Diversity 360 Training for Faculty

The Faculty Senate voted to endorse a resolution stating that by the end of the 2016-2017 academic year, all faculty senators will have participated in the Diversity 360 education program, and that all other CWRU faculty (except those who have already completed the training) will have participated by the end of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Update on Provost’s Commission on the Undergraduate Experience

Professor Kimberly Emmons, chair of the Provost’s Commission on the Undergraduate Experience (CUE), gave a brief update on the activities of the CUE. Prof. Emmons said that the CUE has three broad charges; to articulate a philosophy for the undergraduate experience including SAGES and GERs; to determine how CWRU’s residential campus environment can support better learning; and to engage with the Arts & Sciences consulting group as they help CWRU understand external perceptions about the university’s undergraduate programs and how changes would be perceived. Several working groups are being formed and may begin meeting this summer. The Commission’s main focus will be on a general education review and they expect to submit preliminary recommendations for a CWRU philosophy of undergraduate education by the end of the calendar year. The Arts & Sciences group will present preliminary findings in May/June, and a final report in late summer or early fall.

Other Items from the Meeting

Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics

The Senate approved a Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics, which will be housed in the School of Engineering, department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Minor in Sports Nutrition

The Senate approved a minor in Sports Nutrition, which will be housed in the School of Medicine, department of Nutrition.

Master of Arts in Military Ethics

Professor Shannon French, Director, Inamori International Center on Ethics and Excellence, presented the proposed Master of Arts in Military Ethics. This program will be the first of its kind in the U.S. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the new program.

Major in Chinese

The Faculty Senate voted to approve a new major in Chinese to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.
Report from the Senate Committee on University Libraries (FSCUL)

Professor Christine Cano, chair of FSCUL, reported on the activities of the committee during the year. FSCUL is urging the university to develop, and begin implementing in FY 2017, a multi-year strategy to provide increased funding for the libraries.

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Senate voted to approve the members of the 2016-2017 Senate standing committees.

Passing of the Gavel

Professor Roy Ritzmann passed the gavel to Professor Peter Harte (SOM), 2016-2017 chair of the Senate. The new chair-elect for 2016-2017 is Professor Juscelino Colares (LAW).

More detailed information on the above items will be available in the minutes which will be posted on the Faculty Senate website once they have been approved.