

College Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2015

The meeting of the College Council was called to order at 11:25 a.m.; President Roush presided. The minutes of the October 9, 2014, College Council meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report

President Roush referenced the recent Board of Trustees meeting where the public phase of Centre's Third Century Campaign was announced. The primary focus of the campaign is to raise endowment funds for student scholarships. The Campaign is being led enthusiastically by Centre trustee Jim Seabury.

Deans' Reports

Dean Fabritius noted that several faculty searches are underway and several have successfully concluded (including a hire in biology and two in economics). She referenced the attached 2016-2017 academic calendar, which was recently approved by senior staff (and distributed with the agenda for this meeting). For the benefit of new Council members, she described the process for setting the academic calendar dates, and she noted that once again there were requests to try and have Centre's spring break coincide with the breaks of the local school systems. She explained that we have to set our calendar much earlier than when the local school systems' calendars are set, making it difficult if not impossible to coordinate the dates. She has been in conversation with the superintendents of the Danville and Boyle county schools, and she will notify them as soon as our calendar is set. They agreed to take our calendar into consideration when setting their dates for spring break, but they were not optimistic that the breaks could match. In fact, there is no guarantee that the Danville schools break will match the Boyle county schools break. The superintendents will continue to be in communication about other ways that we can cooperate on this, understanding that we have different constraints on our calendars.

For Sarah Scott Hall, Dean Hays reported that we have 180 completed applications for our first class of Grissom Scholars. The pool includes some of our top applicants overall. Some demographics of the group include 44% male, 47% from Kentucky, 24 states represented, 9% international and 46% students of color. Cody Cook noted that applicants who are not chosen as finalists will be offered travel vouchers to ensure they have an opportunity to visit Centre.

Dean Hays reported that Greek recruitment concluded last weekend. He noted that membership in each of our sororities now averages around 96, and the fraternity pledge classes are more balanced in numbers between the fraternities. Greek 101 education sessions on alcohol and hazing have been scheduled, and Dean Hays stressed that Greek activities cannot be an excuse for missing a required academic activity. Jaemi Loeb mentioned reports of men groping women at fraternity parties. Dean Hays replied that the fraternity leadership is actively discussing ways to discourage and prevent such behavior.

Committee Reports

For the **Planning and Priorities Committee**, President Roush reported that the Board of Trustees recently approved the strategic plan, including adding a fifth strategic direction to the original four: grounded yet ready for change. The Plan now comes back to the campus community to refine, prioritize, and implement. The Board also reaffirmed our mission statement.

President Roush had to leave the meeting and turned the chair over to Dean Fabritius.

For the **Convocations Committee**, Megan Noltemeyer reported that there are 25 spring term convocations. She gave some metrics on student attendance to date and she described the successful transition from a card swipe process for recording attendance to a card scanning process.

For the **Enrollment Management Committee**, Elizabeth Graves reported that the Committee revised the way in which it reviewed Brown Fellow applications in order to simplify the process and shorten the time commitment.

For the **Human Resources Committee**, Megan Milby advised faculty and staff to watch for more announcements from Anthem about their data breach.

For the **Sexual Harassment Committee**, Sallie Bright noted that the motion to amend the committee's title and charge, as mentioned at the last Council meeting, did not formally make it onto the agenda for this meeting. It will come before the Council in April. Meanwhile, the committee has been busy putting up posters throughout the residence halls and elsewhere that describe what consent is when it comes to sexual relations. The Committee also plans to focus on bystander intervention as a way to discourage and prevent sexual violence and misconduct.

SACS/COC

Dean Fabritius and Patrick Noltemeyer reported that our reaccreditation compliance report is due March 2. In compiling the report, the team discovered that we have a number of informal practices and policies that we need to craft into official, published processes and policies. This effort will necessarily involve a number of authoritative governing bodies, especially the Faculty Steering Committee. Another area where we are likely to fall short is in our assessment of general education. This reaccreditation process has revealed the many areas where Centre excels, as well as areas needing improvement—which is a good thing.

Our off-campus review team has been assigned and will meet in Atlanta on April 21 to determine where we are, and are not, in compliance. Our on-campus visit will be in November.

Matthew Pierce described progress on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) since the last Council meeting. A campus-wide survey was conducted and used to help refine the definitions, goals, and student learning outcomes in the QEP. The ideas, suggestions, and initiatives coming from those surveys were used to establish subcommittees which have been working on developing specific recommendations for consideration. Those reports are due to the QEP committee soon and will be used to develop a draft of the QEP document.

Student Government Association

For the benefit of all, Thomas Becker reviewed a diagram laying out the structure and organization of the Student Government Association, including a description of how the various positions and committees are elected or appointed. He also reviewed an SGA resolution calling for the responsible use of, and raising awareness about the negative effects of, anonymous social media forums, Yik Yak in particular. Both the diagram and the resolution were included with this meeting's agenda and are attached to these minutes.

Following announcements, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tim Culhan, Secretary

Present:

J. H. Atkins	Aaron Godlaski	Ben Nelson
Wendie Austin-Robinson	Jenn Goetz	Megan Noltemeyer
Thomas Becker	Elizabeth Graves	Patrick Noltemeyer
Sallie Bright	Mary Gulley	Marie Nydam
Cody Cook	Matthew Hallock	Kerry Paumi
Lenny Demoranville	Randy Hays	Stacey Peebles
Stephen Dove	Benjamin Knoll	Matthew Pierce
Sharon Duncan	Danielle La Londe	John Roush
Jessica Durham	Sarah Lashley	Kaelyn Wiles
Sarah Egge	Jaemi Loeb	Ann Young
Stephanie Fabritius	Megan Milby	Kari Young
Beth Glazier-McDonald	Preston Miles	

Academic Calendar 2016-17**Fall Term**

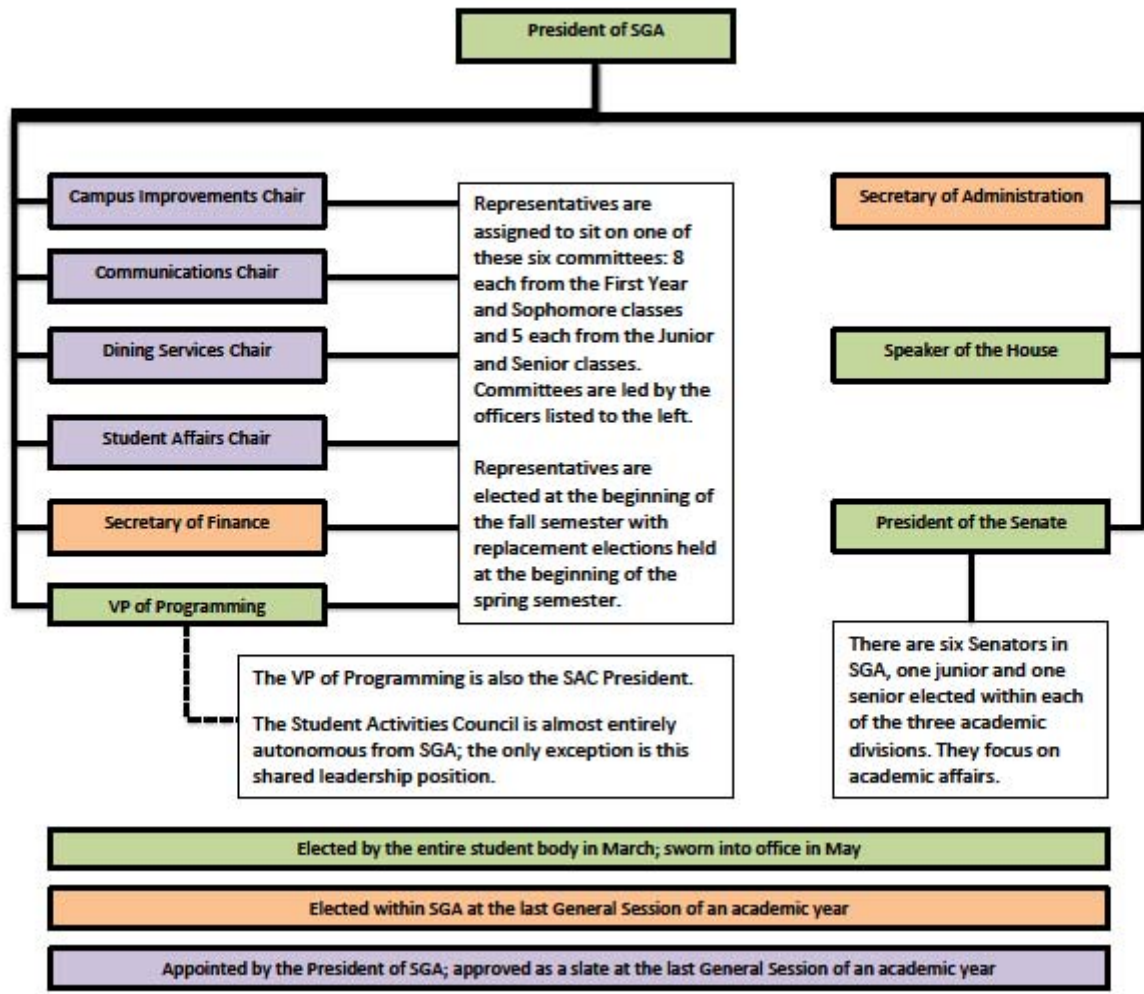
New Faculty Orientation	Monday, August 22
Opening Faculty/Staff Conference	Tuesday, August 23
New Students Arrive	Wednesday, August 24
Opening Convocation	Sunday, August 28
Classes Begin	Monday, August 29
Family Weekend	Friday-Saturday, September 23-24
Midterm	Wednesday, October 12
Fall Break	Thursday-Sunday, October 13-16
Homecoming	Friday-Saturday, October 21-22
Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday-Sunday, November 23-27
Classes End	Friday, December 2
Final Examinations	Monday-Friday, December 5-9

CentreTerm

Classes Begin	Tuesday, January 3
Founders Day Celebration	Wednesday, January 18
Classes End	Tuesday, January 24

Spring Term

Classes Begin	Wednesday, February 1
Midterm	Friday, March 17
Spring Break	Saturday-Sunday, March 18-March 26
Classes End	Tuesday, May 9
Final Examinations	Thursday-Wednesday, May 11-17
Commencement	Sunday, May 21





To whom it may concern:

Whereas, the Student Government Association is the formal representative body of all Centre College students and exists to provide said students with an ever-improving college experience; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association adheres wholeheartedly to the Centre College Statement of Community, which states, "Centre respects the rights of all members of the community to express their individuality in a manner that is consistent with the dignity and welfare of others,";

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, while the Student Government Association acknowledges the potential benefits of the anonymous social forum Yik Yak, including the expression of ideas and the promotion of free speech, it is the opinion of the Student Government Association that Yik Yak should be used in a mature, responsible, and respectful manner. All members of the Centre Community must strive to discourage all forms of degrading speech or action, in whatever form it may take; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, as formal representatives of the student body, condone only the positive and upbuilding use of Yik Yak on this campus. The Student Government Association charges every student with any social media forum to fully consider their motives for participating in social trends; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association seeks to raise awareness about the negative effects of all social media forums by partnering with other student organizations on campus. We believe that Centre College should be a place where differences are celebrated and diversity of thought is encouraged.