



FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2023

PRESENT: **Faculty Senate Officers** A. Kumar, A. Smith, and D. Hubbard; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, E. Avram, D.J. Choi, G. Dyer, K. Fuller, J. Gatica, T. Guzman, D. Hamilton, C. Heyward, W. Kellogg, J. Kilbane, C. Kothapalli, R. Krebs, S. Kumar, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, P. McGinty, A. O’Connor, C. Olszewski, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, A. Resnick, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, D. Smith, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, R. Whitbred, N. Zawahri; **Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, M. Bond, R. Carnell, S. Zachariah, Kim Neuendorf; **Ex Officio Limited Members** L. Quinn, J. Jenkins.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 59 participants.

- I. Approval of the Agenda for the February 1, 2023 Meeting Anup Kumar

Faculty Senate President called the meeting to order at 3pm and welcomed members to first senate meeting of 2023. The agenda was approved.

- II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting— December 7, 2022 Anup Kumar

Minutes approved by acclamation.

- III. Report of the Senate President Anup Kumar

Senate President Kumar reported hearing from faculty with complaints about RT elevators, including long lines to get on, students late for class, and the faculty are frustrated. He reported that the administration is aware of the situation and they will be working to address the issues.

Newly elected Senate Vice President, (Albert) Fred Smith, was introduced.

Dr. Kumar reminded members of Senate committees how committee work is generated. His remarks were subsequently sent in an email to Senate chairs.

Committee work typically gets generated in three ways:

1. Steering tasks a committee to work on an issue;
2. Committee members identify areas where they may make a recommendation to the Senate based on the functions of the committee and the language that is stated in the bylaws. Committees may include students and ex officio administrative members to help guide the functions.
3. Ex-officio members from the administration bring issues to the committee in the spirit of shared governance.

Dr. Kumar acknowledged that due to many different circumstances, identifying students for Senate committee work is ongoing, and the processes are being reviewed.

Dr. Kumar spoke about national trends in higher education regarding declines in enrollment, and he encouraged senators to be alert to the issue and self-aware of ways that faculty might assist to increase enrollment.

The University Faculty Affairs Committee (UFAC) has been asked to look into the current student evaluation instrument (SEI), and it was decided to create an ad hoc committee on SEI. If faculty are interested in serving, please reach out to any of the Senate officers or self-nominate via the faculty preference survey scheduled to be sent in March.

Dr. Kumar spoke briefly on ChatGPT and ways to address the emerging challenge of artificial intelligence being used on class assignments and tests. He suggests considering that since technology cannot be stopped, then learning to adapt will be necessary. There are currently two workshops in Center for Teaching Excellence regarding this issue. Please reach out to faculty senate if you need more information.

Dr. Kumar reminded faculty that elections for college senators will begin soon, and that the Senate Vice President position will be included in the election.

IV. Report of the President of CSU

Laura Bloomberg

Dr. Bloomberg began by reflecting on the fact that this is the first day of Black History month and issues that affect many students across campuses, such as equity and inclusion. There is great work and research being done on the CSU campus, and she highlighted a number of faculty who are actively engaged in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

President Bloomberg introduced the Ms. Caryn Candisky as the new Executive Director, Government Affairs, and Special Assistant to the President.

The overall Campus Master Plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees, and each portion of the plan will need approval at the time of implementation; campus-wide information and discussion forums are planned and participation is encouraged, she reported.

V. University Curriculum Committee

Jacqueline Jenkins

The consent agenda was approved (**Report No. 13, 2022-2023**).

Committee Chair Jenkins reported that some feedback has been received regarding the WAC report; the UCC is now reviewing and will report at an upcoming meeting.

VI. Admissions and Standards Committee

José O. Solá

DECISION ITEMS

B. From Graduate Council.

a. Changes in Transfer Credit policy- Current catalog text: “All credits requested for transfer must carry a letter grade of A, A-, B+, or B in graduate courses. No S/F graded courses may be transferred. Petitions are not considered for an exemption from this requirement.”

Proposed catalog text: “Normally, credits requested for transfer must carry a letter grade of A, A-, B+, or B in graduate courses. Generally, S/F graded courses may not be transferred. Programs may petition the Graduate Dean for an exemption from this requirement in cases where the courses being transferred are normally graded S/F.”

b. Using Duolingo for language- we have been using this since Covid and would like to continue.

These proposals were approved by voice vote (**Report No. 14, 2022-2023**).

C. Graduation requirement for CCP students earning a Bachelor’s degree from CSU. (Proposal: Admission and Graduation for College Credit Plus Students)

Motion was approved by voice vote (**Report No. 15, 2022-2023**).

VII. University Faculty Affairs Committee

Linda Quinn

SECOND READING FOR APPROVAL

D. Summary for second reading:

3344-11-04 (C); 3344-13-03(Q.2); and renumbering of 3344-13-03(Q)3

Motion was approved by voice vote (**Report No. 16, 2022-2023**).

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Tatyana Guzman

Committee Chair Guzman reported and subsequently sent in a written report including information on college realignment, enrollment updates, and budget updates for the FY 2023 second quarter. The written report is being entered into the record as **Report No. 17, 2022-2023**.

IX. Academic Technology Committee

William Matcham

Policies related to technology,

E. **INFORMATION**

Committee reviewed faculty personnel policies related to technology and will send the proposed changes to UFAC for further action (**Report No. 18, 2022-2023**).

F. **APPROVAL ITEM**

Proposed Academic Server Governance Policy- Draft policy

Provost Sridhar suggested a change to language regarding the retired faculty and the time before the emeritus designation occurs. The change to the language was moved, seconded and approved.

The drafted policy was approved by Faculty Senate by voice vote, with one abstention. It is available on the Senate website [here](#). **Report No. 19, 2022-2023.**

X. Electronic Learning Committee

Carole Heyward

Committee Chair Heyward introduced Dean Zachariah who presented on CSU Online. (**Report No. 20, 2022-2023**).

Currently we are using two companies called Key Path and Collegis.

Collegis is being used to help us to improve visibility- for helping to look at tracking and metrics, increased visibility, marketing. Also helping in Admissions and enrollments- data integration completed, Retention and accountability

Key Path is being used to conduct market research and finances.

XI. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Nigamanth Sridhar

Provost Sridhar began by commenting on the elevators in Rhodes Tower; he has personally experienced the wait time and is working to improve this situation.

He reported that there are multiple applications for Distinguished faculty awards in each category, including the addition of a non-tenure track award and a Full professor award.

Many Faculty searches going on, he thanked those on the committee for the work they are doing. We are conducting a Dean search for the Ahuja College and a search committee has been formed.

He has met with Deans to discuss workloads; other discussions with deans and administrators have focused on enrollments-challenges and what is going on right now, and data – use all the data we have been collecting (how can we use?). Chairs can now use and access this information.

Many courses have been canceled at the last minute due to low enrollments; he is working with Deans and Chairs on how to handle these cancelations and how to try to reducing the amount of canceled classes that occur last minute.

XII. Question Time

A question regarding the University's cybersecurity was brought forth; the University is looking into ways to adapt best practices and even more cybersecurity efforts. There are no open threats on campus at this time.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no other business, Senate President adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED ON MARCH 1, 2023
Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary