

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

Recorded Attendees

Senate Members: Randall Gooden (Chair), Kathryn Pratt-Russell (Vice Chair; also serving proxy for Eugene Ngezem), Seth Shaw (Secretary), Gail Barnes, Marcy Butler, Debra J. Cody, Laura Herndon, Craig Hill (voting privileges passed to A. Sbaraglia), Adam Kubik, John Mascaritolo, Keith Miller, Kendolyn Smith, Meri Beth Stegall, J. Celeste Walley-Jean, Mark Watson, and David Williams.

Guests: Jason Davis, Catherine Matos, Andrew Sbaraglia, and Alan Ward.

Minutes

- I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - a. April 24, 2017 Minutes approved with no objection

- II. Reports of the President and Provost
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Absent; see appendix A for prepared comments.
 - b. Provost's Report
 - i. Absent.

- III. Reports of Special Committees

- IV. Special Orders
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Nominations
 1. Pratt-Russell nominated Walley-Jean for Chair
 2. Pratt-Russell nominated Watson for Vice-Chair
 3. Stegall self-nominated for Secretary
 - ii. Voting Results
 1. Walley-Jean elected Chair
 2. Watson elected Vice-Chair
 3. Stegall elected Secretary

- V. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a. Motion to Approve Addition of a General Studies Option to the BAS Administrative Management Major, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on April 14, 2017
 - i. Butler motioned with Walley-Jean seconding.
 - ii. Discussion: Williams inquired if we were able to resolve the issue that arose last meeting. Gooden responded that a memo was circulated to the Senate on this issue.
 - iii. The motion was carried

VI. New Business

a. Discussion Item: Faculty E-Mail Discussion Group

- i. Pratt-Russel opened the discussion and indicated that the second, fully-open all-faculty email list, would be useful; the issue is moderation as censor. Who would monitor the list as to who is on and off the list?
- ii. Lengthy discussion regarding moderation strategy, the proposed Office of Marketing and Communications policy that was the impetuous for this issue, the freedom of faculty to communicate openly, opt-in v. opt-out email list administration, and alternative technologies to facilitate faculty communication (e.g. Yammer). It was suggested that a representative from Information Technology Services be invited to discuss faculty communication options in the Fall.

VII. Meeting adjourned.

Appendix A

President's Report

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- **Regrets** As I am currently making a presentation off campus, I am sorry that I cannot join you today
- **Campus Carry** What follows is the text of the communication we received from system office about the governor's signature of the campus carry bill "Dear presidents, provosts and police chiefs:
Today, Governor Deal signed House Bill 280, the "campus carry" legislation. As we near the July 1st effective date, the system office will be issuing implementation guidance to all institutions. Please do not make any changes to your policies until you receive this final guidance. We recognize that many have strong feelings about this new law. It is important that we all work together across our campuses to implement the new law appropriately and continue to provide a top-quality education to our students.
Thank you for what you do for the University System of Georgia.
Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Wrigley
Chancellor" Chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences expressed concern last week about this policy change. What follows is a text of my response to those colleagues: "And I will indeed be crafting a general campus response to this change in legislation. We have many of the same specific questions posed in Dr. Campbell's e-mail, and will be working with the system office to address them as quickly and as clearly as possible. Several of us have reached out to colleagues in others campus carry states during the last several years of the debate, and hope to find some assistance in interpretation here also. In the meantime, my thanks to each of you for your leadership that will help us all navigate an outcome that most of us opposed, but now find to be the law July 1. More as we have it." At this point, we still await response from the system office, and will share that information with the campus as soon as we receive it.
- **Graduation** thanks to those able to participate in our graduation ceremonies. We believe it was the largest class of graduates to date, reflecting a real commitment of our colleagues to student success.
- **Thanks** While I am not available today, I would be delighted to answer questions should you have them timhynes@clayton.edu