MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2026
3:00 p.m. – Student Center Ballroom

PRESENT:

Faculty Senate Officers: J. Bickel, B. Yusko, and E. Avram.

Faculty Senators: S. Allena, J. Belovich, J. Bolt, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, B. Conti, M. Crawley, P. Daiker-Middaugh, Y. Fu, S. Gallagher, J. Gatica, P. Gerum, J. Goodell, A. Goodsett, M. Heath, E. Jennings, S. Kent, A. Lammers, J. Marino, B. Nagy, K. Pataki, A. Patil, A. Price, L. Quinn, H. Richter, A. Severson, G. Shukla, A. Slifkin, A. Smith, J. Sola, M. Soliman, B. Su, A. Vincent, J. Vitali, W. Wang, R. Whitbred, and N. Zawahri

Administrative and Corresponding Members: L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, R. Carnell, R. Henry, A. Kersten, R. Schoephoerster, G. Ray, and L. Paul;

Ex Officio Limited Members: T. Heus, M. Horvath, and D. Smith.

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoom attendance peaked at 57 participants during the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.

I. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda—September 2, 2026**
Approved

II. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2026 Meeting**
Approved

III. **Report of the Senate President**
Dr. Bickel thanked those who attended the workshop "Faculty Governance 101" on Friday, August 21, 2026, part of Provost Sridhar's All Faculty Meeting.

Dr. Bickel shared that the Faculty Senate Officers' goal for this year is to improve communication. Faculty are encouraged to communicate through their caucus leaders, senators, committee chairs, and Faculty Senate officers. A "Quick Takes" summary highlighting key messages will be distributed after each Faculty Senate meeting. (**Report No. 1, 2026 – 2027**)

IV. **Report of the University President**
President Bloomberg acknowledged the excitement around the start of a new academic year and welcomed the newly hired faculty. She thanked the Senators, Faculty Senate Officers, Sebastian Brockhaus (Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees), and Committee Chairs for their commitment to shared governance.

President Bloomberg recognized the work of the Talent Hub and referenced the shared progress on the University's Strategic Plan: Cleveland State United. She highlighted the efforts of the Admissions and Marketing teams to increase our presence in the broader community and the new

marketing campaign that "Cleveland is Vikings Territory." Dean Rachel Carnell was congratulated for receiving the Partners in Peace award.

President Bloomberg encouraged faculty to reach out to their caucus leaders and Senators with concerns and ideas for the President and Provost to address during Faculty Senate meetings.

President Bloomberg announced that a new Visitor Code of Conduct is being rolled out and will be posted around campus. She reminded members of the CSU community of campus safety reporting procedures including the RAVE Guardian app, 911 (requesting CSU Police), and CSU Police dispatch (216.687.2020). The goal is a safe campus where everyone can thrive.

President Bloomberg encouraged the faculty and staff to support student voter registration and civic engagement efforts. **(Report No. 2, 2026 – 2027)**

President Bloomberg reminded the community about upcoming events:

- CSU Compass Showcase Event – September 21 and 22, 2026
- State of the University Address, Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
- TedX Cleveland State University: Friday, October 23, 2026

V. **University Faculty Affairs Committee**

Chair T. Heus presented UFAC's annual goals, which include revising Faculty Personnel Policies; ensuring clear access and custodianship of the Personnel Policies, College, and Department bylaws; monitoring new workload and annual evaluation procedures; and strengthening communication with College Faculty Affairs Committees and Nominating Committees.

Dr. Heus encouraged members of the CSU community to reach out to this committee with questions, disagreements, or clarity on policies and procedures. **(Report No. 3, 2026 – 2027)**

VI. **Undergraduate Student Success Committee**

Chair J. Gatica presented the committee's annual goals to evaluate the implementation of Equitable Access; to review the no record policy including its implementation, impacts, and communication; to address outstanding issues related to syllabi and recommended syllabus statements; to use updates from the Academic Coaching Team to streamline and unify the student petition process; to foster communication between faculty and academic coaches; and to assess the effect of changes to the course enrollment cap-size on student learning outcomes.

The committee is seeking student members. People were encouraged to reach out to members of this committee with questions or concerns. **(Report No. 4, 2026 – 2027)**

VII. **Budget and Finance Committee**

Chair D. Smith discussed budget and enrollment trends, particularly changes to the recruitment strategies for international students. Dr. Smith discussed revenue sharing and tuition discount strategies at comparable schools around Ohio. People with questions, comments, or concerns should contact the committee members. **(Report No. 5, 2026 – 2027)**

VIII. **Informational Presentations**

Enrollment Management and University Marketing Update

Vice President of Enrollment Management A. Crawford presented enrollment trends at CSU and other Ohio schools. Enrollment for this year will be confirmed after the university census date, September 7, 2026. Dr. Crawford reported that Enrollment Management is redesigning campus visits to provide a more personalized prospective student experience, branded as the "green and white" experience. Dr. Crawford also discussed the new marketing message, "Cleveland is Vikings Territory," and encouraged people to look for this message across town. He encouraged faculty and staff to support grassroots marketing efforts by promoting CSU within the community, including wearing CSU-branded apparel. **(Report No. 6, 2026 – 2027)**

Student Government Association Update

SGA President Laurel Paul reported that officers and senators for SGA have been selected for the academic year. She acknowledged that the SGA's goals for this year include more communication, improving the student organization experience, and driving student programming based on student interests. **(Report No. 7, 2026 – 2027)**

CSU Compass Update

Chief Information Officer W. Helou discussed the progress and timeline for the implementation of CSU Compass, with a showcase event on September 21 and 22, 2026. The Change Network team is being established to support implementation efforts, including troubleshooting, and advocacy. The first phase of CSU Compass, focused on operations and budgeting, is slated to go live July 1, 2027, with the student-facing implementation occurring in 2029. **(Report No. 8, 2026 – 2027)**

IX. **Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer**

Provost Sridhar discussed his charge for the Undergraduate Student Success Committee to investigate the pros and cons of implementing Equitable Access at CSU.

Provost Sridhar thanked everyone who attended the All Faculty Meeting on August 21, 2026. He also recognized people who were moved into new roles, the new faculty who were hired, and the three academic departments who moved locations this summer. Provost Sridhar also praised the CSU faculty for achieving a 100% completion rate of undergraduate syllabi in Simple Syllabus before the deadline.

Provost Sridhar thanked members of the negotiating teams for the successful ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement (CBA). He highlighted some of the updates to the CBA including Article 26, retroactive salary adjustments, and Professional Leave of Absence (PLOA) for non-tenure track faculty. A summary memo of CBA changes will be distributed to deans and other relevant parties soon, and implementation of the CBA changes is underway. A memo is also forthcoming regarding the changes to the Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) instrument and its impact on dossier preparation and review.

Provost Sridhar shared that CSU is a participating member of a regional cohort that received a large grant from the National Science Foundation to build an ecosystem of partners focused on sustainable manufacturing, NEOSMART. This is the first phase of a larger, 10-year grant with more than 70 business and university partners in the region.

Provost Sridhar encouraged members of the CSU community to wear green and white on Wednesdays and to eat lunch in Viking Marketplace (discounted to $10 on Wednesdays).

Provost Sridhar asked faculty to send accomplishments to faculty.accomplishments@csuohio.edu.

X. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 7, 2026
Erin M.G. Avram, Faculty Senate Secretary