

Minutes, Senate Meeting January 27, 2016

Roll call – 7:32

Quorum met

- Opening prayer
- Officer reports
 - Jessica – not here
 - Mary – lectures have money, so if you want to have a lecture, submit a request
 - Joe
 - Events
 - Sweatshirt or polo in the works
 - Academic senator
 - Academic senate met last Thursday
 - Also, last semesters meeting
 - The gunman incidents
 - The bottom line – there was a procedure in place, and it worked, although there were some communication issues
 - But they are taking those issues seriously
 - Head of security presented to the senate – process worked as it should
 - Neuroscience minor in the works, in psychology
 - New CIO of technology
 - Shift from Microsoft to Google
 - Next year, the student technology fee will increase
 - More classrooms will have projectors
 - University website changed in 2016
 - Wifi getting an update
 - University is exploring limiting free printing
 - Secretary
 - Events
 - February 5 – tickets to the Wizards game
 - Happy hour – February 25th, 4-7 at Brookland Pint
 - Caps game in March
 - Hopefully two more happy hours
 - Email Amanda – 83bono@cua.edu
 - Conferences
 - All the money from the spring is gone
 - More money?
 - Professional development
 - Writing workshops
 - Dissertation bootcamp
- Approving the meeting minutes from last meeting
 - Motion to approve – seconded
 - Passes
- Parliamentarian
 - Lowell Rudorpher – a master’s student in LIS, and a JD from the law school

- New business
- Rebate money
 - Grave errors regarding rebate money the past few years
 - Allocated based on enrollment numbers
 - In the past few years, online students have included them in the enrollment numbers, but they do not pay the activity fee
 - A few departments have gotten several thousands of dollars more per semester than they should have
 - Nursing, Social Service, and MSPS – gotten more than they should have the past few years
- Discussion concerning how to do something about it
 - Correcting – some schools won't receive money for the fall
 - What to do about previous semesters – tough call, since it isn't their fault
 - Online programs started in summer of 2014 for NCSSS
 - But figuring out exact dollar amount over-rebated the past few years would be complicated
 - Each of those departments with over \$10,000 give \$2,000
 - Social service has their own government, and so they would like the chance to go talk their school/group
 - MSPS also wants the chance to debate it
 - Those departments sponsor other events?
 - Check to their departments
 - What the harm?
 - More money could have been put in conferences, other communal pots
 - But we really don't know how much has gone to these programs with online students
 - Planning and institutional research – the numbers are online
 - Emily and Dominic have had problems getting numbers
 - Took them awhile to figure out the online students don't pay the activity fee
 - Part-time students do pay it
 - Can we (basically) just take the money?
 - Yes, we can pass a by-law that says those departments owe x amount of money, and if you don't pay it, we'll just withhold your money from the rebate next semester
 - But to keep in mind – just taking the money will affect future students
 - It will hurt those students to take the money, but really its hurting all the other students to have those schools getting the money that should be in common funds
 - Talking to the councils – did it feel like they were getting more money
- Another thing – the senator attendance is per 100 activity-fee paying senators
 - So NCSSS will only have 2 senators
 - Nursing and Metro schools – are the numbers right?
 - Metro school senators will check it out
 - Should nursing have 2 senators?
- No more discussion on this issue – the schools will talk and get back to us
- Dissertation scholarship committee – meeting on February 9th

- Announcements
 - BrowZine – library asked Emily to promote it
 - Eric – a propriety journal interface – it’s not that great
- Other announcements?
 - NCSSS – partnering with the counseling centers at the end of February for national eating disorder awareness day
 - Smashing scales – a graveyard of scales – love yourself
 - Senate webpage – meeting rooms need to be updated
- Where to meet?
 - McGivney
 - Pryz?
 - Aquinas – last resort
- Motion to adjourn – seconded
 - Passes – meeting adjourned at 8:29