



**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Faculty Senate**

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

**April 27, 2022**

**3:00 PM – Moot Court Room LB 101**

**PRESENT:** **Faculty Senate Officers** R. Krebs, A. Kumar, and R. Carnell; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, M. Bayachou, B. Browning, M. Buckley, B. Cavender, D. Choi, B. Conti, D. Davisson, B. Ekelman, D. Forte, L. Francis, J. Goodell, S. Gore-Panter; T. Guzman, D. Hamilton, J. Hostutler, A. Jouan-Westlund, W. Kellogg, C. Kothapalli, M. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, P. McGinty, B. Mikelbank, T. Porter, A. Price, E. Rauschert, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, G. Shukla, A. Sonstegard, A. Su, G. Toneff-Cotner, R. Whitbred, N. Zingale; **Corresponding Members** R. Anglin, L. Bloomberg, M. Bond, J. Holcomb, D. Jewell, E. McKinney, A. Robbichaud, R. Schoephoerster, S. Zachariah, M. Barnard, E. Palmer, C. Orahoske; **Ex Officio Limited Members** W. Bowen, M. Schultz-Bergin, and J. Sola.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Zoom indicated a peak of 143 participants.

I. Approval of the Agenda for the April 27, 2022 Meeting Robert Krebs

President Robert Krebs called the meeting to order at 3:04. The agenda was approved by acclamation.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 30, 2022 Robert Krebs

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate President Robert Krebs

Senate President Krebs reminded everyone that while many reports of standing committees have been submitted for the record, a few are still outstanding and should be submitted as soon as possible. President Krebs then recognized the Senate administrative assistant, Jane McCrone for her work in keeping the business of Senate running so effectively since she took on the position in November 2020. The senate officers presented her with flowers. Senator Krebs also thanked Rick Zhang for all his assistance running the AV component of Senate meetings over the past academic year.

Senate President Krebs then discussed the Board of Trustees' decision to appoint Provost Laura Bloomberg as the 8<sup>th</sup> President of Cleveland State. He observed that he discussed the matter thoroughly with the CSU Board of Trustees chair, David Reynolds, who explained that he and the other trustees felt it was best for the future of the university to offer the Provost the presidency rather than to appoint her as interim president; they recognize her tremendous administrative talent and they have full confidence in her success in this new role. President Krebs reported that the Board or Trustees also expects that CSU 2.0 and the college reorganization process will continue on schedule.

President Krebs advised that forming colleges should scrutinize the by-laws that are being drafted or approved as provisional—particularly in light of the forming of PRCs and the assignment of workloads. He finally alerted everyone to an important item to be introduced in New Business about the approval of the Department of Africana Studies.

IV. Report of the President of the University

Laura Bloomberg

Newly appointed President Bloomberg was greeted with an enthusiastic and lengthy round of applause. She began by recounting the humbling experience of a medical emergency she suffered on the morning that the Board of Trustees was voting to elect her CSU President. As she explained, this unexpected event reminds us that none of us can do more than we can in any given moment. She further pointed out that being president of a university is not just a job but a lifestyle and that she and her husband are “all in” on Cleveland. She confirmed that her intention, even her mantra of stewardship, is to leave this university in a better state than when she arrived. President Bloomberg also strives to lead each day in her life as an individual work of art to which she would be proud to put her signature; she promises to devote that level of energy and vision to Cleveland State each day.

President Bloomberg mentioned that the Board of Trustees parted ways with President Sands over “leadership differences”; she asserted that there is no “smoking gun.” She also publicly thanked former President Sands for having successfully led the university through the pandemic and for having hired fantastic cabinet administrators.

President Bloomberg then described where the university is on the path of achieving the aspirational vision of CSU 2.0. She reiterated that she is fully “on board” with CSU 2.0., including our current process of college realignment, which is central to achieving the larger goals of CSU 2.0 for the university and its role in the future of the region. President Bloomberg acknowledged that there is work to do over the summer; even at the moment of the “go live” date, the behind the scenes infrastructures for the new colleges will still be being built or transformed.

President Bloomberg then announced that the new forming college of A&S will officially be named The College of Arts and Sciences, a name apt for its core Aristotelian disciplines. The next new college will be named the College of Health, which signals to the community our vision for a broad understanding of health and well-being. The third new college will be named the College of Education and Public Affairs, emphasizing the idea of the *polis*, the people, and their public institutions. President Bloomberg is hopeful for a future Levin School of Urban Affairs within that new college. She stressed that this is not the time to “slow the process down.”

President Bloomberg then announced her decision to name Prof. Nigamanth Sridhar as interim provost. She then applauded the strength of the leadership team in the Provost’s office as well as her belief in the necessity of a fabric or network of leadership to support every leader.

V. University Curriculum Committee

Marcus Schultz-Bergin

Dr. Schultz-Bergin, chair of UCC, first introduced three items on the Consent Agenda, which passed in a group unanimously by voice vote. **(Report No. 27, 2021-2022)**

- A. Consent Agenda
  - a. Health Sciences, BS
  - b. Occupational Therapy, OTD
  - c. Spanish, BA

Dr. Schultz-Bergin, chair of UCC, first introduced the items on the Discussion Agenda.

- B. Discussion Agenda
  - a. Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Forecasting

Item a., the Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Forecasting, was introduced as a motion from a standing committee and passed by voice vote.

- b. Statement on CSU 2.0 Data Collection and Use **(Report No. 28, 2021-2022)**

Dr. Schultz-Bergin introduced Item b., UCC's Statement on Data Collection process under Microsoft Teams, suggesting some improved options, e.g. the one used by the new College of Health, for better qualitative and quantitative faculty input. One senator suggested that we may need another Senate meeting to vote on items from other forming colleges that did not receive adequate input from the prior Teams survey.

Next, Dr. Schultz-Bergin introduced the next 6 motions from the new College of Health, referencing the Health College faculty input surveyed in support of each of these.

- c. Establishment of School of Nursing within the new College of Health
      - d. Establishment of Department of Physical Therapy in COH
      - e. Establishment of Department of Occupational Therapy in COH
      - f. Establishment of Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in COH
      - g. Establishment of Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance in COH
      - h. Establishment of Department of Music Therapy in COH

These 6 motions were voted on together and passed unanimously as a group by voice vote.

VI. Admissions and Standards Committee

José Sola

Senator and Admissions and Standards chair José Sola introduced two motions which were voted on separately. Each passed unanimously by voice vote. **(Report No. 29, 2021-2022)**

**Decision Items**

- C. The Heights Career Tech Preparation Consortium and CSU CEHS New Articulation Agreement
- D. GRE/GMAT waiver and increasing the English as a foreign language admission threshold

VII. University Faculty Affairs Committee

Robert Krebs

UFAC chair Patricia Falk was unable to attend, so President Krebs introduced the following changes detailed in the Senate packet in Track Changes.

**Motion First Reading(Report No. 30, 2021-2022)**

- E. Summary of Changes and  
Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies 3344-13-01 through 3344-13-04

One senator raised a question for UFAC about balancing representation from within a college for standing committees where Steering appoints members from within a college (e.g. some committees would benefit from a balance in Art/Humanities and Science representatives).

Senator Mikelbank moved that a second member be added from A&S to the Student Success Committee; this was seconded by Senator Marino. This motion to add this phrase to the by-law changes that UFAC is making, carried by voice vote.

Senator Ekelman suggested that UFAC might want to assign membership of standing committees according to proportional relationships in faculty size. President Krebs then took a raise-of-hands “straw poll” about faculty preference on this matter; results were mixed.

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee Report

William Bowen

Budget and Finance chair William Bowen reported that the PFAC met on April 26, 2022, and discussed the costs of college realignment, among other items. Next year, he pointed out, PFAC will have an even more central role next year as its new mission incorporates faculty voice into the budgetary process in a systematic way.

Professor Bowen reported that former basketball coach Dennis Gates received no money other than what he was paid for this year from Cleveland State.

Professor Bowen, in closing, observed that in light of his imminent retirement, he wanted to express how much of an honor it has been for him to be involved in Faculty Senate for the last twenty-five years.

IX. Undergraduate Student Success Committee

Brian Mikelbank

Senator Mikelbank introduced the following information items.

**Information Items**

- Student demographic dashboard
- Syllabus statements

He observed that the dashboard should allow faculty to have access to data important to student success.

He further pointed out that all Syllabus statements will be updated on the Student Success Committee web page so that faculty can easily find the current versions of these.

X. Academic Technology Committee

William Matcham

Senator Matcham, chair of Academic Technology, spoke of the productive dialogue his committee has helped facilitate between IS&T and faculty and administration. He referred to notable improvements at the Help Desk structure, many of which came from faculty suggestions. He reiterated the importance of contacting his committee via the email listed below. He reiterated that faculty concerns are being heard. Senator Matcham also announced the availability of the Adobe suite to campus as well as the new server, which is being put into place; faculty will soon be able to build individual web pages.

Information Items

- Update on the various initiatives that are in process
- Email: [academictechcommittee@csuohio.edu](mailto:academictechcommittee@csuohio.edu)

XI. Committee Appointments and Elections

Robert Krebs

Information Items

F. Faculty Senate Standing Committees

G. University Committee Assignments  
(other than Standing Committees of Faculty Senate)

Decision Item

President Krebs introduced the paper ballot for the Budget and Finance Committee, the only committee that is not feasible electronically, per by-law stipulation that nominations be allowed from the floor.

H. Election for Budget and Finance Committee - The faculty senate shall accept the slate of nominees offered by the academic steering committee, together with nominations from the floor, for electing members of its budget and finance committee. Results will be sent after the meeting.

Election for: two faculty members for a two-year term; and one faculty member for a one-year term.

The top two candidates receiving the most votes will serve a two-year term through 2024 and the next top candidate will receive a one-year term through 2023.

Slate of nominees from Academic Steering – Judy Ausherman, Birch Browning, Tatyana Guzman, Evan Lieberman, and Neda Zawahri.

Paper ballots were handed out and then collected. Final election results for this and all previous electronic committee votes will be posted on the Senate webpage in early May.

XII. Student Government Association Report

Martin Barnard

SGA President Martin Barnard introduced the following recent and upcoming events and accomplishments. He concluded by thanking senators for their cooperation and counsel with him and SGA over the past year.

Information Items

- Announcing SGA's 2022-2023 Executive Board and Senators
- SGA's Support for Textbook Hero Awards
- April Refugee Response Donation Drive/Townhall Follow-Up
- Arbor Day Celebration, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ SC Atrium between 12:00-2:00pm
- Thank You - Leadership of Faculty Senate

XIII. Graduate and Professional Student Association Report

Cody Orahoske

GPSA chair Cody Orahoske reported on the following recent reports and accomplishments. He highlighted ongoing graduate student concerns about the size of graduate student stipends and the cost of student required health insurance as well as the limits of its coverage.

Information Items

- GA/ RA / TA listing series (**Report No. 31, 2021-2022**)
- Graduate appreciation week (5 days of events geared towards graduates)
- GPSA transition

XIV. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Newly appointed interim provost Sridhar, who begins his appointment on May 9, was not able to attend.

XV. Question Time

Senator David Forte, completing 45 years at Cleveland State and 26 on Faculty Senate (or its predecessor institutional equivalent), thanked Senate President Krebs, former Senate President Bowen, and everyone in Senate, which he described as a group that was snow truly, “a collegium.”

XVI. New Business

Senator Marino introduced the following motion to approve the creation of the Department of Africana Studies. The motion was seconded by Senator Kumar.

The CLASS Senate Caucus (and specifically the members of that caucus entering the College of Arts and Sciences) unanimously request that the Faculty Senate approve the creation of the Department of Africana Studies (formerly the Black Studies program).

It was unanimously approved. (**Report No. 32, 2021-2022**)

Senator Shukla, on behalf of the COSHP caucus, introduced the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Severson:

The Faculty Senate of Cleveland State University recommends to the administration that the proposed College of Arts and Sciences merger and restructuring be paused to allow consideration of better implementation strategies, which could include consideration of alternative structures for this part of the CSU 2.0 blueprint. **(Report No. 33, 2021-2022)**

Senator Forte introduced a motion to amend, and delete the words following “which could....” Changing the comma to a period. Senator Hamilton seconded. The motion to revise the first motion in this way passed by 21 to 13.

The revised motion was then discussed: several senators spoke in favor of a pause; one senator asked about the length of a pause and what would happen with the new dean. Several other senators spoke in favor of the pause to allow time to adjust to the new realities.

The vote was called; a hand count showed that the motion to pause was defeated 20 to 8.

XVII. Adjournment

There being no more business, Senate adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**  
Professor Rachel Carnell  
Senate Recording Secretary