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Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the November 23, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting

Of Particular Importance to All University Faculty

Note: The following policies were discussed and voted on by the Faculty Senate. However, a subsequent determination was made that a proper quorum did not exist and therefore, the following matters will require a revote at a meeting during the spring semester.

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Professor Elizabeth Click presented information on the Tobacco Free Campus Policy. Stan Gerson, Director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, spoke in favor of the policy. The Senate discussed whether to remove e-cigarettes from the policy because there is insufficient research on the health risks. The Senate voted against removing e-cigarettes and then voted to endorse the policy.

Endowed Professorship Provision of Faculty Handbook

Upon request of the Senate Executive Committee, the By-Laws Committee made further modifications to the endowed professorship provision of the Faculty Handbook, allowing for non-tenure track faculty to be appointed when requested by the donor or permitted by the terms of the endowment agreement. The Senate voted to approve the revised provision.

Senate By-Laws revision re Undergraduate Student Senator

The Senate voted to approve a proposed change to Senate By-Law IV, Item d, Sec. 2, Par. a., which addresses election of the undergraduate student senator. The revised language provides that the USG Vice President of Academic Affairs will serve as the undergraduate student senator. This language codifies current practice. The Senate voted to approve the revision.

CAS Graduate Plus-Minus Grading Policy Option

The College of Arts and Sciences adopted a plus-minus grading option for graduate courses. Each department in the College can decide whether to adopt the policy. The Senate voted to approve the plus-minus grading option.

Other Items from the Meeting

More detailed information on the item below will be available in the minutes which will be posted on the Faculty Senate [website](#) once they have been approved.

Enrollment Report and Coalition Application Update

Rick Bischoff, Vice President of Enrollment Management, gave a report on fall 2015 enrollment. He also discussed the Coalition Application platform and the implications of adopting a need-aware admissions policy at CWRU.

Senate Committee on Minority Affairs Survey

Professor Kenny Fountain, chair of the Minority Affairs Committee, reported that a survey is being conducted by the Minority Affairs Committee. The survey was sent to all voting members of the university faculty seeking input from international and underrepresented minority faculty on their experiences at CWRU and ways to improve their experience.

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](#).

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