



FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2023, Student Center Ballroom

PRESENT: **Faculty Senate Officers** A. Kumar, A. Smith, and D. Hubbard; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, E. Avram, B. Browning, P. Daiker-Middaugh, D. Davisson, G. Dyer, K. Fuller, J. Gatica, K. Gulshan, T. Guzman, D. Hamilton, C. Heyward, W. Kellogg, J. Kilbane, R. Krebs, S. Kumar, K.H. Mansour; J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, P. McGinty, A. O’Connor, C. Olszewski, H. Pearson, J. Plecnik, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, A. Resnick, A. Severson, J. Sola, A. Sonstegard, R. Whitbred, N. Zawahri; **Corresponding Members** L. Bloomberg, N. Sridhar, M. Bond, R. Carnell, S. Zachariah, K. Neuendorf, N. Faisal, and C. Orahoske; **Ex Officio Limited Members** J. Jenkins, K. Mueller, and L. Quinn.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 55 participants.

I. Meeting was called to order at 3pm, March 29th by Faculty Senate President, Anup Kumar

II. Agenda for the March 29, 2023 meeting was approved.
Minutes for previous meeting, March 1, 2023 were approved with minor revisions.

III. Report of the Senate President, Anup Kumar

Dr. Kumar began by mentioning that the University Committees will be appointed by Steering during the April Meeting.

Reminder about the Senate Vice President Election. The hope is to get the new Vice President elected prior to the end of the semester. Members of the search committee include Anne Price, Chandra Kothapalli, and Bruce McClain. Please reach out to members of the search committee if you are interested in running for the position. We need at least two candidates on the slate.

Regarding SB 83

The legislation is troubling. People are encouraged to read the bill carefully. President Kumar met with the Board of Trustees to discuss some of the problems with the bill. The Board of Trustees were open to his ideas.

A working group was identified to draft a resolution detailing our concerns with the Bill. This joint committee consisting of Representatives from Senate, the CSU and Law AAUP, were charged with drafting the resolution. The working group members are Albert F. Smith, Carole Heyward, Dana Hubbard, Jim Marino, John Brentar, and Andy Slifkin.

Once a draft is completed it will be presented to the Academic Steering and then to the Faculty Senate. Please reach out to the committee if you want to discuss the resolution.

IV. Report of the President of CSU, Laura Bloomberg

President Bloomberg began by mentioning her visits with alumni in other states. She heard from alumni that the reason they felt connected to CSU because of the great faculty. She applauded faculty.

Discussion of the Senate Bill 83-Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act (SB 83)

President Bloomberg and the other public university presidents in Ohio have been meeting regularly to discuss the Bill and its ramifications.

She wants the faculty to understand that the Administration and the Trustees are allies.

Our new government affairs person, Caryn Candisky, is in Columbus listening to all the testimony about the Bill. She will continue to update us on the status.

On April 3rd, there will be a celebration of faculty excellence. Please come to support your colleagues.

The night before the Board of Trustees meeting, President Bloomberg is hosting “salon”-like dinners including Board members and faculty discussing their research. It’s important for the Board to hear about all the great work our faculty is doing.

There will be a party at the President’s home for Faculty Senate members on Thursday, May 18. More details are forthcoming.

V. University Curriculum Committee, Jacqueline Jenkins

All Consent Items were approved. **(Report No. 26, 2022-2023)**

Item A of the consent agenda clarifies the status of college-wide degree requirements affected by the CSU 2.0 college realignment. The proposal formalizes/clarifies the status of college requirements, all of which have been reviewed by faculty in the affected colleges during the realignment process. The Registrar’s Office has worked diligently to ascertain the preference of faculty in all affected units, and the proposal/memo reflects the decisions. **(Report No. 27, 2022-2023)**

VI. University Faculty Affairs Committee, Linda Quinn

Chair Quinn explained the process of bringing proposed bylaws and FPP policy changes to UFAC.

- Proposals may be sent to the UFAC for review;
- UFAC either accepts the proposals or sends them back;
- if the proposals are accepted, they are moved on for presentation at the Academic Steering Committee meeting; the Steering may approve them or send them back;
- if the proposals move on, they are presented at the Faculty Senate for two readings
- if the proposal is not accepted, it may be sent back to the UFAC
- if the proposal is approved, after the second reading, it moves on for public posting and final approval processes.

First Reading – 3344-15-03 regarding University Research Council **(Report No. 28, 2022-2023)**

The changes are consistent with new reorganization.

First Reading was approved.

VII. Undergraduate Student Success Committee, Kevin Mueller

Co-Chair Mueller discussed the Provost's request to review a "D/F/W No Record for First Year Students" proposal that allows Freshman students to have D's, F's, and W's removed from their GPAs. The committee had a favorable review of the proposal. They are working on drafting the policy now for future action.

Provost Sridahr commented on the process whereby these students will receive additional support to retake the class and if a higher grade is earned, the F or W may be removed from the student's record.

Faculty are encouraged to contact the Committee if they have thoughts or questions.

VIII. Budget and Finance Committee, Tatyana Guzman

The University is in the process of development of the new budget. More updates on this will be given in April Senate meeting.

IX. Admissions and Standards Committee, José O. Solá

Ali Martin-Scoufield, AVP Campus Engagement and Dean of Students gave a presentation to the Senate on Academic Integrity at Cleveland State, and encouraged any questions from faculty to be sent to either a.martinscoufield@csuohio.edu or David Haas, Coordinator of Community Standards & Advocacy at d.w.haas@csuohio.edu (**Report No. 29, 2022-2023**)

X. Student Government Association (SGA), Nina Faisal

1. SGA initiative: Free Regalia for graduating seniors of spring 2023- there is a form that the student will need to complete.
2. SGA Townhall update (03/23)- Students were able to share their concerns. They complained about dining hall options. They would like to have more options available and more information about when new dining options will be available.
3. SGA Resolutions- Students would like to have a safe space with printer at odd hours. They would like the technology to be updated.
(Report No. 30, 2022-2023)

XI. Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), Cody Orahoske

1. Graduate Appreciation Week- During the first week of April, there will be events and free food such as an ice cream social and a happy hour. More events are scheduled.
2. GPSA Elections- we need dedicated, qualified graduate students to run for offices.
(Report No. 31, 2022-2023)

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

Provost Sridhar has asked all the Deans to determine if accredited programs could be affected by SB 83.

Regarding the committee on new Core Curriculum, the Provost is grateful for the work they are doing and the committee has generated great ideas.

Regarding the exploration of interdisciplinary merging of our majors. An invited guest expert will be coming on campus to discuss this idea.

The Multi-factor Authentication sign up will need to be completed by April 18. This is in order to authenticate oneself to access Cleveland State information when you are off campus. Please sign up before the 19th and talk with your students.

Teach week is next week. He thanked faculty who opened up their classrooms for visitors. Provosts teaching summit will be on April 9.

On Monday, there will be a celebration for faculty excellence. Please plan to attend to support your colleagues.

Provost Sridhar acknowledged a request by the CSU Retirees Association to activate online faculty profiles for those emeritus faculty who want them. Provost Sridhar indicated that his office is working with IS&T to make this happen.

XIII. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED ON APRIL 26, 2023

Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary