



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