

**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016
UC 222**

Senators/Reps in attendance:

Chad Middleton, Josh Butler, Dan Schultz-Ela, Jack Delmore, Lisa Friel, TJ Gerlach, Megan Glynn, Carrie McVean Waring, Elizabeth Sharp, Genell Stites, Sarah Swedberg, Laney Wooster, Aparna Palmer, Anne Bledsoe, Ben Linzey

Guests in attendance:

Kurt Haas, Assist. VP of Academic Affairs; Derek Wagner, VP for Intergovernmental & Community Affairs; Jeremy Hawkins, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair; Holly Teal, Registrar

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN

Meeting was called to order by President Chad Middleton at 3:30pm.
Senators and guests were reminded to sign the Roll Call sheet on the clipboard.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. UCC Minutes (1.28.16)

**Motion: to accept the Consent Agenda as listed above.
(Swedberg/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

III. STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES TO APPROVE

A. UCC Minutes (12.10.15)

Discussion: Jeremy Hawkins, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee was present for questions regarding the minutes.

**Motion: to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes of December 10, 2015.
(Stites/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

IV. APPROVE SENATE MINUTES FROM 2.4.16

Discussion: Senate Secretary Dan Schultz-Ela noted an error of omission in the minutes of February 4, citing a missing “amending motion” pertaining to Item VI.A. “New Business” on page 2. As the missing amending motion affects no significant change to the statement adopted by the Faculty Senate, it was agreed upon by the senators to disregard the amending motion in the meeting minutes and simply note the motion, made by Senator Butler, “as amended.”

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016 with amendments as noted in the discussion above.
(Sharp/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Current Cap on Minors

Discussion: The current cap on minors is two (2) according to Registrar Holly Teal. It was suggested that perhaps the limit to the numbers of minors allowed during the course of pursuing a bachelor’s degree should be four (4).

Motion: to charge the Academic Policies committee with exploring current policy regarding the limit of two minors with any bachelor's degree. (Palmer/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

B. Professional Certificate Requirements

Discussion: Per Holly Teal, in the 2015 course catalogue, professional certificates were separated from technical certificates, but requirements were not specified. It is proposed that the language for professional certificates should reflect the same requirements for conditions, grades, and residency as technical certificates.

Motion: to charge the Academic Policies committee with exploring current policy regarding Professional Certificate Requirements, specifically the minimum residency requirements and the minimum grade requirement.

(Palmer/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

C. Attendance Policy for Online Courses

Discussion: There is no policy in the Catalog regarding attendance in online courses to parallel the policy for classes meeting on campus. Such a policy would allow faculty to drop non-participating students from an online course.

Motion: to charge the Academic Policies committee with exploring the need for an attendance policy for online courses.

(Palmer/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

Motion: to move Item VII.A. forward on the agenda.

(Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

VI. INFORMATIONAL

A. Rural Jump-Start Zone Program, Derek Wagner, VP for Intergovernmental & Community Affairs [Hand-out: "Jump Start Colorado Timeline: January 28, 2016"]

Mr. Wagner reviewed the hand-out distributed to the senators, detailing how the "Jump-Start" program works to stimulate economic development and how it will partner with CMU for internship recommendations and educational programming. Three businesses are already lined up for the area: Colorado Clear, TSW Analytical, and ProStar GeoCorp Inc. Mr. Wagner warned the senators that he may be in contact with faculty members of relevant departments as he hears from companies interested in business development in the area.

Motion: to table Item VI.A. momentarily in order to proceed with the remainder of the meeting agenda.

(Schulz-Ela/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

A. Update from FS President, Chad Middleton

Distinguished Faculty Awards (etc.)

- There are three (3) emeritus-type candidates whose applications have been forwarded to VPAA C. Futhey
- There are seven (7) Distinguished Faculty Award candidates whose applications will be reviewed by eight (8) randomly-chosen anonymous faculty members.

VPAA interviews raised issue (or lack) of "campus communication"

- President Middleton has approached President Foster with the idea of a "State of the Union" address, and he is willing to consider it.
There was a suggestion by ASG representative Linzey that perhaps this presentation might be a collaborative effort with the ASG President.
Senators indicated an interest.

New VPAA Dr. Cynthia Pemberton—characteristic strengths

- President Middleton commented: personable, makes informed decisions, “seasoned fire-fighter” based on experience in administrative position at a previous university
- Secretary Shultz-Ela mentioned: solicits input

B. Draft of Faculty Trustee’s Report, Aparna Palmer

[Hand-out: “Summary of Board of Trustees Meeting” (1/28-29/16)]

Faculty Trustee Palmer reviewed the hand-out. She noted that the board’s discussion of the Rural Jump-Start Program and personnel items were not included in this draft report.

There was a question raised regarding the inclusion the chain restaurant Chick-fil-A as part of the Bookcliff Café remodel. The choice of commercial restaurant is student-driven. This choice is a possibility, though not final. Trustee Palmer agreed to investigate the movement of this particular project.

It was noted, too, how the campus population count fluctuates depending on the source is consulted. All four sabbatical proposals submitted to the board were approved. A final version of the report will be made available to Faculty Senate in the near future.

C. FS Executive Committee report, Dan Schultz-Ela

The Executive Committee met on Wednesday, 2/17/16.

The Office of Institutional Research ascertained that the data supplied in the report by the Faculty Success Committee regarding the Faculty Professional Development Fund was insufficiently measureable and therefore impractical to analyze.

The Faculty Senate statement specific to the Personnel Handbook revisions was met with disappointment by President Foster. He was surprised that the Faculty Senate didn’t want the noted item included in faculty evaluations and yet it would still be grounds for dismissal. Faculty President Middleton and Faculty Trustee Palmer reiterated that the issue was more complex and that the Senate was expressing its concern about the issue.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of February 18, 2016.

(Sharp/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder