



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MARCH 31, 2021

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, 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, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, A. Kumar, M. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, K. McIntyre, 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, and N. Zingale; **Corresponding Members** R. Anglin, J. Belovich, R. Betterson, T. Gaspar, E. Grigore, J. Holcomb, K. Kahn, E. Lehfeldt, E. McKinney, C. Orahoske, A. Robichaud, H. Sands, S. Zachariah, and J. Zhu; **Ex Officio Limited Members** W. Bowen, J. Goodell, S. Kent, J. Marino, W. Matcham, K. McIntyre, M. Rubado, M. Schultz-Bergin, and J. Sola.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 153 participants.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:01
Approval of the Agenda for the March 31, 2021 meeting, after a motion to change the order slightly, moving item XIII to item IV, was approved by voice vote.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2021 was accepted by acclamation with no changes.
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President Robert Krebs

President Krebs addressed the changes anticipated through the CSU 2.0 plan; he pointed out that faculty have a big job ahead, but that changes are not being made out of a crisis but with an optimistic vision for the future. He also pointed out that we are currently able to hire high quality new faculty, and he urged senators to help create as positive an environment as possible to welcome those new scholars. He asked senators to view the plan through the lens of the good of the whole university. He also mentioned the joint faculty and administration resolution against hate crimes against the APIDA community and our letter of support for John Carroll University faculty.

- IV. Distinguished Faculty Awards Jianping Zhu

Provost Zhu and Interim Vice Provost for Academic Programs Holcomb acknowledged the recipients of the 2021 distinguished faculty awards. The Distinguished Faculty Awards in Teaching were awarded to Dr. Bin Su (Chemistry) and Dr. Julie Wolin (BGES). Prof. David Forte (Law) and Dr. Chandra Kothapalli (Chemical and Biomedical Engineering) received the

Distinguished Faculty Awards in Research. The Distinguished Faculty Awards in Service were presented to Dr. Ashutosh Dixit (Marketing) and Dr. Julia Phillips (Counseling). The Provost Teaching Award for non-tenure track faculty was awarded to Ms. Kimberly Ruggeri (Marketing).

V. Report of the President of the University Harlan Sands

President Sands expressed enthusiasm for the ambitious CSU 2.0 blueprint, which he described as a comprehensive plan that will be able to help lead the university forward into the future. He mentioned the in-person outdoor commencement at Progressive Field, for which HUD Director, Marcia Fudge will be the afternoon ceremony speaker. He also acknowledged the success of the vaccination effort at Wolstein, for which many local citizens have expressed their gratitude. He announced his expectation for an on-campus experience for 80-90% of classes next fall. He mentioned the upcoming Higher Learning Commission site visit, part of CSU's ten-year accreditation process. He referred to the Biden administration's infrastructure bill, which, if passed, would have a positive impact on research and infrastructure funding availability.

VI. University Curriculum Committee Marcus Schultz-Bergin

Senator Schultz-Bergin introduced the Consent Agenda which passed by voice vote (**Report No. 43, 2020-2021**)

Consent Agenda

- A. Accounting Major, BBA
- B. Accounting, Master of Accountancy
- C. BBA Program: Math Changes for BBA Lower Core Requirements
- D. Diversity Leadership and Change Management Certificate
- E. Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- F. Graduate Certificate in Public Health Research
- G. Human Resource Management Major, BBA
- H. Marketing Analytics, Graduate Certificate
- I. Multimedia Advertising Certificate
- J. P-5 Education, B.S. in Ed.
- K. Software Engineering, Graduate Certificate
- L. Special Education (with licensure), M.Ed.
- M. Urban Studies and Public Affairs, Ph.D.
- N. Urban Studies, MS

Senator Schultz-Bergin introduced the Discussion Agenda which, after discussion, passed individually by voice vote

Discussion Agenda

- O. Business Studies Major, BA Degree
- P. Master of Science in Health Care Management

VII. Report of Student Government Association Renee Betterson

SGA President Betterson congratulated the faculty award recipients; she then mentioned the textbook hero awards for faculty who make use of open access material. She reported that the SGA

released a statement condemning the recent hate crimes against the APIDA community. SGA is working on a thank-you campaign for Faculty Senate's approval of the P/F option for fall and spring; and is also working on "spirit" awards for exceptional graduating students.

VIII. Admissions and Standards Committee José O. Solá

Senator Sola introduced the following agreement, which was approved by voice vote (**Report No. 44, 2020-2021**)

Q. Approval of 3+3 agreement with Baldwin Wallace University - C-M College of Law

IX. University Faculty Affairs Committee Adam Sonstegard

Senator Sonstegard (presenting for Senator Goodell) discussed procedures for readings for bylaw changes and gave a first reading to promote the Undergraduate Student Success Committee to a standing committee.

R. Clarify procedure for dealing with bylaw changes regarding having one or two readings.

S. Incorporating Undergraduate Student Success Committee to Policy 3344-13-03 Standing committees (**Report No. 45, 2020-2021**)

X. Budget and Finance Committee Report William Bowen

Senator W. Bowen reported that the March forecast for operating funds for fiscal year 2021 was more optimistic than the January prediction for that budget, because of better revenue from tuition and stimulus funds. The committee met with interim CFO Margie Spencer to outline the role for a newly redefined and renamed Planning and Finance Advisory Committee, which will meet at minimum twice per semester.

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

Provost Zhu alluded to a recent incident involving a faculty member being trolled on social media for presenting ideas in class with which a student disagreed. He mentioned resources in the Provost's office for supporting faculty through such potential social media harassment.

The Provost also outlined the highlights of the recently announced Voluntary Separation Incentive Program for faculty and staff with 20 or more years of service.

A senator asked about policies regarding surreptitious recording of classes; Provost Zhu acknowledged that it is difficult to control unauthorized recordings, which are allowed by Ohio law. Within the legal framework, he would find out whether the university could make a policy against such recordings.

XII. Report of Graduate and Professional Student Assn. Cody Orahoske

GPSA president Orahoske reported on a crowdfunding effort for Café A Roma and an initiative to offer graduating students the opportunity to receive a professional photo for their social media platforms. The GPSA is continuing tabling efforts, co-hosted with the SGA, and hopes to engage more graduate level students. He reported that the GPSA is currently looking for a new faculty advisor, volunteers are asked to contact him.

XIII. Update on ASC 101: Introduction to University Life and Benefits of Participation Sarah Pankratz

Ms. Pankratz, Manager, First Year Experience, described the new approach to the 1-credit interlocutory class for all first-year students. She urged faculty to volunteer to teach a section, particularly one that is created as a major-specific section. The deadline for faculty to apply to teach for the fall semester is April 12.

A question was asked about the feedback loop for assessing the success of this program, which Ms. Pankratz explained was thorough and ongoing.

XIV. Question Time

Questions were posed about the RFP for outsourcing health care, particularly the potential effect of such outsourcing on graduate students training through those programs. VP Forrest Faison spoke to the importance of reliable swift access for students all year round, which requires a variable level of staffing for different seasons of the year. He also addressed the need for regular hospital rotations and professional development for medical staff, as well as better access for students who need to be referred to local hospitals. He pointed out that an RFP is a way of determining possibilities that would improve our current student health services. In response to a question about faculty participation, he said that a committee including faculty would be convened once proposals arrive. A faculty member also pointed out the importance of involving relevant faculty now, while the RFP is currently being revised.

XV. New Business

Senator Carnell introduced the following motion, which was seconded by Senator W. Bowen:

I move that on April 28, 2021, Senate vote on the general acceptability of the college reorganization proposal in the CSU 2.0 document that was distributed on 3.26

An amendment was moved Senator Krebs, seconded by Senator Forte

This amendment deleted the words in bold from the above motion:

I move that on April 28, 2021, Senate vote on the general acceptability of the [**college reorganization proposal in the**] CSU 2.0 document that was distributed on 3.26

The amendment passed by one vote in zoom poll vote of 19 to 18.

The Amended motion passed by 32 to 4 in a zoom poll vote.

A new motion was introduced by Senator Ekelman to bring a separate vote in Senate on the initial motion by Senator Carnell. This passed by a zoom poll vote of 29 to 5, with only voting senators casting votes. This is the wording of the motion that passed:

I move that on April 28, 2021, Senate vote on the general acceptability of the college reorganization proposal in the CSU 2.0 document that was distributed on 3.26

Senator Ekelman next proseed another motion, which passed by voice vote:

I move that the April 28 votes on CSU 2.0 and the included college reorganization be performed by the Zoom poll function, as a "secret ballot" with names available only to the Senate coordinator to verify that only senators have voted.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON APRIL 28, 2021

Professor Rachel Carnell
Senate Recording Secretary