



FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023, Fenn Tower Ballroom Third Floor

3:00pm

PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers A. Kumar and A. Smith; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, E. Avram, D. Davisson, G. Dyer, K. Fuller, J. Gatica, T. Guzman, C. Heyward, W. Kellogg, J. Kilbane, R. Krebs, S. Kumar, K.H. Mansour, J. Marino, B. McClain, P. McGinty, A. O’Connor, C. Olszewski, H. Pearson, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, D. Smith, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, R. Whitbred; **Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, H. Meier, R. Schoephoerster, S. Zachariah, K. Neuendorf, N. Faisal, and C. Orahoske; **Ex Officio Limited Members** J. Jenkins, K. Mueller, L. Quinn, and M. Schultz-Bergin, B. Walton

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 58 participants.

I. Approval of the Agenda for the April 26, 2023 Meeting

Senate President Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:01pm, noting that a quorum was present. He announced that item XIII on the agenda would be moved to accommodate Dr. Walton’s teaching scheduled; the agenda was approved.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Neuendorf asked for an additional statement to be added to the March 29, 2023 minutes under the Provost’s report; the added statement is now included in the minutes:

“Provost Sridhar acknowledged a request by the CSU Retirees Association to activate online faculty profiles for those emeritus faculty who want them. Provost Shridhar indicated that his office is working with IS&T to make this happen.”

Both the March 29, 2023 and April 12, 2023 minutes were approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the Senate President.

Senate President Kumar asked for a moment of silence to mourn the tragic death of assistant professor Todd Morgan, a member of the Ahuja College of Business in the department of management; the University mourns this loss.

This being the final Senate meeting of the year, Dr. Kumar expressed gratitude for all of the work accomplished in the past year. Regarding CSU 2.0, faculty have put in hard work this year, and continue to work towards successful implementation; this is in addition to faculty’s other usual tasks and services. He also credited the administration at the top levels for their efforts to support faculty and the 2.0 efforts.

Senate President updated members on Senate Bill 83, which is still working its way through the legislative process; there is strong opposition across the state and over 500 people provided written and in-person testimony opposing the bill. He noted CSU law professor John Plecnik wrote an op-ed in the Columbus Dispatch, “Bill is ‘a dumpster fire’ that threatens to incinerate free speech’ at Ohio’s colleges.”

The Faculty Senate office will be facilitating elections to a few committees, more information will be sent as soon as the ballots and online forms are available. The Academic Steering Committee met on April 19 and made committee appointments for 2023-2024; communication regarding committee assignments will be sent out as soon as possible, Dr. Kumar reported.

IV. Graduation, Convocation, and Assembly Committee, B. Michael Walton

Decision Item: Commencement Schedule- Changing Fall Commencement schedule from Sunday to Saturday. (**Report No. 33, 2022-2023**)

Committee Chair Walton brought forth the motion to “switch” proposed commencement schedules from Sunday to Saturday for Fall commencement.

The motion was approved by voice vote; there was one abstention.

V. University Curriculum Committee, Jacqueline Jenkins

Committee Chair Jenkins brought forth the consent agenda, asking if there were any items that needed to be discussed individually. There were none.

The Consent agenda was approved by voice vote; there was one abstention. (**Report No. 34, 2022-2023**)

Chair Jenkins reported that the UCC’s annual report is available on the Senate website—the report includes a summary of a very productive year of committee work; the committee should be commended for their efforts.

VI. Report of the President

Provost Sridhar read a statement on behalf of President Bloomberg who was in Columbus on business.

- The President acknowledged the tragic death of faculty colleague Todd Morgan.
- She expressed gratitude to faculty for their efforts regarding the newly aligned colleges and she hopes that productive relationships and connections have been established with new colleagues.
- A reminder that the President is hosting an end-of-year gathering for senators and university leadership. Please RSVP

VII. Ad Hoc Committee on Core Curriculum, Marcus Schultz-Bergin

Committee Chair Schultz-Bergin reported on the work that the committee has done during the year, and the drafted report will be posted to the Senate website. **(Report No. 35, 2022-2023)**

Over the summer, there will be a smaller subset of the committee that will continue working on it, especially on an implementation plan and incorporating feedback and suggestions from the faculty across the campus. In the fall, the final report of the ad hoc committee will be submitted to the UCC for review and consideration of the full Senate.

VIII. University Faculty Affairs Committee, Linda Quinn

Committee Chair Quinn brought forth the second reading of Faculty Personnel Policy 3344-15-03 University Research Council. **(Report No. 36, 2022-2023)**

The revisions were approved by voice vote.

IX. Admissions and Standards Committee, Jose Sola

Decision Items

From Graduate Council:

- Extension of the GRE/GMAT waiver through summer 2025. This will be the last extension. This motion was approved by voice vote.

- Elimination of the graduate application fee.

This motion was approved by voice vote.

From Enrolment Service **(Report No. 37, 2022-2023)**

- Extension of the ACT/SAT waiver for undergraduates admissions

This motion was approved by voice vote.

X. Undergraduate Student Success Committee, Kevin Mueller

Committee Co-Chair Mueller presented background material on implementing a ‘no record’ policy to improve student retention and success at CSU. It was noted that Provost Sridhar, Vice Provost Jackson, and Vice President Wehner are all supportive of the policy. **(Report No. 38, 2022-2023)**

Following a discussion and questions, the “implementing a ‘no record’ policy to improve student retention and success at CSU” was approved by voice vote.

The background information and presentation is available on the Committee’s webpage [here](#).

XI. Budget and Finance Committee, Tatyana Guzman

Committee Chair Guzman reported, in part, on the following. Subsequent to the meeting, the full report was distributed to Faculty Senate. **(Report No. 39, 2022-2023)**

- **Senate Bill 83** - Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) and general council from all 14 public universities in the state have been assembling a joint response, a fiscal note, of implementation

cost of SB 83. For example, only the requirement to take a three-credit-hour course in American government or American history by all students can potentially cost about 2-2.5 mln to implement. The fiscal note captures both short-term and long-term expenses.

- **University Budget** - University CFO, David Jewell, and his team continue to build an outline of the FY 2024 budget document. The team finished budget hearings with all deans and vice presidents. The administration tries to finalize the college realignment to make sure all colleges have their budgets. On June 1 a budget report will be issued to highlight what will be funded based on the requests from the deans. At this point the revised budget requests are collected. Mostly the requests for one-time rather than long-term funding will be granted.
- **Other Financial Updates--** The books were closed in mid-April to finish the third quarter fiscal report. The Senate Budget and Finance Committee is expecting to receive updates on the third quarter financials at the next PFAC meeting on May 2.

XII. Committee on Athletics

Faculty athletics representative, Dr. Rob Kleidman, presented information on his role and NCAA requirements, organizational responsibilities and opportunities, regular meetings, academic integrity, CSU Student Athlete Academic Performance, institutional control, student athlete well-being, and more. Subsequent to the meeting, the full presentation was distributed to the Faculty Senate. (**Report No. 40, 2022-2023**)

XIII. Committee on E-Learning, Carole Heyward

Committee Chair Heyward reminded members of the HLC Requirement for Regular and Substantive Interaction on Blackboard.

XIV. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Nigamanth Sridhar

Provost Sridhar reported that:

- He considers the past year fascinating and feels that the faculty have been incredible partners in all areas of university advancement and CSU 2.0.
- Dr. Anup Kumar and Dr. Rick Perloff wrote an op-ed in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, “Using our very human brains to outthink AI, before it outthinks us.”
- He has asked the Deans for a review of what programs and accreditations would be affected by SB 83.
- He is grateful for the work of the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum (remarkable quality and amount of work).
- The University is continuing to explore the interdisciplinary merging of majors; an invited guest expert will be coming to campus to discuss this idea.

- The Multi-factor Authentication sign up needs to be completed by April 19. This is in order to authenticate oneself to access Cleveland State information when you are off campus. Please sign up before the 19th and talk with your students.
- Teach week is upcoming and he thanked faculty who opened up their classrooms for visitors.
- There is a scheduled celebration for faculty excellence—please plan to attend and support your colleagues.

XV. SGA, Nina Faisal

SGA President Faisal reminded Senate that the SGA has included in its Constitution that,
“ARTICLE III- Section 17. One CSU instructor shall serve as the Faculty Representative to the SGA Senate. This individual shall be selected by the CSU Faculty Senate but does not need to be a member of said body. The faculty representative shall serve in an ex-officio capacity to the SGA Senate, without voting privileges, but with full speaking rights at Senate Meetings. The term of office shall correspond with that of the SGA Senate.”

She also reported on SGA resolutions regarding dining halls and SB 83, along with survey results for RTA UPass, Mental health resources on campus, and syllabi availability. (**Report No. 41, 2022-2023**)

XVI. Question Time

Senator Ausherman asked for an update on the CSU Veteran & Military Success Center – Viking Vets.

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary