

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 4:00 P.M. Room 132, DeBartolo Hall

Youngstown State University—an urban research university—emphasizes a creative, integrated approach to education, scholarship, and service. The University places students at its center; leads in the discovery, dissemination, and application of knowledge; advances civic, scientific, and technological development; and fosters collaboration to enrich the region and the world.

- 1. [4:00 PM] Call to Order @ 4**
- 2. [4:01 PM] Welcome and Introduction of New Senators**
- 3. [4:06 PM] Minutes from May 3, 2017 meeting approved**
- 4. [4:07 PM] Elections of Senate Chair/Charter & Bylaws Committee Members**
 - a. Nominations for Chair (Ken Learman)**
 - i. Karen Larwin nominated Chet Cooper**
 - 1. John Jackson seconded the nomination**
 - b. Nominations for Charter & Bylaws Committee**
 - 1. Katherine Garwick Theater and Dance self nominated**
 - 2. Bob Kramer self nominated**
 - c. 2 others will be appointed by Chai**
- 5. [4:12 PM] Senate Executive Committee Report – Chet Cooper, Senate Chair**
 - d. Appointment of Senate Secretary - Amy Flick**
 - i. Approved**
 - e. Appointment of Senate Parliamentarian - Dan O'Neil**
 - i. Approved**
 - f. Committee assignments/chairs**
 - i. Coming soon via email from Chair**
 - g. Changes to Student Academic Grievance Subcommittee**
 - i. This will be headed up by Associate Provost Jennifer Pintar**
 - ii. Will follow the protocol of the new grievance procedure (adopted in May)**
 - iii. This replaces the former Student Academic Grievance committee**
 - h. Physical Plant Advisory Committee to work with John Hyden**
 - i. Carl Johnston**
 - ii. Rocco Orr**
 - i. Other**
 - j. BoT changes to Code of Ethics**

- i. **It is incumbent upon faculty to follow protocol if there is a case of academic dishonesty.**
- ii. **The policy and necessary form are available on the Senate site**

6. [4:20 PM] Ohio Faculty Council Report – Chet Cooper, Senate Chair

- k. **Joint meeting in July with elected officials in Columbus**
- l. **Formation of Faculty Congress of Ohio**
- m. **Agenda items deadlines must be met in order to be included in the agenda and addressed at Senate**

7. [4:25 PM] Report of the Elections and Balloting Committee (Ken Learman, Chair)

- n. **Ohio Faculty Congress representative**
 - i. **Amy Flick self nominated**
- o. **Executive Committee representatives: CCAC, BCOE, CSTEM, and Admin**
 - i. **If you are interested in serving, please email Chet Cooper or Ken Learman**

8. [4:30 PM] Unfinished Business

9. [4:31 PM] New Business

- p. **Electronic Curriculum/Program proposal submissions (Kevin Ball)**
 - i. **Working with Course Leaf to create an electronic system to be used by both UCC and Academic Programs. This will link directly to the bulletin.**
 - ii. **If you have a curriculum change during the first part of the semester, we will use a paper form that will be posted on the Senate website. If you can hold off until the system is up and going, that would be preferable.**
 - 1. **It was asked when the deadline was for a course proposed for Spring. Dr. Ball said that this could wait until the system goes live.**
- q. **Campus Climate Survey review (Hillary Fuhman)**
 - i. **Results sent out via campus email and available on cms.yosu.edu/campusclimate**
 - 1. **2017 survey affirmed 2016 results**
 - ii. **Presentation Posted on Senate Website**
 - iii. **Open Forums to discuss the results and provide feedback**
 - 1. **Dates and times posted on Senate**

It was asked whether this would be shared with the Board. The Board discussed the survey, but it was not clear whether they saw the full explicated results. The Board received the definition of the shared governance drafted by the YES committee. This was favorably received by the Board.

Rachel (adjunct) asked if she could see the part time faculty responses to the survey. Hillary Fuhman offered to meet to show these.

Provost Abraham noted that the draft of the Shared Governance document will be shared with the Board in hopes of it being endorsed. This is meant to not just be a statement, but a new way of doing and being. There is a renewed effort to include the voices of faculty, staff, and students to incorporate them in the decision- making process. This cannot be done without input. A stakeholders' website has been made available at <http://www.yzu.edu/stakeholder-engagement>, so input can be left. People can also create and submit commentary or suggest ways to improve student success at cornerstone@yzu.edu. Cards were handed out that speak to the four cornerstones of the university's initiative.

He also noted enrollment is up. The Honors College has over 900 students. The International Program took in over 200 new students and now have over 500 international students.

Finally, he reiterated the need to continue to work on communication. Forums and committees are optimal places for engagement.

- r. Max Grubb addressed Trump's rescinding of DACA. He wanted to initiate action to support DACA. Carl Johnston suggested soliciting faculty input and creating a statement. Max and Chet will work on this and send it out for review.**

10. [5:00 PM] Meeting adjourned @ 5:02