



Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the January 24, 2013 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. President Snyder congratulated Rick Bischoff, VP of Enrollment Management, on the large number of undergraduate applications received, and also thanked the faculty for their help in recruitment of new students. To date, approximately 18,000 undergraduate applications have been received; a 22% increase over last year and a 150% increase since 2008.
2. [As of December 31, 2012, the university has raised \\$787 million towards its capital campaign goal.](#)
3. The university is considering creating a [tobacco-free campus](#). It is also sponsoring a [nicotine cessation program](#).
4. [Safe Workplace brochures](#) were distributed to all senators. There will be a report on [this program](#) at the February Faculty Senate meeting.

Chair's Announcements

5. The [Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education](#) has approved a policy that permits courses to be offered with either permanent or one-term course approval.
6. The new [Faculty Paid Parental Leave Policy](#) has been posted on the Faculty Senate website with an updated [interpretive guide](#).
7. The [Faculty Handbook](#) states that the Faculty Senate shall review all provisions of the Constitution at least once every 5 years. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has determined that the Constitution and the [Faculty Senate By-Laws](#) will be reviewed during the 2013-14 academic year. If senators spot any issues with the Faculty Handbook or Senate By-laws, they should notify [Prof. Dubin](#).

Agenda Items

8. [Resolution on TOEFL Score Requirement](#)
9. [Motion to Approve Ethics Minor](#)
10. [Motion to Approve Graduate Certificate in Classics](#)
11. [Motion to Approve Resolution on Course Evaluations Statement of Purpose](#)
12. [Report from Siegal Lifelong Learning Program](#)
13. [Motion to approve JD/MA Program in Art History and Museum Studies](#)

More Information

8. Rick Bischoff, Vice President of Enrollment Management, presented data on the GPA's of international first year students within each school/college and within specific TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) bands. The Executive Committee had requested this data in order to consider the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education's recommendation to maintain the current TOEFL score requirement of 90 for the fall of 2013.

Mr. Bischoff said that he is cognizant of the difficulties faculty face when teaching students with insufficient English skills and will admit students primarily in the 95-100 TOEFL score range. A decision to maintain the current TOEFL score of 90 will provide his office with the flexibility needed to meet the international admissions goal for the fall of 2013. This decision will be reviewed annually. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the [resolution on the TOEFL score requirement](#).

9. Professor Laura Hengehold, CAS, presented the philosophy department's new minor in ethics. The minor would allow students in all fields to pursue a concentrated study in ethics from multiple perspectives. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the [ethics minor](#).
10. Professor Charles Burroughs, CAS, presented the Graduate Certificate in Classics. Professor Rachel Sternberg has been the champion of this post-baccalaureate program which would allow students to increase their knowledge in classics beyond the undergraduate level. The certificate could be earned in one year, and they expect 3-5 students per year. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the [Graduate Certificate in Classics](#).
11. The Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education (FSCUE) is proposing that an agreement be reached on the purpose of course evaluations before it begins its review of course evaluation questions. Professor Christine Cano presented the proposed language drafted by the FSCUE on the primary and secondary purposes of course evaluations. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the [Course Evaluations Statement of Purpose](#).
12. Brian Amkraut, Executive Director of the [Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program](#), provided the Senate with an introduction to the program. The Lifelong Learning Program is a new initiative combining the existing highly-regarded adult education programs at CWRU and the Siegal College. The program currently offers non-degree classes to approximately 1500-2000 people on an annual basis. Mr. Amkraut said that he would like to see attendance double over the next 3 years. CWRU's adult education programs have traditionally served individuals over the age of 55, but Mr. Amkraut said that they are looking to develop new programming for the younger adult population. Bringing the community to campus has multiple benefits and can increase attendance at other university events such as lectures and workshops. Mr. Amkraut encouraged all faculty to participate by teaching classes and providing suggestions for new programming.
13. Professor Craig Nard presented the JD/MA program in Art History and Museum Studies. This dual degree program would prepare students to practice law in fields such as intellectual property for the arts, among others. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the [JD/MA in Art History and Museum Studies](#).

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