

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee

December 7, 2007 meeting  
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon - Adelbert Hall, **Room 102** (note location)

AGENDA

1. 10:00 a.m. Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2007  
Executive Committee meeting - attachment G. Starkman
2. 10:05 President's announcements B. Snyder
3. 10:10 Provost's announcements/updates J. Goldberg
4. 10:15 Chair's announcements G. Starkman
5. 10:20 Review/approval of honorary degree recipients

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Minutes of the December 7, 2007 meeting  
Adelbert Hall, Room 102

Committee members in attendance:

Jay Alexander  
William Deal  
Jerold Goldberg  
Julia Grant  
Bill Leatherberry

Diana Morris  
Barbara Snyder  
Glenn Starkman, Chair-elect  
Elizabeth Tracy  
Susan Zull

Committee members absent:

Dominique Durand

Undergraduate Student Government. Though the USG policy specifically addresses advising, there may be some useful points that are transferable to mentoring.

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President Barbara Snyder announced her plan to revise the existing internal committee structure to create a forum to promote greater sharing of information and consultation. A new group, the President's Council, will include vice presidents, deans, other senior leadership team members, and the chair of the Faculty Senate. The president will serve as council chair and attend all sessions. Because of the composition and mission of this new group, she will discontinue the Vice Presidents' Council to eliminate redundancy. She asked the executive committee for -elect. Given that there is no provision for surrogate representation on the council, the executive committee agreed that having the chair-elect serve as a regular member was a good idea; that position has been added to the membership.

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Interim Provost Jerry Goldberg informed the committee that the strategic planning effort is proceeding according to the established timetable. The central steering committee, task forces, and most of the individual schools are keeping to the prescribed schedule. Professor Goldberg responded to a question about the impact of the delayed Pricewaterhouse Coopers report to the School of Medicine. He stated that in that report when it is delivered. He also responded to a question about what use will be made of past strategic plans, stating that work of this nature done in the past will be used, as are many other elements, to inform the current process.

#### Approval of honorary degree recipients

As chair of the honorary degree committee, the provost presented the names of individuals being considered for honorary degrees in 2009. He reported that the committee met during the fall 07

exemplify in their work the highest ideals and standards, and sought to select for honorary degrees accomplished individuals whose work has a connection with the programs and thrust of

Professors Ledford and Starkman responded to questions and comments. Professor Starkman his nature, and that the process will develop over time. He also reminded the standing committee chairs that it is unlikely that all stated priorities will be addressed in the coming fiscal year, and advised them to consider long-range as well as immediate priorities. The committee chairs in attendance stated concerns about the need for more specific information in order to produce meaningful submissions, and Professor Ledford