



IV. Report of the President of the University

Harlan Sands

President Sands began his remark

Discussion Agenda

E. Data Science, BSDS

VII. Student Government Association Report

Martin Barnard

SGA President Martin Barnard reported on new student involvement with athletics and other associations on campus supported by student fees. He also spoke about students' need for data about how many students are vaccinated; SGA has recently been involved with the Provost's Covid surveys to gather this information.

SGA is also celebrating and educating students about diversity through a planned cultural festival for International Education Week. President Barnard is also planning on updating the governing documents of the SGA. He further reported on student concerns about some inflexible attendance policies, despite the persistence of Covid. He concluded with three questions: How does SGA help support faculty senate?; How does SGA help strengthen student-faculty relations?; What are each of us doing to help further the mission of why we are here—to achieve excellence?

VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Association Report

Cody Orahoske

GPSA president Orahoske reported that the Graduate Student Resource Center is now open in a new space on campus—with study space, kitchen, and office. He also reported on a coffee hour and an October fest celebration, both well-attended, particularly by international students. He mentioned student enthusiasm for a vaccine mandate. He encouraged faculty to leave their doors open and listen to student concerns.

IX. Budget and Finance Committee Report

William Bowen

Committee Chair Bowen reported on an excellent meeting with his committee and the new VP David Jewell, who is attempting to get a detailed handle on financial data from a range of units

which are program specific and limited. He reported on his committee's work in finalizing a survey to get focused input on faculty computer needs; he urged faculty to complete that survey and/or email him with their needs and concerns.

XII. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Laura Bloomberg

Provost Bloomberg began by describing a staff and faculty alumni breakfast where she met a terrific and diverse group of alumni employees. She conveyed the need for new administrators to cherish and care about this university as much as the long-term faculty and staff do. Returning to Voltaire in the face of anti-intellectual forces in the Ohio statehouse, she came across his observation: "Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is wonderful in others ours as well." She then expressed her appreciation for everything the faculty is doing for Cleveland State every day.

Provost Bloomberg acknowledged the significance of the faculty resolution in favor of a vaccine mandate at the previous senate meeting. She also pointed out that mandates with large gaps (opt-out options) may not be as effective as a promotional mind-changing campaign. The administration is now collecting data to track the effectiveness of our current promotional campaign and to determine if anything more than this campaign will be needed in future. Vice provost John Holcomb will be leading the pandemic response team along with the University Hospitals' Dr. Sean Cannone.

Provost Bloomberg will send out a progress report on CSU 2.0 next week; she spoke of the plan for a dashboard with regular updates on this matter. She also pointed out that she is working to shift the faculty hiring calendar so that it aligns more with standard academic hiring calendars. In the meantime, she and her team are working hard to identify the faculty searches that some departments will be authorized to open this year. Further, she is attempting to identify some funds for faculty academic travel this year.

She expressed her desire to address any faculty concerns that are brought up at Senate, noting that it is helpful to bring them to her with some advance notice before the next Senate meeting.

XIII. Question Time

Faculty posed questions about the administrative structure of the new colleges under CSU 2.0 (deans, associate deans, chairs). Provost Bloomberg spoke of the need to first establish guiding principles. She acknowledged that there will be conversations about the advantages of smaller departments being merged into clusters, but that these decisions have not been made. Here again, she believes we should first establish guiding principles. So far, the teams have identified 10 areas in which decisions need to be made—the first of which will likely be curriculum, then administrative structure will emerge later.

XIV. New Business

There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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