

Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
Thursday, October 17, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Adelbert Hall, Toepfer Room

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.	Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2013 Executive Committee meeting, attachment	S. Russ
8:35 a.m.	President's Announcements	B. Snyder
8:40 a.m.	Provost's Announcements	B. Baeslack
8:45 a.m.	Chair's Announcements	S. Russ
8:55 a.m.	Faculty Senate Leadership	S. Russ
9:05 a.m.	Faculty Approval of Degree Seeking students	D. Feke
9:15 a.m.	Overlapping Course Content Policy	J. Ruhl
9:25 a.m.	Wellness Initiatives	C. Gregory
9:35 a.m.	Year Review of Faculty Handbook and Bylaws	S. Russ
9:45 a.m.	Strategic Plan Presentation	B. Baeslack

Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Meeting
Adelbert Hall, Toepfer Room

Committee Members in Attendance

Bud Baeslack, Provost
Susan Case, WSOM
Robin Dubin, Past Chair
John Fredie, WSOM
Patricia Higgins, SON
Mark Joseph, MSASS
Sandy Russ, Chair
Robert Savinell, CSE
Benjamin Schetter, SODM
Barbara Snyder, President
Glenn Starkman, CAS
Rebecca Weiss, Secretary of the University Faculty

Committee Members Absent

Katy Mercer, LAW

Others Present

David Carney, Chair, Bylaws Committee
Nicole Deming, Chair, Faculty Personnel Committee
Don Feke, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Carolyn Gregory, Vice President, Human Resources
Robert Kirsch, Chair, Committee on Research
John Ruhl, Vice Chair, FSCUE

Call to Order

Professor Sandra Russ, chair, Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

CWRU Board of Trustees Resolution of Appreciation for Steven Garverick

Prof. Russ presented the Resolution of Appreciation for Steven Garverick, which was adopted by the CWRU Board of Trustees on October 4, 2013. A moment of silence was observed for Professor Steven Garverick, chair of the Faculty Senate, who passed away on September 27, 2013. Attachment

President's Announcements

The President had announcements.

Provost's Announcements

Provost Baeslack said that the Board of Trustees had been shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Faculty Senate chair Steve Garverick. The Provost said he was fortunate to have known Prof. Garverick during the time that he served as vice chair and chair of the Faculty Senate.

Provost Baeslack reported that during the first year of the Tuition Exchange Program the university exported more students than it imported (12 exported, 3 imported). The goal is to have an equal number going out and coming in. Many of the students that were exported attended regional institutions. The expectation is that the university will import larger numbers of high quality students each year.

Chair's Announcements

Prof. Russ made the following announcements:

1. Six Senate committees were charged with soliciting feedback on the university's interim sexual misconduct policy. Comments from the committee are due to Prof. Russ by November 5. Prof. Russ will synthesize the comments and present them to the Executive Committee at the November 15 meeting.
2. FSCUE is reviewing classroom scheduling conflicts that will occur as a result of inter a12(u)-a0(5)

Each year a number of the schools ask their faculty to approve a list of students being certified for graduation. Some of these students may never actually complete their graduation requirements and some students are not included on this list until after the faculty approval. A senator questioned the purpose behind the Handbook provision and the committee agreed that the faculty vote is essentially symbolic. A suggestion was made to draft language transferring the obligation of certifying students to the Faculty Senate. Prof. Russ agreed to draft language and members of the Executive Committee should share this proposal with their college/schools.

Overlapping Course Content Policy

Professor John Ruhl, vice chair of FSCUE, reported that FSCUE has been discussing the issue of overlapping course content. FSCUE had been asked to review an undergraduate social work course proposed by MSASS that was thought to have similar content to courses offered in the Sociology Department and the Social Justice Institute. While the MSASS course was ultimately approved as a permanent offering, it was approved with the stipulation that a student could not receive credit for both this course and one of the sociology courses. Prof. Ruhl stated that there didn't appear to be a consistent policy within the university for dealing with the question of overlapping course content for undergraduate courses. Prof. Ruhl suggested that FSCUE consider the issue and make recommendations to the Senate. Professor Robin Dubin said that this is exactly the type of issue that FSCUE should be addressing and that the Committee on Graduate Studies should consider the issue as it relates to graduate and professional school courses. It was suggested that FSCUE seek feedback from UPF schools also. Any policy on overlapping course content will have revenue implications so this must be part of the discussion. A motion was made and seconded to charge FSCUE subcommittees with making recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The motion was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Wellness Initiatives

Carolyn Gregory, Vice President for Human Resources, provided information on Benelect changes and CWRU wellness initiatives as requested by faculty members following the wellness initiative presentation at the September Faculty Senate meeting. Ms. Gregory provided background information on the university's medical plans. She said that CWRU offers four medical insurance plans (three of which are funded through the university) and 85% of employees participate in one of the funded plans. This is the first year that wellness initiatives are being offered. Within the first week after announcing the wellness initiatives, 470 employees registered for biometric screenings.

Concerns were raised about confidentiality of personal information disclosed during the screenings as well as the prescription drug generic step therapy requirement in 2014. Ms. Gregory agreed to report back with more information on both of these issues. Ms. Gregory indicated that more incentives are being developed for 2014 and 2015 and the information will be provided to the university community as soon as possible.

Attachment



October 4, 2013

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Steven Garverick, Professor, was a member of the electrical engineering and computer science (EECS) department for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS Professor Garverick distinguished himself as a dedicated teacher and mentor, internationally recognized researcher and scholar; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issues this resolution to recognize the outstanding dedication and service of Steven Garverick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University extends its most sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire University community to Steven Garverick who served the University for twenty-one years

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
the Board of Trustees commends the generous dedication and service to the University, and recognizes Professor Garverick for his valuable contributions provided to the University. Therefore, we hereby recognize Professor Garverick for his leadership, dedication and service to the University.

From the Constitution:

Sec. B. Nominating Committee

Par. 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of ~~the~~ ~~chair~~ ~~elect~~ of the Faculty Senate, ~~ex officio~~ and