



MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

December 3, 2025

3:00 PM – Student Center Ballroom

PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers C. Olszewski, A. Voight, and J. Marino; **Faculty Senators** E. Avram, J. Bickel, J. Bolt, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, M. Buckley, M. Collins, Y. Fu, K. Fuller, P. Gerum, A. Goodsett, T. Greer-Medley, M. Heath, C. Heyward, J. Jenkins, E. Jennings, J. Kahler, W. Kang, S. Kent, K. Pataki, J. Plecnik, L. Quinn, H. Richter, A. Severson, Y. Shen, A. Smith, J. Sola, J. Vitali, R. Whitbred, B. Yusko, and N. Zawahri; **Administrative and Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, R. Schoephoerster, S. Zachariah, and A. Syed; **Ex Officio Limited Members** J. Ausherman and T. Heus.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 49 participants.

Called to order at 3:04

I. Approval of the Agenda for the December 3, 2025 Meeting
Approved.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 29, 2025
Approved

II. Report of the Senate President

Dr. Olszewski began by encouraging self-care to faculty, especially at end of the semester.

She highlighted recipients of the Golden Apple Awards, faculty members who organize events for students, and those faculty who participate in outreach and recruitment efforts at local schools.

She reported that the Board of Trustees approved SB1 policies, and that some faculty comments were incorporated in final versions of policies.

She highlighted CSU's new anonymous reporting system instituted through the Office of Compliance to allow anonymity for complainants who don't feel safe.

III. Report of the President of CSU

Dr. Bloomberg echoed Dr. Olzsewski's exhortation to self-care.

She recommended the book "Psychology of Mattering"

Dr. Bloomberg spoke about the recent untimely death of two students and how faculty supported the grieving families.

She reported on fund-raising goals for the new Biomedical Discovery Complex and recent gifts totaling \$6.4 million to support student success initiatives.

Dr. Bloomberg reported on new and increased community partnerships, including one with MetroHealth.

The University's Technology Transformation rollout is approaching and will launch in January, 2026 (HR, payroll, and finance).

In closing, Dr. Bloomberg thanked faculty, in advance, for participating in the December commencement. **(Report No. 16, 2025-2026)**

V. Admissions and Standards Committee

B. ARTICULATION AGREEMENT Between CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE And CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY For the BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT from THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (New Articulation Agreement)

Approved by unanimous consent

C. Counseling, Clinical Mental Health, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25 (GRAD Program Change)—removal of GRE as a required element for admission

Approved by unanimous consent

D. Counseling, School, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25 (GRAD Program Change)--removal of GRE as a required element for admission

Approved by unanimous consent

E. Mathematics, MS - 1170 - Fall 26 (GRAD Program Change)--reduction, for admission, of minimum GPA from 3.00 to 2.75 and expansion of the list of specified permissible undergraduate majors

Approved by unanimous consent

VI. University Curriculum Committee

F. Consent Agenda **(Report No. 17, 2025-2026)**

Removal of "American Regime" from consent agenda

Consent agenda approved

- Accelerated BA/MA in English - 1170 - Fall 26
- Chemistry, B.S. - 1170 - Fall 26
- History, Accelerated Master's BA/MA - 1140 - Fall 25
- Special Education (with licensure), M.Ed. - 1170 - Fall 26
- Genocide Studies Certificate - 1170 - Fall 26
- Chemical Engineering, MS - 1110 - Fall 24
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, MA - 1140 - Fall 25
- Prefix Changes of all TESOL courses - School of Education and Counseling
- Psychology, B.A. - 1140 - Fall 25

Discussion on the proposed course, the “American Regime”

Senator J. Sola asks that the word “regime” in the title be tweaked

Discussion follows.

Friendly amendment to approve the course with recommendation to reconsider the title. Amendment passes

Course is approved

VII. UFAC

Committee Chair Dr. Thijs Heus

G. Proposed Revisions to Policy 3344-13-03 Standing Committees **(Report No. 18, 2025-2026) Second Reading--Approved unanimously**

H. AY 2026-2027 Faculty Apportionment **(Report No. 19, 2025-2026)**

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Ausherman discusses process and increasing understanding of PFAC’s role

Reports on first-quarter budget and need to emphasize enrollment
(Report No. 20, 2025-2026)

IX. Student Government Report

SGA President Alysha Siad provided an introduction, updates and reports on recent SGA initiatives.

X. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Provost Sridhar provided updates about new campus construction, emphasizing renovation of Rhodes Tower.

NSF program called “regional innovation engines”; CSU is part of local bid, made one of the fifteen finalists

Provost Sridhar discussed recent communication about how decisions about campus closures are made

Changes to Title II compliance (making all web presence ADA-compliant) coming over next four months

He encouraged faculty participation at the upcoming commencement, and wished faculty a happy and restful holiday season and winter break.

XIII. Question Time

- Discussion of guidelines for new policies, including annual review policies

- Request that Senate create a student-complaint procedure parallel to grade-complaint procedures

- Discussion of elevator maintenance

XIV. Meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON JANUARY 21, 2026

James J. Marino, Faculty Senate Secretary