds can be allocated for quality improvement, for incentives to create new opportunities, and for investment opportunities that may occur as a result of changes in the economy.

The President also announced that the university will be hosting Dr. Ken Dychtwald on campus September 13th. Dr. Dychtwald is an internationally recognized expert on gerontology and there will be two opportunities that day to meet with him, as well as a larger community event that evening at E.J. Thomas Hall.

The President reported that The Board of Regents will meet at the Akron campus on the 13th. The university has been invited to make a presentation on the current strategic plan and progress made since their last substantive visit in 1999.

The President urged support of The University of Akron on Display event on September 15th. He stressed that current and prospective students increasingly look to the faculty for an understanding of

what the University has to offer and for understanding how they fit into the environment. Faculty participation at these events furthers these positive activities.

The University of Akron Board of Trustees will meet on September 19th with a modest but important agenda that includes the budget and salary increases for the faculty and staff. The President stressed that this will be a difficult year with existing budget pressures and an expected decline in total enrollment.

Remarks of the Provost

The Provost began his remarks by thanking the faculty for their dedication to student success. It is not business as usual because the university is thinking about expanding the borders of our students by thinking about alternative offerings to groups of students who have the need for education at different points in time, days of the week, days of the month, and creative ways to deliver certificates and programs within a context of flat or declining high school graduation rates.

The Provost explained some of the new pathways to student success as creating a strategy to lower the cost of education, to improve degree, certificate, and licensure completion, our three-year degree options, and citizens asking for lower cost options for post-secondary education. This also includes scholarship and admissions redesign and a commitment to not only support student success academically, but also to help students plan for paying for an academic education.

The Provost reported that 66 new faculty joined the campus community this semester. Part-time and new faculty orientations were held to acquaint new and part-time faculty with the services and opportunities available at The University of Akron.

The Provost stressed that the colleges accomplish the academic agenda and that the faculty deliver and assure the accomplishment of the academic agenda. He proposes that we do away with the dichotomy of *academic units* and *academic support units* and recognize that the colleges accomplish the academic agenda while all of us stimulate and enable that success.

Even though enrollment is down about 3.3 percent, the University is committed to compensation for faculty and staff in this and future budgetary cycles. The Provost also stated that the budget will be balanced in FY13 as an obligation, duty, and responsibility to the Board of Trustees.

Future fiscal year budgets will be built from "planful," accountable, and entrepreneurial perspectives.

V. Senate Elections

Chair Rich announced that there are two vacant seats on the Executive Committee (two year term) to fill, one vacant seat for a representative of Faculty Senate on the University Council (three year term) to fill, and two vacant seats for representatives of Faculty Senate on the Graduate Council (one year term) to fill. The Faculty Senate representatives to the Graduate Council must currently hold Graduate Faculty Category Two status.

Executive Committee

Chair Rich called for nominations. Senator Erikson nominated Senator Hajjafar and Senator Steer. Both Senators accepted nomination. Senator Clark moved that the nominations be closed and that Senators Hajjafar and Steer be elected by acclamation. Senator Lillie seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Representative of Faculty Senate to the University Council

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The motion was adopted without dissent.

Representatives of Faculty Senate to the Graduate Council

Chair Rich called for nominations. Senator Buldum nominated Senator Loth. Senator Loth accepted the nomination. Senator Hajjafar nominated Senator Sterns. Senator Sterns accepted the nomination. Senator Lazar moved that the nominations be closed and that Senators Loth and Sterns be elected by acclamation. Senator Schaeffer seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

VI. Committee Reports**Curriculum Review Committee**

Vice Provost Ramsier reported a motion from the committee to approve a list of curriculum proposals (Appendix A). These proposals had no objections filed against them.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Ad hoc Committee on Accessibility

Senator Lillie reported that the Ad hoc Committee on Accessibility is awaiting official inclusion in the Senate Bylaws of the standing Committee on Accessibility, at which point the body can officially be appointed and begin work.

Representatives of Faculty Senate to the University Council

Senator Lillie reported that the University Council operated over the summer months. One of the efforts was the creation of an ad hoc committee to draft a set of bylaws that will address confusion surrounding some actions and committee work of the UC. Senator Lillie announced that the UC will meet on September 11th and invited those interested in knowing what the UC does to attend the meeting, which will include a brief orientation to the UC website and other materials.

Senator Buldum stated that he would like the UC to consider increasing the number of faculty that serve on important committees. Senator Lillie responded to the comment with appreciation and noted that constituency apportionment was a rigorous discussion throughout the creation and implementation of the

UC. Although Senator Lillie echoes Senator Buldum's sentiment, to do so would be too difficult and unlikely to happen. During the conversations to create the UC, increased faculty apportionment was a "deal-breaker."

Ad hoc Criminal Justice Baccalaureate Proposal Committee

Chair Rich reported that the committee met over the summer and authorized its chair, Senator Rich, to work over the summer with members of the faculty in the departments of Political Science and Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Public Service Technology in Summit College to develop a new proposal for a criminal justice baccalaureate program that would take advantage of the strengths of the faculty in those three departments. There have been regular meetings and heartening progress. Chair Rich is optimistic that the committee will soon have an excellent program to propose.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Senator Lillie moved adoption of the following resolution:

Faculty Senate at the University of Akron expresses its gratitude and good wishes to Dr. Harvey Sterns on this sixth day of September, 2012. The Senate acknowledges the many years of service of Dr. Sterns to this body. His role as Senate Committee Chair, Senator, member of the Senate Executive Committee and especially his role as Chair of the Senate. We thank you for continued dedication to this body and your exemplary service.

Senator Erikson seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

IX. Adjournment

Senator Apple moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Lazar seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Any comments concerning the contents in *The University of Akron Chronicle*
may be directed to the Secretary, Frank J. Bove (x5104).

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APPENDIX A

Curriculum Proposals

Has attachments	Description	Activity	Received	Proposal Type	Proposal Title	Degree/Certificate/ Minor Type
Yes (1)	SUMM-BUSTECH-11-1148	FSEC Review	4/26/12 12:43	COURSECHANGE	Microsoft PowerPoint	
No	SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-12-1900	FS Review	4/27/12 13:41	TRACKCHANGE	Community Svcs Tech - SocWrk2+	
No	SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-12-2404	FS Review	4/27/12 13:41	CERTIFICATECHANGE	Emergency Management	UNDERGRADUATE
No	SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-12-2408	FS Review	4/27/12 13:41	MINORCHANGE	Emergency Mgmt & Homeland Sec	BACCALAUREATE
Yes (1)	A&S-BIOL-11-0695	FSEC Review	4/30/12 9:39	COURSENEW	Internship in Biology	
No	A&S-BIOL-11-0088	FSEC Review	4/30/12 9:40	PROGRAMCHANGE	Biology	BACCALAUREATE
Yes (1)	BUS-FINAN-11-0548	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:12	COURSECHANGE	Advanced Corporate Finance	
Yes (28)	A&S-MATH-11-0653	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:15	PROGRAMNEW	Syr BS Applied Mathematics with MBA	BACCALAUREATE
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1279	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:17	COURSECHANGE	Marketing Capstone Project	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1278	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:18	COURSECHANGE	Special Topics: Marketing	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1273	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:18	COURSECHANGE	B2B Marketing	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1275	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:18	COURSECHANGE	Advanced Professional Selling	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1276	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:18	COURSECHANGE	Sales Management	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1277	FSEC Review	5/3/12 14:18	COURSECHANGE	Professional Workshops in Marketing	
Yes (1)	CPA-ART-12-2011	FS Review	5/4/12 10:24	COURSENEW	History of Craft	
Yes (3)	BUS-MANGT-11-1599	FS Review	5/4/12 12:36	COURSECHANGE	Leadership Role in Organizations	
Yes (4)	CPA-MUSIC-11-0542	FSEC Review	5/4/12 12:37	TRACKNEW	Masters in Music: Wind Conducting	
Yes (4)	ENGR-MECHE-12-2309	FS Review	5/4/12 12:38	COURSENEW	Analysis of Manufacturing Systems	
Yes (5)	A&S-ENGL-11-0727	FSEC Review	5/8/12 12:02	CERTIFICATECHANGE	Composition - Graduate Certif	GRADUATE
Yes (3)	A&S-GEOL-12-1853	FS Review	5/9/12 13:04	COURSECHANGE	Earth Science	
Yes (2)	A&S-CLASS-11-1005	FSEC Review	5/11/12 13:45	COURSENEW	Religion Before the Bible	
No	BUS-MANGT-12-3172	FS Review	5/17/12 22:52	CERTIFICATECHANGE	Entrepreneurship	UNDERGRADUATE
Yes (1)	BUS-FINAN-12-1989	FS Review	5/17/12 22:55	COURSECHANGE	Investments	
Yes (1)	BUS-FINAN-12-2056	FS Review	5/17/12 22:55	COURSECHANGE	Advanced Financial Analytics	
Yes (3)	SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-11-1512	FS Review	5/17/12 22:56	COURSECHANGE	Emergency Response Preparedness & Planning	
Yes (3)	SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-11-1515	FS Review	5/17/12 22:56	COURSECHANGE	Disaster Victims: Casualties & Recovery	
No	A&S-BIOL-12-2589	FS Review	5/17/12 22:56	COURSECHANGE	Field Marine Phycology	
Yes (2)	A&S-CLASS-12-2419	FS Review	5/17/12 22:57	COURSENEW	Primates: Behavior, Morphology and Evolution	
Yes (1)	CPA-CPA DEAN-12-3237	FS Review	5/17/12 22:58	COURSECHANGE	New Media III: Creative Projects	
Yes (2)	CPA-ART-11-1310	FSEC Review	5/17/12 23:15	COURSENEW	Introduction to Digital Photography	
No	BUS-MARKET-11-1274	FSEC Review	5/17/12 23:18	COURSECHANGE	Business Negotiations	
No	A&S-SOCIO-12-3196	FS Review	5/17/12 23:19	PROGRAMCHANGE	Sociology-Criminology & Law En	BACCALAUREATE
Yes (1)	A&S-SOCIO-12-3193	FS Review	5/17/12 23:19	COURSECHANGE	Methods of Social Research I	
No	A&S-SOCIO-12-3195	FS Review	5/17/12 23:19	PROGRAMCHANGE	Sociology	BACCALAUREATE
No	A&S-SOCIO-12-3232	FS Review	5/17/12 23:20	MINORCHANGE	Sociology	BACCALAUREATE
Yes (1)	A&S-CLASS-11-0794	FSEC Review	5/17/12 23:21	COURSENEW	Seminar: Human Origins	
Yes (2)	A&S-CLASS-12-1899	FS Review	5/17/12 23:22	COURSENEW	History of Physical Anthropology	
Yes (2)	A&S-CLASS-12-2420	FS Review	5/17/12 23:22	COURSENEW	Human Paleontology: Genus Homo	
Yes (2)	A&S-CLASS-12-2421	FS Review	5/17/12 23:23	COURSENEW	Human Paleontology: The Australopithecines	
Yes (1)	A&S-MODL-12-2260	FS Review	5/17/12 23:24	COURSECHANGE	French Conversation	