



## MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

### MINUTES

October 29, 2025

**3:00 PM – Student Center Ballroom**

**PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers** C. Olszewski, A. Voight, and J. Marino; **Faculty Senators** E. Avram, M. Baumgartner, J. Bickel, J. Bolt, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, M. Buckley, M. Collins, Y. Fu, J. Gatica, P. Gerum, T. Greer-Medley, M. Heath, J. Jenkins, E. Jennings, W. Kang, P. McGinty, B. Nagy, A. O'Connor, K. Pataki, J. Plecnik, L. Quinn, E. Rauschert, H. Richter, A. Severson, A. Smith, J. Sola, A. Vincent, J. Vitali, W. Wang, R. Whitbred, B. Yusko, and N. Zawahri; **Administrative and Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, A. Kersten, R. Schoephoerster, S. Zachariah, and A. Syed; **Ex Officio Limited Members** J. Ausherman, T. Heus, and C. Vander Weerd.

### OTHERS

**PRESENT:** Zoom indicated a peak of 65 participants.

**Called to order at 3:03pm**

I. Approval of the Agenda for the October 29, 2025 Meeting

**Approved unanimously**

II. Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2025 Meeting

**Approved unanimously**

III. Report of the Senate President

**Dr. Olszewski began by thanking faculty for their dedication to the campus community and to one another. Encouraged faculty to comment on SB1 policies that are posted online for public comment.**

IV. Report of the President of CSU

**Dr. Bloomberg promoted the new [Cleveland State Connects](#) website for recruitment and CSU Connect—News from CSU for Community Partners.**

**She provided an update on Fenn Tower renovations; renovations to new labs; the IT refresh (technology transformation); Ideastream partnership regarding WCSB; opportunities for the XCSB students to program online media; bus access and CSU's relationship with RTA. (Report No. 12, 2025-2026)**

V. University Curriculum Committee

B. Consent Agenda (**Report No. 13, 2025-2026**)

- Healthcare Management, B.S. - 1140 - Fall 25
- Special Education (Mild to Intensive Educational Needs), B.S. in Ed. - 1170 - Fall 26 (Resubmission)
- Special Education for Students with Mild to Moderate Needs - 1170 - Fall 26

**Passed unanimously**

VI. Admissions and Standards Committee

C. Proposed Revisions to Procedures for Charges of Academic Misconduct Office of the Provost

**Robust discussion followed. The committee voluntarily withdrew the proposal for further consideration and revision. (Report No. 14, 2025-2026)**

VII. UFAC

D. Proposed Revisions to Policy 3344-13-03 Standing Committees –the second reading proposed changes appeared in blue; and the first reading proposed changes appeared in red.

**Second reading passes unanimously.**

**First reading performed.**

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee

**Dr. Ausherman publicized the committee meeting schedule.**

**Emphasized the need for strategies to reverse declines in enrollment.**

**Reported on budget savings from sale of Presidential house.**

**Spoke about the budgetary aspect of the Unified Academic Coaching Model.**

IX. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

**Update from recent HLC Accreditation visit; have received HLC's draft report and await full report.**

**Update on Fenn Hall Laboratories Project and faculty advisory committee.**

**Dr. Sridhar noted that: this is the single largest investment in research infrastructure this University has ever made (\$32 million)**

**Discussed new policies required by SB1.**

**Tenure policy is transferred from CBA, with addition of a two-sentence preamble.**

**Touches on Performance Evaluation Policy, Tenure Review Policy, Academic Retrenchment Policy, and Workload Assignment Policy.**

**Announces working group of 6 administrators and 6 faculty members (appointed by faculty) to write guidance for Academic Performance evaluation policy.**

**Questions about workload policy**

X. Old Business

Information Items:

- Jeff Bolt (Communication) elected to the Academic Misconduct Review Committee for a two-year term through August 2027
- Suzanne Guiffre appointed to the Admissions and Standards Committee, representing College of Health, for a two-year term through August 2027 (replacing Wendy Sarver)

XI. New Business

Information Item:

Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee

- Vania De Paoli (Chemistry) Committee Chair
- Sandra Chincholkar (Mathematics/Statistics)
- Joanna DeMarco (Health Sciences/Human Performance)
- Deborah Espy (Physical Therapy)
- Aycan Grossmann (Finance/Economics)
- Thijs Heus (Physics)
- Bibo Li (BGES)
- Sarah Rutherford (Art/Design)
- Jearl Walker (Physics)
- Myrita Wilhite (Communication Sciences and Disorders)

XII. Question Time

XIII. Adjournment

**Adjourned at 5:17pm**

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON DECEMBER 3, 2025**

James J. Marino, Faculty Senate Secretary