

John Carroll University
Faculty Forum
Minutes
September 15, 2005
3:30pm

Invocation by President Niehoff

Minutes of April 20, 2005 Faculty Forum submitted for approval. Dick Horwath amended minutes to read that Brent Brossmann is not chair, but a member, of the ad hoc committee on proposed changes to the constitution. No further additions or corrections to the minutes were suggested.

Ernie DeZolt made the following announcements:

- *February 2006 we will begin holding Faculty Forum meetings during the open meeting time, which is Wednesdays 2-3pm. It is not yet clear which Wednesday of the month will be reserved for Forum meetings.
- *All meetings for this Fall (except one) will be held in the Dolan Auditorium.
- *Ernie encouraged all members of the Faculty to read the new issue of *Conversations*, especially the piece on shared governance by former President Ed Glynn.
- *President Niehoff has expressed a desire to work closely with faculty and so has been invited to share his thoughts on university governance.

President Niehoff made the following observations on governance:

- *He will conduct five Town Hall Meetings: dates, times, locations TBA.
- *In the future (after this transition year) the plan is to have a convocation in the Fall and a Town Hall Meeting in the Spring.
- *He would like to institute an annual Holiday Party and End of the Year Celebration to bring the University community together.
- *He will be in Armenia for 10 days and regrets the timing, but will be performing important accreditation work for the American university in Armenia. David LaGuardia will be acting President while he is away.
- *He doesn't yet understand how a forum works and looks forward to learning.
- *He will be scheduling meals with Faculty in order to get to know them.

Verification of Faculty voting list by Karen Gygli:

- *The total number of eligible Faculty currently is 233, which means that a quorum is reached at 47.

Updates from the chairs of forum committees:

- *Committee on Academic Policies chair Marc Lynn announced that CAP is now working on analyzing data from a survey sent to students who took summer

courses at other universities. This survey was a follow-up from an earlier survey of faculty about summer courses.

*Rank, Tenure, and Salary chair Marcy Milota announced that that committee is working on a proposal regarding clinical faculty.

Ernie DeZolt introduced department chairs who in turn introduced new members of the Faculty.

Ernie DeZolt presented a preliminary proposal for changes in faculty governance, to be called tentatively the Faculty Governance Assembly. A draft of ideas that the forum executive committee, handbook committee, and faculty service committee have been working on will be made available before the next forum meeting in order to solicit feedback and participation of all members of the Faculty. There was some discussion of the general idea of change to university governance and Lauren Bowen suggested that some more thought needed to be put into how this process would work, and further suggested conversations in small groups. Marc Lynn suggested that faculty governance issues might be solved by lowering the quorum number so that less faculty would be needed in order to conduct a meeting. A number of members of the Faculty requested a timetable and suggested that the process should be inclusive but also timely.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Prepared by Mindy Peden, Secretary of Faculty Forum, and submitted to the Faculty for approval on September 16, 2005.