



FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2023, Moot Court Room, LB 101

3:00pm

PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers A. Kumar and D. Hubbard; **Faculty Senators** F. Abou-Ghalioum, J. Ausherman, M. Baumgartner, D. Binnie, J. Bolt, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, D. Davisson, V. De Paoli, B. Ekelman, K. Fuller, C. Heyward, J. Jenkins, C. Kothapalli, S. Kumar, E. Lehfeldt, K. Mansour, J. Matthews, B. McClain, P. McGinty, B. Nagy, G. Nelson, C. Olszewski, H. Pearson, J. Plecnik, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, H. Richter, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, A. Smith, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, J. Vitali, M. Volk, R. Whitbred, N. Zingale; **Administrative and Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, S. Zachariah, K. Neuendorf, B. Kosteas, K. Morris, T. Nikitina; **Ex Officio Limited Members** G. Dyer, T. Guzman, M. Heath, M. Wiitala

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 67 participants.

I. Approval of the Agenda for the September 13, 2023 Meeting

Senate President Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. He noted that a quorum was present and the agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the April 26, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting were approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the Senate President.

Senate President Kumar welcomed the Senate back to session after the summer break, and he noted that this summer semester was notably busier than those in the past. There were a number of faculty on campus conducting research as well as working on various committees and projects; he thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

The projected budget deficit at the University remains a top concern, and he and Dr. Tatyana Guzman (as previous chair of the Senate's Budget and Finance Committee) have been participating in the university-wide Organizational Resiliency and Financial Stability committee. There has been an open discussion forum for ideas related to reducing costs and strategic investing, and if faculty would like to suggest ideas anonymously, they may send them to him or Dr. Guzman.

A subset of the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum was also working through the summer and is making valuable progress on revisions to the core.

Fall enrollment is slightly higher than previously predicted, and he encouraged faculty to suggest CSU as a viable first-choice option to their connections who may have family members looking at four-year university possibilities.

He announced that the Faculty Senate facilitated an election of all university faculty for the Academic Misconduct Committee; Suzanne Giuffre and Tonya Runner were elected to the committee.

He reported that a miscommunication resulted in having athletic student advisors added to the shells of Blackboard classes, and that is being addressed and corrected.

Dr. Kumar spoke briefly on the Senate standing committees, noting that Senate leadership is aware that there are a few unidentified ex officio members on committees, and that conversations have also begun to identify student members for the committees. He thanked faculty who have stepped up to volunteer for service on committees, and those who have agreed to chair committees, or act as the preliminary organizer for them.

The Senate office sent out two new documents to help on-board both committee chairs and elected faculty senators—if members have revisions or corrections to them, please notify the Senate office.

IV. Report of the Cleveland State University President

President Bloomberg thanked faculty for all of their important work throughout the summer, she noted that the amount of work and other budgetary headwinds are real. And she also sees how that when the students return to campus in the fall, there is a special excitement, and she appreciates that the faculty's main focus is on student success.

President Bloomberg presented information on the new Division of Student Belonging and Success, including the upcoming ratification of Dr. Tachelle Banks as Vice President of the Division; and the President's Equity Roundtable.

She spoke on the charge of the Organizational Resilience/Financial Stability committee and reported on its planning group leadership, working groups, and webpage and resources.

The new Center for Civics, Culture, and Society, mandated by Senate Bill 117, has a working group led by Deans Anglin and Fisher. President Bloomberg noted that, the Center for Civics, Culture, and Society internal (CSU employees only) working group will review the language in SB 117 and make recommendations as to next steps in order to fully comply with the new law while concurrently recognizing the value CSU places on shared governance and faculty decision-making.

In closing, President Bloomberg reminded members that the 2023 State of the University is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 3pm. **(Report No. 1, 2023-2024)**

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

Director of the Core Curriculum, Dr. Schultz-Bergin, updated members on the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum (Developing Inquiring Minds, Sparking Curiosity, Building Professional Presence).

He reviewed the work accomplished by the original committee members which was presented to Faculty Senate in the Spring, 2023.

Dr. Schultz-Bergin also reported on the work of the summer sub-set of the committee, noting participation in a week-long intensive institute on general education reform and assessment, holding numerous stakeholder meetings and gathering additional feedback, the review of feedback, and the construction of a specific proposal for updating the core curriculum.

He presented the upcoming timeline for the committee and noted that because the work is not yet completed, and because the original committee members may not be able to continue the work in this new year, the committee roster spots will be filled with faculty who had originally expressed interest in participating in the Fall of 2022.

The plans are to submit a formal revision proposal to the University Curriculum Committee in November, 2023.

Dr. Schultz-Bergin asked members to inform faculty colleagues that the drafted proposal is available on the Faculty Senate website, and a new survey asking for thoughts and guidance is also available—please take a moment to review the proposal and participate in the survey. **(Report No. 2, 2023-2024)**

V. University Curriculum Committee, Michele Heath

Committee Chair Heath 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. **(Report No. 3, 2023-2024)**

- CHM - 251 - College Chemistry I
- Physics, B.A. - 1080 - Fall 23
- Name change - Exercise Science - 1080 - Fall 23
- Music, B. Mus - 1110 - Fall 24
- Sociology of Health and Healthcare Minor - 1080 - Fall 23
- Health Sciences, Accelerated 4+1 BS/MS - 1080 - Fall 23
- WGS - 208 - Womanism/Black Feminism
- Department Name Change to Educational Studies, Research, and Technology - Curriculum and Foundations

VI. University Faculty Affairs Committee, Gary Dyer

Dr. Dyer reported that he was elected chair of the University Faculty Affairs Committee, and that there was no business to discuss at this time.

VII. Admissions and Standards Committee, Michael Wiitala

Dr. Wiitala reported that he was selected as the preliminary organizer of the Admissions and Standards Committee, and that the committee has scheduled its first meeting, but has no business to discuss at this time.

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee, Tatyana Guzman

Dr. Guzman reported, on behalf of Committee chair Deborah Smith. Dr. Guzman participated in the ORFS process, in her role as prior chair of the committee. She noted that Sr. VP Jewell's business affairs team is working diligently to make financial data more transparent, understandable, and current than she can remember in past iterations of the budget.

IX. SGA Report, Kayland Morris

Student Government Association President Morris reported on student concerns with the Edge and Langston housing, new turnstiles in the seating area in the SC, organizational advisors and their approval process through Vikes Connect, and the status of SGA senators.

The SGA is engaged in ongoing communication with University leadership on the concerns.

X. GPSA Report, Tatiana Nikitina

Graduate and Professional Student Association President Nikitina introduced herself and thanked the Senate for opening conversations with her. The GPSA had no report at the time and is looking forward to working together in the future.

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

Provost Sridhar reported on the Levin College Dean search, new faculty members, the first-ever new student convocation, and the new data dashboard available through Gray and Associates.

He thanked the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum for their collaboration and ownership of the course review.

He announced new appointments for the Dean of the Graduate School (Dr. Bill Kosteas), Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (Dr. Ray Henry), and Dean of the Mandel Honors College (Dr. Rachel Carnell).

Provost Sridhar addressed the concerns that athletic advisors were added to the shells of Blackboard classes, noting that the issue is being addressed, and a work-around will be identified to solve the issues with privacy.

XII. Question Time

Senator Nick Zingale asked about future plans to address upcoming State legislation that would affect current University processes.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 11, 2023
Anup Kumar, Faculty Senate President