

President's Report
March 16, 2007

- A. President/Provost meetings with full Senate at 4 p.m. on Fridays in the Brauer Room: schedule update
 - a. 3/23 (new) and 4/27
 - b. 4/6 cancelled
- B. SEC (without the President, per Robert's Rules) will name the nominating committee the week of April 2 to identify the slate for SEC positions at the [April 20 meeting](#)
- C. We have received (or are about to) \$1 million in state funds to begin planning the new Science building, thanks to the good offices of Del. Hamilton.
- D. The Board approved upon recommendation of the Senate, Provost, and President, [8 sabbaticals](#) for 2007-08. This achieves the Senate's goal of doubling the number of sabbaticals awarded.
- E. Faculty Workroom in DSU usage: I asked Dr. David Pollio, who chaired our initial committee to create and equip the room to survey its usage in response to a query from Bill Brauer's office about usage of the room. If it was not being used, then the university would like to have it for other purposes. In his [report](#), Dr. Pollio found that the room is being used by faculty with off-campus offices, and it is a very useful space for them. Bill Brauer has confirmed that the information in the report was what he needed to guarantee that the room will remain as a faculty workspace for the foreseeable future.
- F. New faculty compensation rates passed at the BOV on Feb. 23, minimums and maximums:
 - a. Full professor and distinguished professor: \$72,000-136,000
 - b. Associate professor: \$58,000-118,000
 - c. Assistant professor: \$46,000-98,000
 - d. Instructor: \$36,000-76,000
- G. Response to [Handbook changes](#):
 - a. Provost has agreed to new language on [Change 16](#), personnel files.
 - b. Provost has asked Kevin Hughes for clarification on intent regarding 8b (members of the SMHP)
 - c. Provost disagrees with deletion of "students are obligated to report Honor Code violations," even though the rationale there is to make this change contingent upon the resolution of 8a
 - d. No word yet on exceptions to education leave proposed language (Change 10)

- e. Honor code [update](#) (8a): SEC met with Provost and President to discuss Senate's concerns. President would still like to include Honor Code material as a separate section III in the HB, but has agreed to some major changes in response to our concerns. These include 1) removing the parenthetical listing all constituent groups in para. A; 2) changing what follows A to be identified as "Student Regulations"; 3) correcting further inconsistencies inside the text; and 4) constituting a committee with representatives from all involved constituencies to work on the section language (deadline Dec. 1, 2007) to perhaps include a statement on professional ethics for the faculty and to make other changes as needed.

Action following report:

HB Section III—remaining issues:

- 1) Classroom expression section needs to come out from under Honor Code.
Recommendation: leave in Academic Regulations Section and number it #14.
Remove from proposed section III.
- 2) Vote on whether Honor Code material can appear in Section III
- 3) Identify any further changes that need to be made and recommend (NLT March 30)

Provost Search report:

CNU attracted the strongest possible provost candidates. The President is looking for someone who has had experience at a great liberal arts institution—he is presently considering whether the candidates presented can lead us to the next level of excellence. He will make a decision early next week.

The Search Committee reviewed 110 applications, conducted 15 telephone interviews, held 4 initial campus visits, and 3 full visits. In addition to the open fora, candidates met 50-60 faculty/staff members during their meetings/meals, including departments in which they would be tenured. All departments have provided a recommendation that their candidates would receive a recommendation for tenure and full professor; this has been endorsed by the dean for all candidates. The committee collected feedback from the university community; the majority of respondents supported each candidate. The Search Committee met with the President on 3/12 to recommend 3 candidates, which were ranked. The President invited one back to campus this week for further discussions.