

## College Council Meeting Minutes October 26, 2017

The meeting of the College Council was called to order at 11:20 a.m.; President Roush presided. The minutes of the April 6, 2017, College Council meeting were approved as distributed.

### President's Report

President Roush reported on highlights from the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees. In addition to usual business, the Board discussed issues related to enrollment goals and the campus master plan. These are ongoing discussions that are likely to result in some decisions by the April Board meeting. Also discussed at the committee level was the topic of diversity among trustees and among our faculty and staff. President Roush noted that we could do a better job of publicizing our accomplishments in these areas. And finally, at this meeting, several new Board members were introduced and Mark Nunnally was elected Board Chair.

### Deans' Reports

Dean Fabritius' report included the following highlights:

- Members of the Committee on Curricular Mission and Goals gave a report to the Board of Trustees and asked alumni trustees about their experiences with general education and non-major courses at Centre.
- Centre has joined with Berea College to form a faculty/staff leadership colloquium.
- Nominations are now being accepted for a new Division II Chair.
- For Rodmon King, Dean Fabritius reported that the results of 457 student surveys on the campus climate are being tabulated, and our consultants on this project were recently on campus conducting the first round of faculty/staff focus groups. They will be back on campus to continue that work in the spring.

Dean Hays noted several recent student life events. He also reported that requests for non-emergency counseling appointments are being scheduled approximately 10 days following the request.

Dean Nesmith reported that our new student enrollment is slightly less than last year, and our discount rate landed .3% above our target which was well within our contingency. Planning for modest growth over the next few years, we can anticipate an opening enrollment of 1470 in 2018 and 1490 in 2019. This year we are expanding our international recruiting efforts in India and the Middle East.

### Committee Reports

Megan Noltemeyer noted important deadlines and dates related to convocations, and she emphasized that the convocation committee can only provide a limited amount of supplemental funding for convocations.

For the Human Resources Committee, Jim Morrison noted that the committee has met five times in the first six weeks of the term to work out changes to the college's health care plan. Primary goals for the committee included cost containment measures balanced by efforts to avoid large increases, as well as providing more options for employees. The committee also is looking at handbook language for staff leave to participate in off-campus programs.

For the Planning and Priorities Committee, Patrick Noltemeyer reported that at its first meeting of the year, the committee reviewed key performance indicators and discussed how we could become stronger and more stable, including the extent to which enrollment growth may or may not further that goal.

For the Undergraduate Research Committee, Lenny Demoranville and Ellen Prusinski reported that the committee plans to recommend changes to the committee's charge. Also, follow up research is planned for this last year of undergraduate research activities funded by a Mellon grant.

### Student Government Association

Kirby Fitzpatrick reported that the student body approved a "unity" amendment to the SGA constitution which

adds six new seats on the SGA for underrepresented groups. Also, five new student organizations have been recognized by the SGA.

**Announcements**

President Roush reminded us of the fifth strategic direction in our Strategic Plan: grounded yet ready for change.

He then listed the top five things that make us so successful:

1. Great teaching,
2. Residential life (that is educational),
3. Study abroad/away,
4. Internships and undergraduate research, and
5. Student life/Athletics/Student Governance.

In concluding, President Roush said that we should be prepared for all five of these things to change.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tim Culhan, Secretary

**Present:**

Maria Apostolova  
Laura Chinchilla  
Willie Costley  
Leonard Demoranville  
Kay Drake  
Stephanie Fabritius  
Amanda Falk  
Kirby Fitzpatrick  
Amy Frederick  
Mark Galatowitsch

Karin Gill  
Randy Hays  
Chantell Limerick  
Jennapher Lunde Seefeldt  
Patten Mahler  
Yvonne Morley  
Walker Morrell  
Jim Morrison  
Ben Nelson  
Bob Nesmith

Megan Noltemeyer  
Patrick Noltemeyer  
Kelly O'Quin  
Ellen Prusinski  
Olivia Renfro  
John Roush  
Grant Spicer  
Ann Young