Vanderbilt University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
May 6, 2013, 4:10 p.m.  
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Call to order

Approval of the minutes of April 11, 2013

Recognition of Third-Year Senators

Report of the Executive Committee

Remarks by the Chancellor

Election of Chair-Elect and Vice Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate

New Business

1. Motion: Endorse the report of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Task Force
2. Motion: Endorse the recommendation of the Strategic Planning and Academic Freedom Committee to commission an Online Education Task Force
3. Motion: Formation of a Faculty Senate Task Force on Greek Life
4. Announcements from the Senate Affairs Committee, Alex Hurder (chair)

Good of the Senate

Adjournment to reception


Voting Members absent: Attack, Balser, Benbow, Blume (regrets), Bond, Bradford, Brady (regrets), Clark, Conway-Welch (regrets), Dayan, Enterline, Fischer, Fogo, Fountain, Gervais (regrets), Gigante (regrets), Guthrie (regrets), Harrington, Hyman, Kirshner, Mihalik (regrets), Mulvaney, Powers (regrets), Schoenfield (regrets), Schwartz (regrets), Smrekar, Tansey, Tsinakis, Turner, and Winder.

Ex Officio Members present: Bandas, Fife, McCarty, McNamara, Raiford, Wcioso, Wente, Zeppos.
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Sal March.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Approval of the minutes of April 11, 2013**

Chair March asked for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Recognition of Third-Year Senators**

Chancellor Zeppos handed out certificates for third year senators and thanked them for their service.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Report of the Executive Committee**

Chair March said that all of the committee reports are posted on the Senate website. He asked that if anyone had a particular interest in serving on a committee or serving as chair to let him know. He also recognized outgoing past chair and vice chair, David Weintraub and Greg Barz.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Remarks by the Chancellor**

Chancellor Zeppos recognized Vanderbilt’s new CIO, John Lutz. He said that he is the first CIO that Vanderbilt has had. He said that it was important to have someone thinking every day about working with the deans, faculty, students and staff about the IT strategy. Reducing risk is also an important part of this job.

He mentioned issues about sequestration and research. He reminded everyone that research is an important function of the university; it is not a money-making endeavor.

He said that we are going to start a strategic planning process soon that will be transparent, inclusive and responsible in length. We will do another capital campaign and we need to think about where we were ten years ago, where are we now, and where we want to be in ten years. We have to begin to articulate our future. He will be appointing a group of 15-20 faculty members on the Executive Committee, and also planning groups on open-ended topics. He said that we want to end up in the spring 2014 with a good sense of who we are and where we are going.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Election of Chair-Elect and Vice Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate**

Senators Paul Lim and Rolanda Johnson were elected as chair-elect and vice chair-elect, respectively.
Next Item on the Agenda – New Business

1. Motion: Endorse the report of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Task Force—Chair March thanked Senator Mary Yarbrough and her task force for all of their hard work on this issue and this report.

   Senator Mary Yarbrough: Our task force recommends that this issue be studied by the appropriate group at the university.
   Chair March asked for a voice vote and it was approved unanimously.

2. Motion: Endorse the recommendation of the Strategic Planning and Academic Freedom Committee to commission an Online Education Task Force
   Chair March said that this motion was proposed by the SPAF committee and the Chancellor, Provost, and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs all have agreed to support the formation of this task force.
   Provost McCarthy: This will require a lot of working together with the Provost’s office to make sure that they have the most current information.
   Question: Issue about the word “institution” in this motion.
   Friendly amendment to the motion—change “institution” to “practices”
   Motion passes with the amendment.

3. Motion: Formation of a Faculty Senate Task Force on Greek Life—Past Chair David Weintraub presented the motion to create a task force on Greek Life.
   Question: Will the membership of the committee be only senators?
   Past Chair Weintraub: No, it will be open to all at the university.
   Chair March: We will be looking for recommendations for faculty members to serve on this task force.
   Chair March asked for a voice vote. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Announcements from the Senate Affairs Committee, Alex Hurder (chair):
   Senator Alex Hurder illuminated some issues from the Senate Affairs committee concerning communication from the Senate on the MyVU/MyVUMC emails. He said that we will work with Vice Chancellor Beth Fortune’s office on this initiative. He also mentioned information about the SACS accreditation process that the committee gathered this year. Chair March thanked his committee for all their work this year.

Next Item on the Agenda – Good of the Senate

Chair March asked for any news under good of the Senate. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Next Item on the Agenda – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.