



Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the November 20, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting

This newsletter will be sent out monthly and will provide you with a snapshot of what took place at the most recent Faculty Senate meeting. To learn more about any issue, click on the item and it will take you to [more information](#) further down the page; the numbers below correspond with the numbers above. If you have any questions, please contact one of the senators for your school or college. The list of senators can be found on the [Faculty Senate website](#).

President's and Provost's Announcements

1. [CWRU saw a 33% increase in early applications for undergraduate admission](#)
2. [Smoke-free campus is being considered](#)

Chair's Announcements

3. Prof. Robin Dubin, chair of the Faculty Senate, reminded faculty senators to communicate senate business to their schools.
4. The first Undergraduate Program Faculty (UPF) meeting will be held on November 26, 2012 to consider a proposal on the governance of the SAGES program. Related documents are being sent to UPF members. Note: the vote of the UPF was 93% in favor of the proposal and 7% against.
5. The [Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education \(FSCUE\)](#) is reviewing a proposal from the [FSCUE Curriculum Subcommittee](#) on course evaluations. It is working on defining the purpose of course evaluations and will seek consensus on this language before drafting evaluation questions.
6. The [Committee on Women Faculty](#) is completing work on a Modified Workload Policy for Caregiving Responsibilities. The policy will be brought before the Faculty Senate shortly.
7. The [Committee on Faculty Compensation](#) is proposing that CWRU participate in the [Tuition Exchange Program](#).
8. The [ad hoc Committee on Appointments Outside the Constituent Faculties](#) has started to meet and hopes to report on its progress before the end of the semester.
9. Prof. Christine Cano has resumed her duties as chair of FSCUE. Prof. Dubin thanked Prof. Gary Chottiner for his service as interim chair.
10. The [Committee on Information and Communication Technology](#) has endorsed a [proposal](#) by ITG which clarifies that ITG will support hardware that is purchased by the university, or has been purchased by an individual, but is used for university business. ITG will not provide support for purely personal equipment.

Agenda Items

11. [Update on Strategic Planning Process](#)
12. [Graduate Student Leave Policy](#)
13. [Music Department Name Changes](#)

Reports

14. [Report from Development Office](#)
15. [Report on Uptown Project](#)

More Information

11. Provost Baeslack provided the senate with an update on the strategic planning process. The plan will build upon the foundation of the 2008 plan. The core values as articulated in 2008 will remain the same but the mission and vision will be bolder and more aggressive. A steering committee of approximately 30 people will direct the process and working groups are being established. A [website](#) has been developed and feedback is being sought both online and at campus forums. One unique working group is the CWRU 2026 group that will discuss the long-term direction of the university. The themes of diversity, technology and internationalization will be considered within each working group. The Provost is asking each one of the deans to engage in a SWOT analysis of their schools based on a set of directives. A plan should be completed by the spring of 2013. Provost Baeslack acknowledged that this is an aggressive timeline, but said that he believes it is possible since a foundation for the plan already exists. The Provost encouraged the faculty senators to participate by providing feedback on the framing questions that will guide the process.
12. Prof. Martin Snider, chair of the [Committee on Graduate Studies](#), presented a proposal for a [graduate student leave policy](#). The proposal clarifies the leave policy for supported graduate students and is in line with CWRU staff leave provisions and those of the NIH and NSF. The senate voted to approve the policy.
13. Prof. Peter Bennett from the [department of music](#) presented a [proposal](#) to rename three existing degrees in the Early Music Department. The name changes are intended to more accurately reflect the content of the degree programs and to make the degree names consistent. The senate voted to approve the changes.
14. Bruce Loessin, Senior Vice President for University Relations and Development, gave a report on the [Forward Thinking capital campaign](#). The campaign had unanticipated success during its quiet phase (2007-2011) as a result of President Snyder's leadership. The public phase of the campaign kicked off in October 2011 and at that time \$660 million had already been raised. The momentum has continued and the development office has set fundraising records in four out of the past five years. The average gift to the university has increased by 66% over the past four years and gifts greater than \$1 million have also increased. Individual schools are making progress in their fundraising efforts. Funds raised through the capital campaign will be used for the [University Center](#), the [Performing Arts Center](#), a new [field house](#), and an addition to the [School of Dental Medicine](#). Post-launch activities will include broadening our base through national and international alumni engagement, growing the annual fund, securing special gifts and developing an internal campaign. As a result of the economic situation, the university is seeing fewer corporate donations, but more individual gifts. President Snyder said that Bruce Loessin and his staff have been hugely successful and that faculty involvement has been critical. Prof. Dubin thanked the President, Bruce Loessin and his staff on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
15. John Wheeler, Senior Vice President for Administration, reported on the progress of the Uptown project. He began his report by providing background information on the development. As a result of the market crash in 2008, Uptown, which had originally been envisioned as a \$104 million multi-phase residential and retail project, was reduced to a \$44 million project developed by MRN Ltd. Despite these setbacks, Uptown is going strong with apartments that are leased at approximately 80%, a new [Barnes and Noble university bookstore](#), [Constantino's Market](#), a new and architecturally significant building housing the [Museum of Contemporary Art](#), and many new restaurants. Two additional phases of Uptown are in the planning stages and the community is being asked to provide input through a Community Design Committee. Parking is an issue that still needs to be addressed.

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