

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

**DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Bleeke, Boboc, W. Bowen, Deering

**II. Report of the Faculty Senate President**

Dr. Sridhar commented that this is the end of the semester and we are all quite busy so we will see if we can get done with our work today and go back to work and write final exams, etc. He noted that he scheduled a test on the last day of class and then a final exam the next two days so he has two tests in the next two days.

Dr. Sridhar reported that he had a few items that he wanted to touch upon. We just went through our course evaluations using the Blue system this time. He noted that our Student Government President Emily Halasah is going to talk about this more as





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administrative correction because the organizations that administer these tests changed their scoring criteria. And when they changed their criteria, and every year they publish these correspondence tables to old scores, the currently published scores in the new formats are actually lower than what we used to require. This is a correction to bring it back to what we used to require and what everybody else does. The standardized test scores are not really being changed in terms of actual cases. It is just that over time the test scores got moved from what we used to require and we just have to go back. The other part of the proposal has to do with taking courses that would have otherwise required students to come here and take English as a second language and there is sort of



participated actively in developing these standards and actually made several recommendations that the committee itself had not originally ever made. So, from their perspective, that actually brings our admission requirements in line with standard practices in the State. They were in favor of that and argued for it in a subcommittee. So, the people who are in the business of promoting international admissions state that this is correct.

Senator Beth Ekelman commented that if she recalls at Steering, there was some concern about the one criterion for successful completion of the thirty semester hours. She noted that she didn't remember the exact concern and asked if Dr. Sridhar could reiterate that to everybody because she thinks that was one area that did raise a question.

Dr. Sridhar replied that this was another thing that came up at Steering. If everyone looks at page 2 of the document under that English Composition requirement, the proposed language says, "Successful completion of 30 semester hours of college-level coursework from an accredited college in the United States or English speaking country with a cumulative 2.0 GPA, including the equivalent of CSU's ENG 101 and ENG 102

before they are admitted.” With that amendment, Dr. Sridhar called for a vote. The proposed revision of Criteria for proof of English proficiency used in the undergraduate admission process as amended was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**B. Additional 3+3 Agreements from the College of Law (Report No. 21, 2015-2016)**

Professor Kothapalli next presented two additional 3+3 Agreements from the College of Law – one with Ursuline College and one with The University of Findlay. He noted that a similar 3+3 Agreement between the College of Law and Lake Erie College was approved by Faculty Senate last year after a change in Ohio Supreme Court rules. The undergraduate institution will award the undergraduate degree. Under the 3+3 agreement, the undergraduate institution agrees to award the undergraduate degree after the student successfully completes the first year of the J.D. curriculum, whether in the full- or part-time program, permitting completion of both the undergraduate and law degrees in six rather than seven full-time equivalent years, saving both time and money for the student. Professor Kothapalli noted that one thing he wanted to bring to Senate’s attention is that the College of Law will not forgo any tuition, alter its curriculum, or award credit for courses taken elsewhere. In addition, the credentials that students must satisfy to be admitted to C-M under a 3+3 agreement are slightly higher than our median credentials.

Dr. Sridhar noted that these two agreements are technically the same as the one that Faculty Senate passed with Lake Erie College with minor changes. Dr. Sridhar stated that the key thing we are approving is the fact that we are taking these students into the College of Law without having completed a bachelor’s degree. So they will come here for three years with 19 credit hours of course work at their own institution having a GPA of 3.4 or higher. He inquired if there were any questions about this proposal.

There being no questions, Dr. Sridhar stated that the Admissions and Standards Committee has proposed two separate 3+3 Agreements – one between the College of Law and Ursuline College and the second between the College of Law and The University of Findlay where undergraduate degrees are awarded by the respective home institution and Law degrees are awarded by the Cleveland Marshall College of Law and asked for a vote. The proposed 3+3 Agreements were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Kothapalli reported that we may have two additional 3+3 Agreements with the College of Law – one with John Carroll University and another with Mercy Hurst University.

**V. Report of the President of the University**

President Ronald Berkman reported that today the Governor named the group of Presidents that would be the Commission on the capital budget. He noted that the good news is that we are going through an exercise similar to the one that we went through two years ago in which responsibility of recommendations for allocation of the capital budget

will be given to a Commission of eight Presidents – four from the community colleges, four from four-year colleges. The four-year colleges on the Commission are Cincinnati, OU, Miami of Ohio and Cleveland State. We have been given a club number that means that no one really knows what the number is and so just makes something up. Since our imaginations in politics don't reach that far, we will make up the number that we used last year. So the club number is exactly the same number that was used last year which was \$404,500,000 and that is what is on the table. Now whether that will be the ultimate number, no one really knows – it could be less, it could be more. Now it becomes a matter for the universities to lobby for more. We had initially requested that the control number, which is the ultimate number, be \$450 million. The process is underway. It is going to be a longer and a little more complex process and a more contentious process given that the community colleges association has new leadership and the community colleges believe on mass that they have been short-changed through this Commission process; that the four year colleges have received the lion's share of the capital appropriations and the community colleges have not received a fair share. So, it will be a political high-wire act he assumes but there will be a capital budget. That is the good news. The capital budget right now will be scheduled as it always is to be passed in the first week of April. President Berkman noted we would be consulting with the vice preside

President Berkman announced that we have also submitted our plan, as everyone may remember, we were required to submit a plan to reduce the cost of attendance for students by five percent. The universities were all required to submit these plans; the University of Toledo submitted a plan that they alleged would reduce the cost of attendance by 56% for students. They were on the high side. On the low side, Central State said that they would reduce it by 6.9%. Cleveland State, and we have already – the good news is that we had already recognized most of these savings. We achieved a tremendous saving, and we didn't know this was coming, but we achieved a tremendous saving in the reduction of credits to 120. Even though it was not after the legislation, everyone may remember that he spoke at the legislative process, we fought to get language into the five percent bill. We said that any universities that had initiated these cost-cutting measures after the last fiscal operating budget could count those towards their five percent reduction. So, we were allowed to count measures like the tuition incentive plan, like the reduction in 120 – all of course resulting in a quicker completion time for students. Again, he thinks that students would be flocking to Toledo if the cost of attendance were now only fifty percent of what it was yesterday. He asked, "How much of this is real?" President Berkman said, okay, he can't really tell anyone but we will have to submit an accounting to the legislature exactly how these savings were realized. He went on to say that perhaps the game is making them now and maybe in two years they will forget what they said. President Berkman said that in any event, he is proud of what we've done. Indeed as he mentioned, many of the recommendations about how to cut costs were out of our playbook that were in the legislative bill.

President Berkman announced that tomorrow is the holiday party; maybe that's why the decorations are up in our meeting room today. He hopes that everyone will pass by and attend – there is free food and free drink. Then, of course, commencement is a couple of Sundays away. He reminded everyone that on Saturday, the Cleveland State men's basketball team plays their first game at Quicken Loans Arena. Quicken Loans Arena will be reconfigured down to a 7,500 seat arena so it won't feel as cavernous as obviously it would at a 20,000 seat arena. Students will still be admitted free to the "Q" and he believes that there are thousands of students who have never been to the "Q" who for the first time will have an opportunity free of charge to go to the "Q". He noted that we will open against Kent State; there will be five more games during the course of the year with the "Q". It represents another one, he believes, of our exciting Downtown partnerships. The "Q" has just been a tremendous partner and a tremendous booster of this relationship. So, if people can get to the game and go by the "Q" on Saturday next to the Cav's flags and the Lake Erie Monster's flags, we will flag the Cleveland State University flag and division I basketball will be played in the "Q."

President Berkman announced that the women won the Horizon League volleyball tournament – that's the good news – a great year for the women and a very exciting and very well attended final game here in Woodling Arena. The bad news is that in the NCAA draw they drew the number one team in the country, USC, who they play at USC tomorrow night. He understands that they have two women who are 6', 10" tall. He said that he didn't know that there are any women at all who are 6', 10" tall. But if



wanted to reach out to these students to find out whether there is anythi3(t)n(a)7(n)63()35(T)-13(-124(a)7(n)1

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McCarthy) was able to fully fund that and he is also looking into getting heat lamps installed once increased utilization is seen.

SGA President Halasah reported that their junior class Senator Simiola Babayode, and their senior class Senator Paul All are collaborating with Career Services to hold an event on Thursday, February 18, 2016 – the event is called “Wakeup Call” and there will be four mini sessions geared towards résumé

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