

From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary
To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting held on 7 November 2017 at 5 PM in Wells Fargo Auditorium (Beatty Center 115). Full minutes to follow.

Speaker Liz Jurisich called the Senate to order at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Reports

Speaker Jurisich expressed that she hope everyone had reviewed curriculum proposals in the new system, Curriculog. She shared that the Senate website has been reorganized and all the committees can be seen without having to click through. She encouraged Committee Chairs to put meeting dates on the website (contact Megan Gould).

Provost Brian McGee addressed the following topics:

- Gun violence on college campuses. He thanked first responders for all they do to keep us safe.
- Look for announcements for the brownbag lunch series; the next will be November 15.
- Sestercentennial. As one of the first U.S. colleges to have the opportunity to celebrate 250 years, we will plan many events for our celebration in 2020.
- Task forces. There will be several developed to address academic program and academic policy issues, some of which were set as far back as 1971. The task forces will address issues in transfer hours, hours required for a Bachelors, degree, faculty advising and student development, faculty advising as professional development
- Experiential learning opportunities within the Colonial Academic Alliance (<http://colonialacademicalliance.org>). Efforts are increasing collaborative research opportunities between colleges.
- The Attendance Policy has been given to various committees to study.
- Hate and bias response teams. The Provost is supportive of the creation of such teams. A tentative goal to place such a team is March 1, 2018.
- Controversial speakers on campus. As long as safety can be assured, we will create space, as supports CofC's classically liberal position to focus on dialog reflecting a range of viewpoints.
- The Provost expressed support for the curriculum for a Masters in data science and analytics.

Provost McGee accepted questions

Lisa Covert, Chair of the **Committee on General Education**, reported three committee objectives for the remainder of the academic year. These include improve communications with faculty and students, expand certification for Math Alternative Program, and revisit the recertification process.

Associate Provost Lynn Cherry gave a brief reminder of logging into and using the Curriculog system.

There was no old business.

New Business

Quinn Burke, Chair of the **Faculty Committee for Academic Standards** introduced a revision to the Transfer Admission Policy (undergraduate). Several questions were asked and answered. A motion to add a phrase for clarification was introduced and was passed. The revision to the Transfer Admission Policy passed.

Christine Finnan, Chair of the **Committee on Graduate Education** introduced the Master's Degree in Data Science and Analytics. The program was approved.

Gayle Goudy, Co-Chair of the **Faculty Curriculum Committee** introduced the following proposals:

- **Computing in the Arts, Digital Media Concentration, B.A. - BA-CITA-CIDM**
- **CSCI - 381 – Internship**
- **French** proposed to create 4 new courses, replacing 4 existing courses. They also need to modify their various majors and minors to incorporate these new courses. Finally, they're removing their capstone requirement, which will reduce the number of hours in the major.

All curriculum proposals were discussed and approved.

Constituent's general concerns

Julia Eichelberger, Senator (at-large, HSS) asked about appropriate faculty action when police officers request to see a student during class.

The Provost will look into the matter.