Student Report to the Board of Trustees
May 12, 2013

It is hard to wrap my mind around the idea that another academic year is already here and gone. Much has taken place in this time, and the end of the year is always a time of reflection on our experiences at Carroll.

Reflecting on 2012-13
Increased Communication: Student Concerns Email
One of the goals we had for Student Senate this year was to find more ways to reach out to students and learn about student concerns. We successfully took our first big step in accomplishing this by creating an email account specifically to receive student concerns. The amount of traffic we have received through this in the short time since it has been established is so encouraging. We hope for this to be the start of continuous efforts to streamline how students share their feelings about the university.

Continuous Support for Academic Technology: Collaboration Studios and Student Feedback
In Student Senate, we are passionate about supporting our students in 21st century learning and have been supportive of the steps forward that departments like the library, the Learning Commons, ITS and CETI have been taking to support students and faculty alike in these changes. This semester, Student Senate hosted an open house at the Collaboration Studio in the library Learning Commons in hopes of showing and educating students on the resources available to them to support their learning. We are excited about the conversations this effort has started with students, faculty and staff, and are continuously looking for ways to promote resources that Carroll provides for students, as well as work with the university to move forward to keep up with the ever-changing needs of students. In addition, we are continuously working with ITS and CETI to provide thoughtful student feedback in response to technology changes that have occurred around campus. For example, we have worked closely with Debra Jenkins as we have settled into a routine with new PioPrint program. We have also worked with Terri Johnson and various committees to offer support and opinions when it comes to future changes, such as modifying online courses and implementing a focus group for utilizing tablets in the classroom.

New and Old Facilities
This semester, we welcomed Berry Me Frozen Yogurt & Café and Convenience @ Carroll as the two newest additions to the retail space at Frontier Hall. These are great additions to our growing Carroll neighborhood. We are also anxiously awaiting the completion of Prairie Hall.

We have also acted on student concerns by pursuing an alteration in library hours on Sundays. With the help of the library staff and directors, we have arranged for the library to open two hours earlier on Sundays to benefit students and their academic work in preparation for the upcoming week.

Appreciating the Carroll Community
To write this report, I took some time to reflect on the semester we have shared. Needless to say, it was a busy one. A lot has happened and a lot has changed since we last met in February. The common factor among everything that has happened, though, is that it all just affirmed within me, as well as other students, how lucky we are to have such a supportive, closely knit community here at Carroll. We have experienced some trying moments together recently as we reacted to the events in Boston simultaneously with the highly emotional events in our own Waukesha community. Tragedies bring people together, but fortunately, we are also offered numerous opportunities to band together on a positive note of improvement and change. We have gathered together to support causes that we keep close to our hearts, particularly at events such as Relay for Life, events supporting The Elimination of
Prejudice Foundation with Pi Lambda Phi, and autism awareness events supporting Autism Speaks with Alpha Xi Delta, just to name a few. Through these events, I am proud of the resilience, devotion and determination I have seen in Carroll students. I am also just as proud to be able to identify with a community like this that cares so deeply for each other, as well as for those in the world around us. I am so pleased about next year’s campus-wide theme of Humanity. As the semester progressed, I have been more convinced of not only the appropriateness of the timing of this theme, but also of my confidence that this will be well received by students as something we can all connect to, something that hits home for each and every one of us.

My deepest thanks to the Board of Trustees for your interest in Student Senate throughout this year, years past and many years to come. Your support for the well-being and success of our student body is invaluable, and we are grateful for the opportunities made possible by you and your hard work throughout our Carroll experience.