



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
APRIL 28, 2021
3:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT: **Faculty Senate Leadership** R. Krebs, G. Dyer, and R. Carnell; **Faculty Senators** M. Adams, J. Ausherman, C.C. Bowen, W. Bowen, M. Buckley, B. Conti, D. Davisson, A. Dixit, L. Dong, B. Ekelman, P. Falk, D. Forte, L. Francis, Z. Gao, J. Gatica, D. Geier, S. Gingerich, J. Goodell, D. Hamilton, K. Hamlen-Mansour, C. Hansman, J. Hostutler, Y. Hung, K. Judge, D. Kalir, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, A. Kumar, M. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, K. McIntyre, K. O’Neill, T. Porter, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, B. Richards, H. Richter, Y. Shen, A. Slifkin, A. Sonstegard, A. Su, R. Tighe, G. Toneff-Cotner, J. Visocky O’Grady, A. Zhou, and N. Zingale; **Corresponding Members** R. Anglin, J. Belovich, R. Betterson, T. Gaspar, E. Grigore, J. Holcomb, K. Kahn, E. Lehfeltdt, S. Nunley, C. Orahoske, A. Robichaud, H. Sands, S. Zachariah, and J. Zhu; **Ex Officio Limited Members** A. Gosselin, S. Kent, K. McIntyre, B. Mikelbank, M. Rubado, M. Schultz-Bergin, and J. Sola.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 286 participants.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:00
- II. Approval of the Agenda for the April 28, 2021 by affirmation (included change of order for the GPSA report).
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 31, 2021 – (moved by J. Marino) – accepted into the record by affirmation.
- IV. Report of the Faculty Senate President Robert Krebs

Senator Krebs reiterated his optimism about CSU 2.0, and he began by announcing the committee election results and thanking the committees for the hard work they do, emphasizing that most of the real work of Faculty Senate occurs in committees.

A. Election Results for

- University Faculty Affairs Committee (Standing Committee) – Don Allensworth-Davies (Health Sciences), Linda Quinn (Math and Stats), Heidi Robertson (Law)
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Standing Committee) - James Marino (English) and Michael Baumgartner (Music)
- Academic Misconduct Review Committee – Grace H. Huang (Teacher Education)

- Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees – Adam Sonstegard (English)
- Copyright Review Committee – Paula E Chan (Teacher Education)
- Patent Review Committee – Girish C Shukla (BGES)
- Ohio Faculty Council – Andrew Slifkin (Psy)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Standing Committee) - Brooke Conti (English), Stephen Duffy (Civil Engineering), and Deborah Smith (Accounting),

B. The Academic Steering Committee met on April 14 and appointed faculty to Committees, updated rosters will be available on the Faculty Senate website. Notice to new and continuing members will be distributed before the end of the term. **(Report No. 47, 2020-2021)**

V. Report of the President of the University

Harlan Sands

President Sands conveyed how complimentary Governor Mike DeWine has been about Cleveland State's mass vaccination clinic; the governor commended Cleveland State again at his news conference yesterday (Tuesday 4.27.21). The President also mentioned that he is lobbying the statehouse to get the state share of university budgets increased to cover inflation. He noted that student applications and acceptances are on the rise; he encouraged faculty to encourage students to register now for classes next fall. President Sands explained that CSU's policy of requiring students residing on campus next fall to be vaccinated may face challenges at the state level. He also referred to Senate Bill 135, that, if passed, would greatly damage four-year universities in Ohio; he and other public university presidents will be working to block passage.

President Sands provided an update on the provost search and the search for the CFO; both searches are progressing on schedule. He also acknowledged the excellent preparation CSU has done for the HLC accreditation visit.

Providing an update on the graduation ceremony at Progressive Field, President Sands mentioned that there will be about 1600 graduates planning on attending, and 75 faculty.

The President thanked everyone for their participation in the CSU 2.0 process and acknowledged the positive energy it was generating in the community and among new faculty hires. President Sands concluded by thanking the faculty for their hard work all semester.

VI. University Curriculum Committee

Marcus Schultz-Bergin

Dr. Schultz-Bergin explained the information item and introduced the items in the Consent Agenda, which passed by voice vote.

Information Item

C. Allow MLRHR to be delivered entirely as an on-line program

Consent Agenda (Report No. 48, 2020-2021)

- D. Communication Sciences and Disorders, MA
- E. Computer Science, BSCS
- F. Finance Major, BBA
- G. Graduate Certificate in Public Health Administration
- H. Health Care Management Minor
- I. Historic Preservation, Graduate Certificate
- J. Minor in Human Resource Management
- K. Philosophy, BA
- L. Science Writing Certificate
- M. Special Education (Mild to Moderate Educational Needs), B.S. in Ed.
- N. Special Education (Moderate to Intensive Educational Needs), B.S. in Ed.
- O. Urban Secondary Teaching

- VII. Report of Student Government Association Renee Betterson

SGA President Betterson reported that next year's SGA leadership team has been elected and is planning its transition. Additionally, SGA's Arbor Day tree planting ceremony will take place on Friday, which will include planting two trees for the classes of 2020 and 2021. She also encouraged faculty nominations for graduating student spirit awards.

- VIII. Report of Graduate and Professional Student Assn Cody Orahoske

GPSA Vice President Orahoske reported the successful crowd funding event at Café Aroma, and a networking event and professional profile photo shoot. He reported that the GPSA faculty advisor will be Professor Bill Kosteas (Economics), and elections are underway for next year's leadership. He also reiterated the student concerns about the cost of health insurance premiums for graduate students.

- IX. Admissions and Standards Committee José O. Solá

Dr. Sola introduced the following three items (**Report No. 49, 2020-2021**), which were approved by voice vote:

- P. Extending Waiver of ACT/SAT Requirement for AY 22-23
- Q. Proposed changes to Graduate Admissions
- R. Procedures for Charges of Academic Misconduct

- X. University Faculty Affairs Committee Joanne Goodell

Senator Goodell introduced the second reading of the proposed change to the Faculty Senate by-laws, which passed Senate by voice vote:

- S. Incorporating Undergraduate Student Success Committee to Policy 3344-13-03 Standing committees (second reading) (**Report No. 50, 2020-2021**)

- XI. Budget and Finance Committee Report William Bowen

Senator W. Bowen mentioned that this committee will be meeting about the charter for the new Planning and Financial Advisory Committee.

XII. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer Jianping Zhu

Provost Zhu began by thanking all the faculty for a successful spring semester; he is grateful for the faculty's excellent working during this challenging year. He mentioned that the new faculty searches are not quite finished and encouraged faculty participation during these final weeks in the process. He acknowledged the extremely high quality of job candidates we have been receiving in these challenging times for faculty hires at most universities.

The Provost also mentioned the HLC team visit next week and thanked faculty for their hard work in preparing the reports in advance of this visit.

Provost Zhu mentioned the unfortunate surge in COVID cases in India and asked faculty to be alert to potential situations facing our students in India, from India, or with family in India—and to be ready to offer accommodations as appropriate.

The Provost responded to the college caucuses written comments about CSU 2.0, many of which were directed to the lack of detail in the proposal. He asked faculty to trust that the details would eventually be worked out with appropriate faculty input.

Provost Zhu announced that this is his last Senate meeting as provost and thanked everyone for an enjoyable 6 years as provost; he very much appreciated the open and collegial exchanges with the faculty, even on those matters where administration and faculty did not always agree.

XIII. Vote on General Acceptability of the College Reorganization Proposal in CSU 2.0 Robert Krebs

Following discussion lasting from 4:08 to 4:52, the vote was taken by individual private message to Faculty Senate admin Jane McCrone.

T. Senate vote on the general acceptability of the college reorganization proposal in the CSU 2.0 document that was distributed on March 26. Voting options include “acceptable,” “unacceptable,” and “abstain.”

Senate took a 10-minute recess from 4:55 to 5:05 while the votes were counted

The motion passed with the following tally (total of 49 votes):

Acceptable/Yes – 25
Unacceptable/No – 19
Abstain - 5

XIII. Vote on Overall Acceptability of the Entire CSU 2.0 Document Robert Krebs

U. Senate vote on the overall acceptability of the entire CSU 2.0 document.

Voting options include “acceptable,” “unacceptable,” and “abstain.” Following discussion lasting from 5:12 to 5:17, the vote was taken by individual private message to Faculty Senate admin Jane McCrone. The motion passed with the following tally (total of 48 votes):

Acceptable/Yes– 39
Unacceptable/No – 5
Abstain – 4

At the conclusion of this vote, President Krebs thanked Faculty Senators for showing that we can be a positive part of change for the future. President Sands expressed his faith in the incredible potential of Cleveland State; he also thanked the Provost and Senate leadership for working behind the scenes to facilitate the productive discussion and debate in advance of the votes.

XIV. Question Time

Questions were asked about the implementation process of CSU 2.0 and how Senate would be involved. President Krebs indicated that this had not been decided fully and he asked for suggestions from senators.

One suggestion was for email discussions by Steering over the summer, as needed.

A question was asked about how the concerns expressed during today’s debate about CSU 2.0 would be conveyed to the incoming provost (as yet not selected). President Sands indicated that the deans of colleges being merged have already started those discussions about process and that these decisions could not wait until fall.

A comment was made about the dangers of the Ohio State House Bill 135; both Senator Krebs and President Sands were in agreement about the need for faculty and administrators around the state to push back together against this threat to higher education.

XV. New Business – there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Professor Rachel Carnell
Senate Recording Secretary