

College Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2016

The meeting of the College Council was called to order at 11:20 a.m.; President Roush presided. The minutes of the February 11, 2016, College Council meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report

President Roush thanked all those who helped to make this past Premier Scholars Weekend a big success. The Board of Trustees will meet on campus this coming week.

Deans Report

Dean Fabritius reported that the proctoring center will be moving to a larger and more accommodating space in the basement of Crouse. Senior Staff has approved the 2017-2018 academic calendar and it will be posted to the website soon. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees will approve graduates, emeritus status for retiring faculty, new tenure-track faculty lines, and faculty tenure and promotion decisions. Finally, the task force looking at our procedures for faculty tenure and reappointment continues to work and should have a report ready for the Board in the fall.

Convocations Committee

Megan Noltemeyer reported that there are nine convos remaining, including honors convo which is scheduled for May 3. The early deadline for submitting fall convos is April 22.

Human Resources Committee

Megan Milby reported that the committee recommended that we not make any changes to how we tier costs for employee health insurance. The committee has asked for cost data related to maternity/paternity/family leave for faculty, and it continues to review our tuition reimbursement policy for individual employees.

Planning and Priorities Committee

Patrick Noltemeyer reported that the committee has reviewed our progress on the action items associated with three of the five strategic directions in our strategic plan. The committee hopes to finish the other two this spring and report on its findings by the end of the term.

Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Committee

Jamey Leahey reported that the committee has reviewed the results of a student survey dealing with issues of sexual misconduct conducted last spring. The committee has been working on getting those results out, and on training and education initiatives, including a resource card that has been widely distributed on campus and on publishing a summary of our policies on our website. The committee would like to conduct another survey to collect better and more detailed information. Stephanie Fabritius noted that Rodman King plans to conduct a larger "climate" survey and perhaps the two efforts could be folded together.

Undergraduate Research Committee

Carrie Frey reported that 59 oral presentations and 36 poster presentations have been scheduled for next week's RICE symposium.

Student Government Association

Hunt VanderToll reported that SGA recently approved the following resolution related to the College's smoking policy:

Whereas, the Student Government Association is the formal representation of all student interests and longs to provide the students of Centre College with an incredible college experience. The Student Government Association attempts to improve the status quo of policies and regulations across campus to achieve this mission; and

Whereas, there is a well-voiced concern from the student body for an amendment to the current smoking policy on campus as well as for reasons of public health. In accordance with the Student Government Association's mission to enhance the quality of life of each student of Centre College, it is within the jurisdiction to issue the following resolution. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, while each individual has the right to partake in the smoking of tobacco if they are of at least eighteen years of age in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it is of best practice of the Centre College Statement of Community that the following amendments to the smoking policy be implemented. Through this action, we will be creating a healthier college community for faculty, staff, students, visitors of the college, etc., while compromising with the community of smokers on the campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this smoking ban would not be campus wide, but refined to a specific area inside the academic quadrangle. The area will be as follows: beginning in front of the North side of the Campus Centre and continuing down the sidewalk towards Sutcliffe, in front of Old Carnegie, up to the sidewalk area in front of Sutcliffe, continuing east until the campus sidewalk intersects the city sidewalk on the way to College Street; this is the easternmost point of the ban. Continuing in front of Sutcliffe and traveling west through the academic quad of campus, in front of Crouse, Young, and continuing in front of Olin, crossing Walnut Street and ending on the north side of Old Centre. The outdoor classrooms will continue to remain smoke free. Let it be known that the areas in between Sutcliffe and Crouse, as well as Crouse and Young will be acceptable locations for smokers to partake; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association finds itself responsible for the continual education of the campus on how to police this issue, as well as educating the campus on the dangers of smoking. It is our hope that through this action, that our campus would be made a more beautiful place to work, play, and live for everyone who steps foot in our community.

New Business

A motion to adopt the SGA resolution as an amendment to the College's official smoking policy passed unanimously. During discussion, the following points of clarification were made. There is no plan to aggressively enforce the policy; it is expected the community will quickly come to respect the no smoking zone. There are no plans to install signage about the ban, but the SGA plans to conduct an information campaign. It was noted that we do not currently have a policy that addresses smoking at outdoor athletic events.

Announcements

An all staff congress meeting has been scheduled for April 19.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tim Culhan, Secretary

Present:

Joy Asher	Aaron Godlaski	Megan Noltemeyer
Wendie Austin-Robinson	Elizabeth Graves	Patrick Noltemeyer
Kathy Butterfield	John Harney	Marie Nydam
Gregory Chery	Randy Hays	John Roush
Willie Costley	Rodmon King	Bryce Rowland
Kay Drake	Jamey Leahey	Stephen Swan
Jessica Durham	Patten Mahler	Hunt VanderToll
Stephanie Fabritius	Megan Milby	Ann Young
Carrie Frey	Yvonne Morley	
Vickie Glidewell	Gina Nicoletti	