

**Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2017  
UC 221**

**Senators/Reps in attendance:**

Johnny Snyder, James Ayers, Dan Schultz-Ela, Josh Butler, Lisa Friel-Redifer, Kristopher Dietrich (proxy for Megan Glynn Zollinger), Arthur Houle (proxy for Darin Kamstra), Chad Middleton, Elizabeth Sharp, Sarah Swedberg, Amanda Gauthier (proxy for Karen Urban), Thomas Walla, Anne Bledsoe, Cody Armstrong

**Senators/Reps absent:**

TJ Gerlach, Megan Glynn Zollinger, Darin Kamstra (sabbatical), Karen Urban, Aparna Palmer

**Guests in attendance:**

Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Don Carpenter, Chair – Graduate Curriculum Committee; Scott Kessler, Chair – Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

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

Meeting was called to order by President Johnny Snyder at 3:32pm.

President Snyder welcomed guests and reminded all present to sign the circulating Roll Call sheet.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (1/26/17)

**B.** Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (2/22/17)

**Motion: to receive the items on the consent agenda.**

**(Ayers/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

**III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES of 2/16/17 MEETING**

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of February 16, 2017 with the amendment noted below.**

**(Middleton/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

Amendment of Item VII.F. – 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet: Change "...that would mean implementation of new health sciences programs for PAs, PTs and **OPs**" to read "...that would mean implementation of new health sciences programs for PAs, PTs and OTs"

**IV. STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES TO APPROVE**

**A.** Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee Minutes (11.16.16)

**Motion: to approve the Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee minutes of November 16, 2016.**

**(Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business to discuss.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to discuss.

## VII. REPORTS

### A. CFAC and VP report, James Ayers

There is no report from the Faculty Senate vice president, however CFAC Representative Ayers notes that the next Colorado Faculty Advisory Council meeting is on Friday, March 10, 2017. He will be attending the meeting remotely.

### B. Student Government Report, Cody Armstrong

Representative Armstrong reviewed ASG business of the last two weeks with the senators. Items of note:

- ASG President Linzey feels the climate on campus does not merit the statement introduced by Senator Swedberg at the last Faculty Senate meeting (see 2.16.17 meeting minutes: Item V.A. “Statement on Immigrant Students”)
- Initiating reconsideration of campus tobacco policy
- ASG meeting on Montrose campus
  - Consideration of sponsoring students for a conference in Washington, DC
  - Review students’ request for a “student life” building on Montrose campus

### C. Executive Committee Report, Dan Schultz-Ela

Vice President of Academic Affairs Cynthia Pemberton discussed the faculty qualifications review. Details of this discussion follow in Item F. below.

### D. Faculty Trustee Report, Aparna D.-N. Palmer

Due to Representative Palmer’s absence, no Faculty Trustee report was presented.

### E. President’s Report, Johnny Snyder

The Bill and Mai Robinson Lecture Fund Committee has met. The inaugural lecture is planned for “Parents’ Weekend” of Fall 2017 term (October 6-8, 2017).

Snyder will be attending a meeting regarding faculty exit interviews tomorrow, March 3, 2017.

Two committees have charges from Faculty Senate: the Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee and the Academic Policies Committee. Snyder will keep senators updated on the status of these charges.

### F. Update from Academic Affairs (Cynthia Pemberton)

VPAA Pemberton reviewed with senators:

- Faculty Exit Interviews are being sent in paper form to faculty members who left CMU last year
- CMU’s policy statement regarding faculty qualifications is being codified to read as “guiding principles,” allowing latitude for department heads to make recommendations for appropriately skilled new hires. This codification will go to Faculty Senate for review and then to the CMU Board of Trustees for approval
- As Academic Affairs Council examines budget scenarios and state funding options, VPAA Pemberton recommends to Faculty Senate that departments scrutinize their curriculum for courses that may be discarded. Shedding inessential courses would free up resources that a department could use to grow in accordance with its academic vision and values.

## VIII. ADJOURN

**Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of March 2, 2017 (Sharp).**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder