



MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

January 21, 2026

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, B. Conti, L. Dong, Y. Fu, J. Gatica, P. Gerum, A. Goodsett, M. Heath, E. Jennings, J. Kahler, W. Kang, S. Kent, A. O’Connor, K. Pataki, L. Quinn, E. Rauschert, A. Resnick, W. Sarver, Y. Shen, A. Smith, A. Vincent, J. Vitali, W. Wang, R. Whitbred, and N. Zawahri; **Administrative and Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, B. Kosteas, R. Schoephoerster, S. Zachariah, A. Syed, B. Nagumothu, H. Schlosser; **Ex Officio Limited Members** J. Ausherman and T. Heus.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 76 participants.

Called to order at 3:05

- I. Approval of the Agenda for the January 21, 2026 Meeting.
The agenda order was changed—the Provost’s report was moved to accommodate a site visit.
APPROVED
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting
 - A. December 3, 2025
APPROVED
- III. Report of the Senate President
Dr. Olszewski thanked faculty for all their work, especially with students, for the work on SB1 issues, of which a few remain, and for work on Title II compliance.
- IV. Report of the President of CSU
Dr. Bloomberg wished a happy New Year to colleagues.
She discussed administration’s approach to weather cancellations and commitment to making decisions by 5 am (because earlier not always possible).
She provided a recap of the Board of Trustees meeting which was held earlier in the day:
 - Launch of BA in General Studies
 - Discussed launch of integrated degrees and inquiry coreDr. Bloomberg highlighted community partnerships across the University, and which support the CSU United strategic plan (Dept of History and Cleveland Museum of Art, IdeaStream and School of Theatre, Film and Dance).
CSU COMPASS will launch soon and marks the formal launch of CSU’s enterprise modernization program (new campus software).
As another strategic advancement, the University will once again host TEDx Cleveland State University. The event is scheduled for October 23, 2026, and the theme is *Untangling Wonder*.
The CSU Foundation’s Endowment is now \$170 million (up from \$89mil in 2018).

Dr. Bloomberg gave a shout out to Linda Quinn and Carol Olszlewski for their contributions as faculty Trustees.

President Bloomberg closed with quotations from Plato: “The measure of man is what he does with power” and “We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” **(Report No. 21, 2025-2026)**

V. Admissions and Standards Committee
Graduate Assistantships - Terms - College of Graduate Studies
Ad Hoc Proposal. **(Report No. 22, 2025-2026)**

Committee Chair A. Smith provided background on the item.

APPROVED

VI. University Curriculum Committee Michele Heath
Committee Chair M. Heath presented the consent agenda for Senate approval:

- American Studies Certificate - 1140 - Fall 25: Certification deactivation
- Business Analytics, B.B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: The number of credit hours in the Information Systems Major Core has been changed from 27 credit hours to 24 credit hours. Approved Major Electives have increased from 9 credit-hours to 12 credit-hours. Several IST courses and ECN 322 have been placed in the Approved Electives section.
- Business Economics, B.B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: Adding ECN 382 to the list of Economics electives for the Business Economics B.B.A.
- Business Studies, B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: The Business Studies major will remove the On-Campus Track Program from the program. The program will become Business Studies Online Program.
- Corporate Communication, Graduate Certificate - 1140 - Fall 25: The School of Communication has suspended admissions to our Masters program. Thus, this needs to be deactivated as it no longer exists.
- Counseling, Clinical Mental Health, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25: To remove the GRE from the program's admission criteria.
- Counseling, School, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25: To remove the GRE from the program's admission criteria.
- Mathematics, MS - 1170 - Fall 26: change admission requirements; change total number of credits; change required/elective courses
- Economics Minor - 1170 - Fall 26: Adding ECN 382 to the list of Economics electives for the Economics minor.
- Electronics Engineering Technology, B.S.E.E.T. - 1170 - Fall 26: Add Honor's requirements to the BSEET
- Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S.M.E.T. - 1170 - Fall 26: Add Honor's requirements to the BSMET
- General Business Minor - 1170 - Fall 26: The general business minor has not been updated in over 10 years, and the current program does not support non-business majors who seek general exposure to primary basic business education.
- General Business, B.B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: The General Business major program is being changed to require completion a major core and elective core for a total of 33 credit hours. The major core of 24 credit hours will require selection of one course from seven primary areas of business, including accounting, economics, finance, information systems, human resources, marketing, and supply chain and selection of 9 credit hours of 300/400 level business major electives from any discipline.
- English, B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: This is a proposal to revise the creative writing track within the English BA major program.
- Art, B.A. - 1170 - Fall 26: 26-27 UGRD Major, Certificate, Endorsement or Licensure Change
- Business, MBA - 1140 - Fall 25: 26-27 GRAD Program Change
- Physics, MS - 1140 - Fall 25 Form: 25-26 GRAD Program Change

APPROVED (Report No. 23, 2025-2026)

Dr. Heath also presented proposals submitted by Nursing which are in process of UCC approval. **(Report No. 24, 2025-2026)**

VII. Budget and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Ausherman reported on current (necessarily incomplete) financials for current fiscal year. She also reported on SB6 reporting requirements. **(Report No. 25, 2025-2026)**

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee on SEI

Committee Chair Heus presented recommendations on interpretation of the new Course Feedback Survey. Dr. Heus explained that the SEI should be revised because SB1 puts such emphasis on the SEI, and he explained key statistical recommendations such as relying more on medians than means, not expecting all faculty to be above average. **(Report No. 26, 2025-2026)**

APPROVED

IX. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Sridhar discussed the NSF's "Regional Innovation Engines" program, a 10-year, \$160-million grant awarded to entire regions rather than individual institutions; NEO's proposal was selected as one of the 15 finalists; Site visit happening as we speak.

He reported on academic matters that went before the Board of Trustees at the meeting held earlier in the day: faculty PLOAs have been formally approved and he thanked Dr. Jessica Bickel (Associate Professor of Physics) and Dr. Geyou Ao (Associate Professor, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering) for providing the Board members professional insights on their PLOAs.

The University must soon submit progress on SB1 compliance to the State (by Feb 1), and an assessment council for university has been convened.

He reported on the status of posting faculty profiles; nearing implementation, although continuous improvements are needed.

Provost Sridhar discussed Civics 111's course title at last meeting; the name has been tweaked to The American Republic.

E-Learning will continue to assist the campus to meet the deadline for Title II compliance.

The CampusNet ADD deadline for this semester was extended slightly for Academic Coaches, to compensate for the recent campus closure (inclement weather).

He reported that the beginning of the academic goal-setting process is being conducted, in order to inform budget-building for next year; and he explained that CSU's budget process is not zero budgeting but incremental and historical, with 70% of the budget consisting of salaries and only 1 to 3% of the annual budget being flexible.

He reiterated the "80 by 30" goal (80% first-year-retention rate by 2030).

X. Presentation on Enrollment Services and
University Marketing and Communication

Randy Deike and
Roy Gifford

Senate President Olszewski introduced the topics, noting that the presentations will be followed by questions from Senate members.

Dr. Deike spoke about on a general approach to enrollment services. He noted that the college-bound rate for high school grads in NE Ohio has dropped.

He thanked faculty who have volunteered to help with recruitment efforts.

He suggested that the best recruiting by faculty happens when prospective students visit campus, for example on fall visit day, spring open house). Interactions between prospective students (including

their families) and faculty have the highest impact for a student's decision on whether to enroll at the institution.

He noted that 17% of admitted students who did not enroll did not enter college at all, and that CSU's biggest competitor is Tri-C.

Dr. Deike recommended clear articulation agreements with local community colleges. (**Report No. 27, 2025-2026**)

Dr. Gifford reported on new branding based on the "Cleveland State United" strategic plan, and provided data to support the initiatives (Website views are up from 10 million views a year to 17 million a year; and have moved to new ad agency, SimpsonScarborough, a higher-ed marketing firm).

Assistant VP Kristin Broka reported additional details of marketing and communication strategies. (**Report No. 28, 2025-2026**)

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Olszewski adjourned the meeting at 5:26

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026

James J. Marino, Faculty Senate Secretary