

Minutes of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting, January 13th, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randall Gooden, Kathryn Pratt Russell, Laura Herndon, Chris Pitsikoulis, Gail Barnes, John Mascaritolo, Craig Hill, Debra Cody, Charlotte Swint, Kathryn Kemp, Adam Kubik, Reza Kheirandish, Catherine Matos, Muhammad Rahman, Junfeng Qu, Chris Raridan
Non-Members: Tim Hynes, Kevin Demmitt, Jill Lane

I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A. The minutes of the December 7 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Reports of President, Provost and Standing Committees

A. President's Report.

President Hynes expressed his thanks to faculty who attended Clayton State Day at the State Capitol, which drew nearly 150 students, faculty, and staff. Most of the "south-side" legislative delegation spoke with our students. Dr. Hynes also thanked faculty and staff for their work during the campus-wide power outage on Tuesday January 12th. The Governor's budget had not yet been released at the time of the Senate meeting, but it was rumored to contain additional money for dual enrollment. The President asked faculty to consider nominating their colleagues for the Making Things Better award. Dr. Hynes also announced that in the near future, he would be scheduling listening sessions for associate professors (and also interested faculty at other stages of their careers) to uncover ways to help those interested in leadership opportunities at the university. When he asked for questions, a Senate member thanked him for his support for faculty at the university.

B. Provost's Report.

Provost Demmitt thanked the faculty and staff for their collaboration during the power outage, and specifically praised Jill Lane, Felisha Whitehead, and Tammy Wilson, who had to schedule the classroom reassignments. Dr. Demmitt and Dr. Hynes spent part of the winter break at Sri Krishna College in India. Students from this college will be coming here in their junior and senior years to complete their degrees. There are also international students with us at CSU from Daejeon College in Korea. Both schools consider us key partners. Dr. Raridan asked if the students are officially enrolled at Clayton State. Dr. Demmitt answered that they are, and they will count as full-time enrolled students when they arrive for their junior year.

C. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Dr. Catherine Matos reported that the UCC held their second reading of changes to the Political Science and Sociology curriculum. After discussion, the changes were accepted. Engl Dept 4+1, UCC gave the English Department's proposal for its "4+1" combined Master's degree program its endorsement (approval was not required since there are no curriculum changes being made).

III. Reports of Special Committees

None.

IV. Special Orders

None.

V. Unfinished Business and General Orders

None.

VI. New Business

A. Motion to Approve Political Science Program Modifications, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 11, 2015. Dr. Kheirandish moved to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Motion to Approve Sociology Program Modifications, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 11, 2015. Dr. Matos moved to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Motion to Endorse a Draft Proposal for a Combined B.A. in English in the Literature Concentration and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in the English Concentration, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 11, 2015. Dr. Kemp moved to endorse the proposal. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

VII. Adjournment. Dr. Raridan moved to adjourn, and Dr. Qu seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.