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December 2017 Faculty Senate Newsletter

This newsletter encompasses business conducted during the December 11th, 2017 Senate meeting.

Of Particular Importance to All University Faculty

Faculty Senate Resolution

Professors Kimberly Emmons (CAS) and Ken Ledford (CAS) presented a proposed Senate resolution denouncing the government's proposal to tax graduate student tuition waivers. The goal is to show solidarity with graduate students and with the administration who have worked to defeat this measure. The Faculty Senate voted to endorse the resolution.

Graduate Student Council "Charlottesville" Resolution

Sahil Gulati, VP of Academic Affairs GSC, presented the Graduate Student Council's "Charlottesville" resolution in which they denounced and condemned all acts of racism, violence and bigotry, including those that occurred during the August 12, 2017 Charlottesville, Virginia demonstrations. The resolution had been amended after feedback from the Faculty Senate in November. The resolution was amended to include the words "race" and "nationality" in the first "Resolved" clause. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to endorse the resolution.

Information on Upcoming University Compliance Training

Lisa Palazzo, University Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, reported on upcoming compliance training for faculty and staff. This year's training will address CWRU's alcohol and tobacco free campus policies as well as university policies regarding youth on campus. Results from a 2017 survey informed the development of the upcoming module. The most common suggestion was to make training more interesting and interactive, perhaps by including video/visual content. Faculty and staff will have until the end of March to complete the training. The module should take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete.

Other Items from the Meeting

MS/PhD in Biomedical and Health Informatics

The Senate approved a MS/PhD program in Biomedical and Health Informatics from the School of Medicine. The program was presented by Professor Mendel Singer.

Report from University Health and Counseling Services

Jennifer McCarthy, Executive Director of University Health and Counseling Services, and Sara Lee, Director of Health Services reported on the activities of the University's Health and Counseling Services.

More detailed information on all items included in this newsletter are available in the draft minutes posted on the Google site for the [2017-18 Faculty Senate Meetings](#). Once the minutes have been approved by the Senate, they will be posted on the Faculty Senate website along with all related documents.