



## FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023

**PRESENT:** **Faculty Senate Officers** A. Kumar, A. Smith, and D. Hubbard; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, E. Avram, D.J. Choi, D. Davisson, G. Dyer, K. Fuller, J. Gatica, T. Greer-Medley, K. Gulshan, T. Guzman, D. Hamilton, J. Kilbane, R. Krebs, S. Kumar, K.H. Mansour; J. Marino, B. McClain, P. McGinty, K. Mika, A. O'Connor, C. Olszewski, H. Pearson, J. Plecnik, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, A. Resnick, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, D. Smith, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, R. Whitbred, W. Zhao; **Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, M. Bond, R. Carnell, S. Zachariah, K. Neuendorf; R. Schoephoerster, N. Faisal, and C. Orahoske; **Ex Officio Limited Members** A. Haynie, J. Jenkins.

### OTHERS

**PRESENT:** Zoom indicated a peak of 48 participants.

I. Approval of the Agenda for the March 1, 2023 Meeting  
Senate President Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

Motion called, and approved by voice vote, to change the agenda, moving the “Music Therapy, B.S.-1080” from the consent agenda, to the discussion agenda.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting— February 1, 2023  
The minutes were approved by voice vote, including an administrative correction, as below.

Changes in Transfer Credit policy, below is the current and proposed (now approved) language:

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.”

III. Report of the Senate President

Senate President Kumar reminded Senators that the college elections of Senators for 2023-2025 should happen soon; the incoming Faculty Senate is responsible for electing officers of the Senate.

The Senate President asked that colleges hold elections for new senators as soon as possible, and referenced the following FPP bylaw for colleges that may be electing additional senators:

3344-13-02 (B) (2): “Representatives shall serve two-year terms and not more than three terms consecutively. In the first year’s election, half the representatives from each college shall serve only a one-year term. Those receiving the larger number of votes will in the initial election serve two years. The initial one-year term shall count as one of the three consecutive terms for which a representative may serve.”

Notice of the faculty committee preference survey will be sent out soon; faculty are encouraged to participate and inform your colleagues that the survey will be available.

A new ad hoc committee on the Student Evaluation Instrument is being formed and is included on the faculty committee preference survey. The committee will report to UFAC. If faculty have skills or knowledge in this area (evaluation), please consider volunteering.

#### IV. Report of the President of CSU

President Bloomberg has been traveling and meeting with donors and alumni; she reported that alumni have fond memories and spoke about the great professors at CSU—faculty make an enormous impact that is often remembered decades later.

She recognized several faculty members who were recently successful in securing large grants and other national recognitions: Dr. Junior Gonzalez (Chemistry) and Dr. Jackson Taylor (Biology)—first ever R00 grants from NIH to CSU; Dr. Candice Van Der Weerd (Management) and Dr. Patty Stoddard-Dare (Social Work)—Nationally-recognized articles on effects of paid sick leave on U.S. businesses; Dr. Samantha Baskind (Art)—curator of Beyond Borders: The Art of Siona Benjamin; among others.

President Bloomberg reported that the evening prior to University Board of Trustees meetings, she is hosting small parlor discussions with invited CSU faculty and trustees. This helps the trustees to better understand some of the work being done at CSU.

President Bloomberg recognized the work of faculty with student engagement efforts and other supportive actions. She understands that it’s a difficult time for our students.

She reported that Governor DeWine has appointed P. Kelly Tompkins to the Board of Trustees for a nine-year term; Mr. Tompkins is an alumnus of the College of Law and has served as a Leader-in-Residence there. The Governor has submitted a proposed budget for the State, and while the budget is not yet approved, there are items included that would benefit the University.

President Bloomberg recognized both women’s and men’s basketball for their successful seasons; both teams will play in the Horizon League Championship. She acknowledge that our student-athletes are also succeeding in the classroom and thanked faculty for their efforts.

An end of year celebration is being planned for Faculty Senate and will be hosted by the President and Provost.

#### V. University Curriculum Committee

**Consent Agenda (Report No. 21, 2022-2023).**

Committee chair Jenkins brought forth the items on the consent agenda; the consent agenda was approved by voice vote.

- Applied Social Research, accelerated 41 BA/MA – 1080 – Fall 23
- Applied Social Research, MA - 1080 - Fall 23
- Communication, accelerated 4+1 BA/MACTM - 1080 - Fall 23
- Splitting Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department into Electrical and Computer Engineering department and Computer Science department
- Urban Education, Ph.D. Counseling Psychology – 1080

**Discussion Item: Music Therapy, B.S. - 1080 - Fall 23**

Senator Hannah Pearson, Collection Management & Acquisitions Librarian, remarked that she has taken a look at the proposal and believes there is insufficient library materials and support, noting that there are only 27 music therapy books in the library's collection published from 2018 to 2022.

Senator Olszewski (College of Health) reported that there will be enough support.

The item was approved by voice vote (two abstentions).

**ENDORSEMENT ITEM**

Report of the Spring 2022 Ad-Hoc Committee on Writing Across the Curriculum Courses.

Committee chair Jenkins brought forth the item, which was approved and endorsed by voice vote (one abstention and one nay). Senate President Kumar will move the endorsement along to the Interim Director of University General Education and the chair of the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum. **(Report No. 22, 2022-2023).**

The Faculty Senate approved and endorsed the University Curriculum Committee's (UCC) motion to support all but three recommendations of the ad hoc committee on Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) revising the current criteria and policy on WAC courses, and to direct the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum to research the extent of the identified problems in the report and revisit the highlighted recommendations 1, 2, and 12 of the WAC Report.

VI. University Faculty Affairs Committee  
The UFAC did not report at the meeting.

VII. Undergraduate Student Success Committee  
Committee Co-chair Gatica introduced Ms. Heike Henrich, Exec. Dir., Advising and First Year Programs to present "Undergraduate Starfish Flag Protocols for Advisors/Coaches" **(Report No. 23, 2022-2023).**

A Q&A followed the presentation, and Director Heinrich reminded faculty are encouraged to send any additional questions to [starfishsupport@csuohio.edu](mailto:starfishsupport@csuohio.edu) or [Gina Cascone](#).

#### VIII. Academic Technology Committee

Committee Chair Matcham was not in attendance; Senate President Kumar reported on his behalf (**Report No. 24, 2022-2023**).

- Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) to start soon.  
We are the only university in Ohio that doesn't have a multi factor authentication. On April 18, we will be rolling this out. If you are off campus, you will need to use a multifactor authentication.
- Hitachi HCP Anywhere cloud storage depreciation on June 30
- Zoom Cloud recording management: auto delete function to start on May 16th

#### IX. Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA President Faisal reported on:

- The student Academic Affairs committee, is conducting "Syllabi Availability" survey to students. The goal of this survey is to understand how students think about the helpfulness of being able to get the syllabus prior to the start of class.
- Global students and mandatory residence at Reserve Square. CSU Global office has not been helpful at letting students choose where they live. Right now, international students must stay in reserve square and students have safety concerns.
- Slow computer in campus labs: Students are complaining about the computers being slow, the printers are slow and the lab needs updates.
- Library hours being extended: Students need a space where students could work after hours on campus.
- Counseling center availability and mental health resources on campus. Students expressed concerns about availability of counseling service. The Student Government is eveloping survey about how these resources are being utilized.

Senator Hannah Pearson, library representative, noted that the library's hours have been reduced due to understaffing compared to before the pandemic.

#### X. Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)

GPSA President Orahoske reported on (**Report No. 25, 2022-2023**).

- T.A. Training – College of Graduate studies is working on this but maybe Departments can too
- Inflation Driving away Potential Scholars – Graduate students are poor and cannot afford to be a graduate student
- Rising Health Insurance Cost- Can students can waive the insurance?
- Graduate Student Spotlight- a newsletter is coming and will include a graduate student spotlight.

#### XI. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Provost Sridhar acknowledged the student leaders who are actively undertaking very important roles at the University.

Provost Sridhar also reported on

- The Provosts' Council of Deans recently discussed adding more training for Ph.D. students and adding a teaching element. Beginning in the Fall 2023, the University will provide health insurance to PhD students who have assistantships.
- A successful and well-attended Career Fair was held.
- Faculty merit awards are the University's way to recognize those who are doing above and beyond their normal expectations. He encourages faculty to apply.
- Celebration of Faculty Excellence is on April 3—information will be sent to faculty.
- Commencement is being split into one PhD celebration (doctoral hooding); two commencement for undergraduate and graduate students, and a College of Law commencement. Please look for an email with full details, and he encourages participation.
- CSU received a grant of \$180,000 earmarked for quantum computing education from Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) grants from new America. CSU's membership in PIT-UN is led by CSU T.E.C.H. Hub, a center that leverages technology, interdisciplinary collaboration, and internal and external partnerships to drive curricular and research innovation to benefit the Cleveland region.  
Link to [CSU's Quantum Computing Research](#).
- Ongoing discussions continue with Chairs regarding students are not doing well in some of our classes—addressing student success in a variety of forums. Discussions include what should be done about this and surveying some faculty regarding this topic. You will be hearing more about this at a later date.
- We are looking at collaboration of our colleges through interdisciplinary majors. Students will come away with multiple knowledge areas.
- There are searches underway for the Graduate College Dean, and Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs. These positions are currently held by Dr. Meredith Bond and Dr. Cheryl Bracken. The Provost acknowledged their efforts with thanks.

## XII. Question Time

Questions came forth on the office of disability services; and the thought process behind pulling the doctoral hooding ceremony from the other University commencement ceremonies (undergraduate and graduate students may benefit from seeing the PhD students get their academic hoods).

## XIII. New Business

## XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED ON MARCH 29, 2023**  
Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary