Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the January 31st, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting

More detailed information on all items included in this newsletter are available in the draft minutes posted on the Google site for the February Faculty Senate meeting. Once the minutes have been approved by the Senate, they will be posted on the Faculty Senate website along with all related documents.

Of Particular Importance to All University Faculty

Resolution on Recent Executive Order on Immigration
The Faculty Senate endorsed a resolution opposing the recent Executive Order on immigration. The resolution was sponsored by elected senators and Senate standing committee chairs with appointments in the College. The Senate directed the Chair of the Faculty Senate and the Secretary of the University Faculty to transmit copies of the resolution to both Senators from Ohio and to all members of the Ohio congressional delegation, asking them to act swiftly to reverse the Executive Order through legislative action. The Senate further directed them to disseminate the resolution to the media.

The Faculty Senate approved the following policies from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education:

1. Beginning in the fall of 2017, students who withdraw after the 11th Friday of a semester may not enroll for the next two academic sessions, including the summer session. Exceptions may be granted by the Academic Standing Board.

2. Beginning in the fall of 2017, students placed or continuing on probation are required to review their course schedules with their deans in the Office of Undergraduate Studies before the end of the drop/add period in order to continue for the semester.

3. Beginning in the fall of 2017, academic probation will be a status recorded on the unofficial/advising transcript but not on the official transcript.

2017-2022 Academic Calendar
The Senate approved the 2017-2022 Academic Calendar.
Other Items from the Meeting

Amendment to Faculty Handbook Regarding Chair of the Emeriti Academy as Non-Voting Member of the Senate
The Senate approved language adding the chair of the Emeriti Academy as a nonvoting member of the Senate for inclusion in Chapter 2 of the Faculty Handbook.

CUE Update
Professor Kimberly Emmons, chair of the Provost’s Commission on the Undergraduate Experience, gave an update on the activities of the CUE.