

CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2024, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Venue: Library 331

Senators/Representatives present:

Margot Beckett, Karl Castleton, Kathy Diehl, Ann Gillies, Eli Hall, Kristin Heumann, Deb Kennard, Christopher McKim, Kyle McQuade, Steve Merino, Rhonda Johnson (for Josh Meuwly), Brian Parry, Nate Perry, Markus Reitenbach, Rhema Zlaten

Senators/Representatives Absent:

Stacie Schreiner, Aleena Gomez

Guests:

Laureen Cantwell Jurkovic, Cher Hendricks

Rena Phillips- Recorder

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call by Sign-In
 - a. President Heumann calls meeting to order at 3:30pm
- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from February 1, 2024
Motion: to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from February 1, 2024 (Hall, Seconded Beckett); Motion Carried
- IV. Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve
 - a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes from January 25, 2024
Motion: to approve Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes from January 25, 2024 (McQuade, Seconded Gillies); Reitenbach abstained; Motion Carried
 - b. CMU Tech Curriculum Committee Minutes from January 23, 2024
Motion: to approve CMU Tech Curriculum Committee Minutes from January 23, 2024 (Beckett, Seconded Diehl); Motion Carried
- V. Information Items
 - a. Survey for new evaluation forms
 - i. https://coloradomesa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3yOToe3hQDUHtxs
 - b. Call for nominations for Clinical/Technical Award due February 16.
 - i. May need to do some work to better explain what the nomination requirements are for this specific award. There isn't a clear list of who is listed as a clinical/technical faculty. Parry recommended adding a dropdown section on the nomination form with all clinical/technical faculty listed to help.

- c. Call for presentations for the Holocaust Awareness Series due March 8.
- d. Free speech event, March 11th and 12th.
 - i. Voices for Liberty, Nadine Strossen will be presenting. There will be a faculty reception on March 11th in CTL. Presentation in the UC Ballroom the evening of March 11th. She will be visiting classrooms on March 12th on campus and CMU Tech.

VI. Continuing Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Reports

- a. VPAA Report, Cher Hendricks
 - i. It is evaluation season, so she is busy with that now. Along with the Free Speech Event, the “Dignity in Dialogue,” March 11th, there will also be another individual, Tammy Piper with Unite from Utah present. She is working on the “Dignity Index/Dignity Scale” which is a way to determine that a speech is scaled with dignity in mind.
- b. Faculty Trustee Report, Brian Parry
 - i. 18 faculty members approved for promotion; 11 faculty members were given tenure. Marcus Reitenbach & Stacie Schreiner were two on the Faculty Senate who’ve been given promotion/tenure. CMU Tech, AAS in dental hygiene program is starting Fall 2024, the program will cost about half of what CNCC’s program costs (which costs ~\$40000) and CMU’s will cost approximately \$20000. The program will be housed at Marillac. The 10-year update to the Master Plan is due. The next stage in the Master Plan is the planning portion. The Board of Trustees want to be more proactive in their plans, instead of reactive. Funding overview: \$33 million for all institutions in Colorado (which equated to about \$1.5 million for CMU), response from Higher Ed moved conversations to \$73 million. Even the \$73 million falls short of inflation (which equates to about \$3.06 million). Actual request to be feasible would be a \$131 million more than base budget (which equates to about \$5.5 million for CMU or 11.3%). Bill 1082 being proposed by Rick Taggart in reference to designating CMU as a first-generation student serving institution. Rick Taggart hopes the bill will add a \$25 million increase to CMU’s base budget in the next 3 years. There was a great deal of conversation on the costs of living in Colorado. There was a demographic shared that 47% of renters are spending more than 30% of their income for rent. FAFSA: the Financial Aid packaging from FAFSA has been pushed back to potentially May (which is a big change from the prior packaging timeline of January). The Board is planning on communicating with prospective students that CMU will be “fronting” the funding to get those Financial Aid packets out sooner than May, to encourage students to enroll at CMU. The endowment is \$54 million. We spent about \$10 million on scholarships

(488 scholarships). Capital Campaign for the Theater (\$8 million is CMU responsibility, we have only raised \$1 million so far).

- c. CFAC report, Margot Beckett (Notes on R Drive)
 - i. Met Friday 9th. CDHE has a new Director of DEI, Dr. Gillian McKnight-Tutein. House Bill 22-1215 task force report, the Talent Pipeline Report, and 2023 ROI Report. 76% of Top jobs requiring some type of postsecondary education on training past a high school diploma; 68.7% Colorado's labor force participation rate in July 2023, ranking 5th highest nationally. Colorado ranked 3rd in the nation during 2023 for the best economy according to US News and World Report. Return on investment (graphic), percent of debt in Colorado is going down. The longer one is in their job, the return on investment continues to grow. General Education Committee which looks at transfer agreements, is currently focused on World Languages (formerly called Foreign Languages) and working on getting more first and second semester language courses into GT Pathways to hopefully encourage more students to take world languages (already exist for Spanish/French. The challenge is the difference in 2 years vs. 4 years language requirements and credit hour differences. CDHE Updates: Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Tricia Johnson started on July 10th. Works as a liaison between CDHE and CCHE, and between CDHE and the Governor's Office. Top project is continued work on their response to a cyber-attack that happened last summer. Also doing a deep dive into Title 23, that outlines the duties and mission of "The Commission" (the CCHE) to be sure they are focused on accomplishing their goals.
- d. VP report, Margot Beckett
 - i. No report
- e. Student Government Report, Aleena Gomez
 - i. No report
- f. Executive Committee Report, Kyle McQuade
 - i. No report
- g. President's Report, Kristin Heumann
 - i. Be prepared for longer meetings coming up.

IX. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

(Parry, Seconded Hall); Motion carried 4:30p