

Faculty Council Meeting
May 2, 2018
Minutes

Faculty council members in attendance: Medora Barnes, Brent Brossmann (vice-chair), Emily Butler (chair), Mina Chercourt, Gwen Compton-Engle, Ruth Connell, Greg DiLisi, Jeff Dyck, Kris Ehrhardt (secretary), Brendan Foreman, Richard Greci, Dan Kilbride, Bo Liu, Michael Martin, Frank Navratil, Naveed Piracha, Paul Shick, Kristen Tobey, Mariah Webinger. Absent: Larry Cima, Marcus Gallo, Nathan Gehlert, Brad Hull, David Shutkin.

A quorum was reached at 2:03 pm and the meeting began.

1) Chair's Announcements

- Minutes of the Apr. 4 Council meeting posted on the Faculty Council website were approved by acclamation.

2) Item for Business: Presidential transition: update and discussion of faculty responsibilities

Butler introduced the schedule of events for the inauguration of Dr. Johnson as the next president. She noted that, according to Santilli, this schedule was fairly firm, but parts could still change. But she noted that at this point, the key events (as far as faculty are concerned) are:

- Wednesday, 5/3: Johnson will meet with faculty during a coffee period from 2-4 pm
- Thursday, 5/4: the big inauguration event along with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Classes will be cancelled. And there will be a number of other events and fancy things.
- Friday, 5/5, or another date: Johnson will deliver inaugural lectures, maybe with "Inspired leadership" as a theme. One academic in nature, another that's mission focused.

Butler noted that this meeting is for us to decide on a theme for the academic lecture.

The following discussion ensued: Greci asked why he is asking faculty to pick a theme if he's going to give the speech? Butler stated that the committed wanted faculty to have some ownership of it. Shick noted that what's on the mind of everyone right now is why are there so few of us, and suggested that we could ask him what he thinks the future of the faculty of JCU look like—does he view us as a liberal arts institution with a faculty of full-time, dedicated teacher-scholars, or are we going to be Tri-C-lite? Navratil and Brossmann thought he should give a talk about the future vision of the faculty, which should include his idea of the size and composition of the faculty about his vision. Greci asked whether this is this an inaugural topic or another speech that he needs to give to the faculty, in which there could be a conversation and he could take questions. Shick noted that it would be really nice to have him give a vision lecture and then come and address the faculty at the first general faculty meeting. Webinger noted that most projections of higher ed are tough—we need to ask him where he sees this going. Barnes noted that if this is going to covered by the Plain Dealer, we need to consider a

broader audience. Brossmann reiterated that in add to the speech, we should make an invitation to him to come to the first faculty meeting to talk. Butler ultimately summed up the discussion: we're okay with it being a "vision of the university" speech.

Butler noted that the consensus among the leadership is that we treat the cancelled day as a snow day. Grenco asked what about night classes and labs that meet only once a week. Butler stated that she was told that this is how Jesuit Universities usually do this, where they have a day-long thing. Shick noted that this is the precedent for inaugurations, that all the classes are cancelled. By the way, this is the first time anyone has bothered to ask, rather than just doing it. He added that it's nice to be included in the planning. Butler will pass this info along and follow up.

The final meeting of the 2017-18 year adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Meeting of new members to select chairs for 2018-19

A quorum of members of the 2018-19 Faculty Council was met at 2:21 (although attendance was not taken) and the members present proceeded to discuss the slate of candidates below:

- Faculty Council Chair – **Dan Kilbride**
- Faculty Council Vice-chair - Brent Brossmann
- Faculty Council Secretary - Kris Ehrhardt
- Committee chairs:
 - Committee on Academic Policies – **nominee needed**
 - Committee on Rank, Tenure, and Promotion - Jeff Dyck
 - Committee on Research, Service, and Faculty Development - **nominee needed**
 - Committee on Elections - **nominee needed** (Outgoing chair Marcus Gallo is willing to train the new elections chair during Fall 2018.)
 - Committee on Finance, Faculty Compensation, and Work-Related Policies - Jerry Weinstein
 - Committee on Gender and Diversity - Kristen Tobey (with Mina Chercourt filling in during Spring 2019)

Since no one volunteered to take up the position of FC Chair at first, Grenco moved to pass the slate of candidates without a chair, this was seconded by Webinger. The motion passed: 12 votes for / none opposed.

The meeting continued and peer pressure increased until Dan Kilbride succumbed, accepting the nomination to become chair. Webinger moved to pass the amended slate/Compton-Engle seconded. The motion passed: 11 votes for / none opposed / 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.