

# Faculty Meeting – Spring 2016

Meeting called to order May 3 at 2:00pm.

## President:

- Thanked Spivey Hall for service and use of facility.
- Notes will be posted on Presidents' website.
- Thanked faculty and staff for great year including Lancaster and Carr for keeping Office running smoothly.
- Faculty Senate appreciation for work done this year, report to follow with minor adjustments to bylaws proposed.
- Accomplishments:
  - Business was reconfirmed through AACSB, thanks to Business and Academic Affairs efforts.
  - Dr. G. May retirement, will continue to lead steering committee for Strategic Planning efforts. Comments should be sent to Dr. Hynes or Mays. Appreciate the 100+ volunteers. Will revisit the vision of the University after the Strategic Plan is in place. Will be intentional in integrating outcomes and learning objectives.
  - Again one of the top 100 companies in Atlanta according to AJC. Due to the people who care about the University.
  - First Year Students largest group thus far. Some issues to address. Trends of being intentional in success more desire to participate.
  - Grant – Dr. J. Lane worked on a Department of Education million-dollar grant that is going to be funded in near future.
  - Melanie Carter – will be working to enhance grant interaction over coming months.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spivey Hall, best model of private/public partnership.
  - DREAMS successful.
  - Professorship Awards are in third year of implantation.
  - Supply Chain increased connectedness to Aerotropolis alliance.
  - Film – model for Georgia, Captain American scenes very recognizable. Illustration of Academic Affairs leadership with CE and Business/Finance as well. Responding well to opportunities.
  - Student Member of Strategic Planning committee named all-conference and all-academic conference in track and field, should finish masters work this term.
- Challenges:
  - Decline in enrollment.
  - Funding decrease. Budget reduction plan to be on track next year or two to leverage resources to solidify enrollment. Legislature is more conservative. Proposal to limit inflation did not pass, reason to believe will be discussed in future.
  - Free expression and concerns in learning environment. Value of fairness to have opportunity to say what's on mind.
  - Campus Carry – no message announcing at this time. Internal and external concerns by university and community. Even if vetoed it won't go away. Hynes opposed. Faculty Senate views shared. Heading in good direction.
- Full notes on <http://www.clayton.edu/President/Communications>.

**Provost:**

- Highlights:
  - Teaching and learning within mission. Visited with all departments with exception of Humanities, working to meet with them next semester.
  - Student Academic Conference was a success. Poster and live presentations were excellent. Encouraged faculty to mentor students, it is valuable impact on students.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year Seminar revised. Combined with Academic Planning and engaged learning support, next year we'll focus on transfer students.
  - Enrollment is up 12.2% first increase in four years. Students need to pay 14.4% credit hours. Fall 1% to 2.2% in credit hours. Largest first year group last year and returning population continues to grow. Enrollment Management, Academic Advising and Retention, Chairs, Deans, and Faculty total efforts are responsible for increases.
  - Saturday Commencement – Small changes, recommend banners senior faculty carry. Lineup by rank and start date without names being taped to wall, caused some damage in past.
  - Have a restful summer.

**Faculty Senate:**

- Appreciated work of Faculty Senate this past year. Accomplished a lot.
- UCC was very busy with Film, degree works, repeatability.
- Faculty Affairs proposals forthcoming will meet to discuss bylaws.
- P&T Guidelines were adjusted review possibly by University Committee College and Administration in writing for P&T Guidelines.
- Amended – Uniformity in replacing vacant positions. College has decided in past. Senate seat full replacement vs partial. Amended to clarify “Election to fill position until regular election can be done. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- Progress report on strategic planning. Team leaders have been identified. Change will develop measurable clean targets. Five-year plans in place. Present action plans to review strategic plan and move forward next semester. Well run and conceived project. Recognition for G. May.

**President Closing Remarks:**

- Thank you for all that you do. Encourage faculty to attend Commencement it is important to our students. Appreciates each faculty member who attends.

Meeting adjourned, food and beverages in lobby.

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