The Chair requested that all Administrators occupy the first three rows of the left section, and all senators occupy the first three rows of the middle and right sections for all Faculty Senate meetings.


ABSENT: Tripthi Pillai, Cynthia Port, Sara Brallier, David Evans, Nick Pritchard, Sherer Royce, and Dodi Hodges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the February 6, 2013 minutes were moved by Wes Fondren and seconded by Vin Porter. Motion passed (36 in favor, 0 not in favor, 4 abstain).

CONSENT AGENDA:

- HIST 354 (The History of the Middle East from the Late Ottoman Period to the Present) proposal for a new undergraduate course was removed from the Consent Agenda, denied, and returned to Academic Affairs at their request.
- All remaining items on the March 6, 2013 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Provost Sheehan:

- The Provost stated that because this is mid-term week, it accompanies mid-term grading and attendance reporting. He asked that faculty be reminded that when reporting the number of absences for students to report their total absences that include both excused and unexcused. The purpose is to provide grades in context with absences because if the absence is excused, students...
are to make up their work. Also, if faculty are using the student ID card swipe method in Datatel to manage daily attendance, they must also manually enter the information into the grade report. A process to merge these two systems has not been worked out yet.

- Depending upon the Board of Trustees approval in May, CCU will begin offering distance learning courses during the summer semesters, effective Summer I 2013, at the instate tuition rate. This will benefit many of our out-of-state students who return home during the summers and take coursework at their local colleges by offering affordable tuition rates and saving the hassle of the process of determining whether their coursework will transfer properly to their programs at CCU. It can also help students to complete their programs in a timely manner. It may also help to attract honors students, the 3 year programs. We will be expecting an increase in summer enrollment from our out-of-state students.

- A 20 percent increase in salaries for Associated Faculty will be effective Fall 2013. The rate will increase from $2500 to $3000. For those who have a lot of experience and/or terminal degrees, the rate will increase from $3000 to $3500. Also, the implementation of a three year renewable contract for lecturers is in the process to be effective Fall 2013.

- The Provost announced that he will be meeting with President DeCenzo tomorrow and will share his intentions of not applying for renewal of his contract as Provost. Therefore, his contract as Provost will end effective June 30, 2014. At that time, he will request a sabbatical and join the faculty in the area of his discipline, which will be announced at a later time.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Keshav Jagannathan, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report.

A. Administrative Actions numbered 10 through 15 were generated and approved without stipulations. For the complete listing, refer to the March 6, 2013 Order of Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

The following Honors courses were removed from the February 6, 2013 Consent Agenda and postponed pending departmental discussions.

1. Motion to approve HONR 301, HONR 302, HONR 304, and HONR 305 proposals for new undergraduate courses (moved by Michael Ruse and seconded by Steve Madden). Motion passed (37 in favor, 0 not in favor, 4 abstain).

   a. HONR 301 Special Topics in Global Studies
   Proposed catalog description: HONR 301 Special Topics in Global Studies. (1-3) (Prereq: Enrollment in the Honor’s Program or permission of the instructor) An interdisciplinary examination of selected themes and topics that shed light on a broad range of cultural, economic, political, social, and cultural vectors that link nations and societies.
b. HONR 302 Special Topics in Cultural Studies
Proposed catalog description: HONR 302 Special Topics in Cultural Studies. (1-3) (Prereq: Enrollment in the Honor’s Program or permission of the instructor) An interdisciplinary examination of selected themes and topics that shed light on the ways in which cultural meaning is generated, disseminated, and produced through various practices, beliefs and institutions.

c. HONR 304 Special Topics in Environmental Studies
Proposed catalog description: HONR 304 Special Topics in Environmental Studies. (1-3) (Prereq: Enrollment in the Honor’s Program or permission of the instructor) An interdisciplinary course on environmental topics such as biodiversity, sustainability, conservation, pollution, climate change, and human ecology.

d. HONR 305 Special Topics in Social Justice
Proposed catalog description: HONR 305 Special Topics in Social Justice. (1-3) (Prereq: Enrollment in the Honor’s Program or permission of the instructor) An examination of themes and topics related to the realities of conflict, environmental degradation, poverty, the sex trades, sweatshops, and militarism viewed in terms of theories of social justice and strategies for social change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Please refer to the March 6, 2013 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

A. Graduate Council

1. Motion to approve the Special Education High Incidence Disabilities PreK-Grade 12 concentration to the M.Ed. in Learning and Teaching program. The motion passed (33 in favor, 1 not in favor, 5 abstain).

2. Motion to approve the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program. The motion passed (32 in favor, 4 not in favor, 4 abstain).

B. Academic Affairs

1. Motion to approve changes to the B.S.B.A. Management degree. The motion passed (37 in favor, 0 not in favor, 4 abstain).

2. Motion to approve changes to the B.S.B.A. Marketing degree’s Major Requirements. The motion passed (33 in favor, 1 not in favor, 6 abstain).

3. Motion to approve changes to the English/Language Arts Concentration in the Middle Level Education program. The motion passed (37 in favor, 0 not in favor, 3 abstain).

4. Motion to approve changes to the Marine Science program. The motion passed (37 in favor, 0 not in favor, 3 abstain).

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.
OTHER:

- A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by John Navin to discuss personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously.

- The Chair instructed the recorder to turn off the digital recording device and asked all others to please exit the meeting.

- The senate moved from Executive Session and no action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Keshav Jagannathan, Faculty Senate Chair