

**Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2017  
UC 221**

**Senators/Reps in attendance:**

Joshua Butler, James Ayers, Dan Schultz-Ela, Kristen Hague, Kris Dietrich, Lisa Friel-Redifer, Pam Holder, Darin Kamstra, Kelly Krohn-Bevill, Chad Middleton, Nathan Perry (proxy for Johnny Snyder), Elizabeth Sharp, Sarah Swedberg, Karen Urban, Thomas Walla, Anne Bledsoe, Ben Linzey

**Senators/Reps absent:**

none

**Guests in attendance:**

Timothy Pinnow, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs; Brenda Wilhelm, Tenure and Promotion Ad-Hoc Committee; Scott Kessler, Chair – Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; Scott Vangemeren, Health Sciences; Christi Hein, Political Science/Sociology – (Faculty Senate Minutes Recorder replacement)

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

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

The meeting was called to order by President Joshua Butler at 3:33pm.

President Butler welcomed guests and reminded senators and guests to sign the circulating Roll Call sheet.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Receive UCC minutes from August 24, 2017
- B. Receive Assessment Committee report from 4/4/17
- C. Receive 2016-2017 Year End Report from Assessment Committee
- D. Receive 2016-2017 Year End Report from Library Advisory Committee
- E. Receive 2016-2017 Year End Report from Sabbatical Leave Committee
- F. Receive 2016-2017 Year End Report from UCC
- G. Receive 2016-2017 Year End Report from WCCC CC

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

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

**III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES of 5/4/17 MEETING**

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of May 4, 2017.**

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

**IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE**

- A. Library Advisory Committee Minutes from 4/17/2017  
[Hand-out: “CMU Library Events” for the fall semester]

**Motion: to approve the Library Advisory Committee Minutes of April 17, 2017.**

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

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Increased Benefits for Emeritus Faculty

President Butler recommended that the senators renew efforts to implement increased benefits for emeritus faculty.

**Motion: to charge the Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee to research, review and report on current emeritus faculty benefits here at CMU, specifically addressing how CMU compares with our peer institutions and to other Colorado universities. (Middleton/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

### B. Faculty Thursdays

President Butler addressed the aims of Faculty Thursdays: to create cohesion amongst faculty, provide an opportunity to gather in a convivial atmosphere, share ideas and have fun. Should it continue? Should it become a tradition? What should it look like? Faculty Thursdays are “sponsored;” i.e. funding is provided by various departments and donors solicited by the Faculty Senate president.

**Motion: to charge the Faculty Success Committee with continuing the creative organization of the “Faculty Thursdays” at The Point as an annual project, including recruitment of sponsors and event promotion. (Hague/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### C. Tenure and Promotion Ad-Hoc committee report, Brenda Wilhelm

Wilhelm updated senators on the Pilot Portfolio and her committee’s development of recommendations for Handbook changes. She requested that senators send her any feedback from department colleagues regarding Handbook changes by the end of this month. (The Handbook Committee requires all recommendations by December 1, 2017.) Wilhelm cited the following six areas for review/change recommendations:

1. Pre-tenure review process
2. Departmental guidelines
3. Mentorship standards/process
4. Align tenure and promotion to happen in the same year
5. Develop recommendations for what happens when tenure is denied
6. Standards for early tenure and promotion

## VII. REPORTS

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

CFAC Representative Ayers had nothing to report.

Vice President Ayers is still looking to fill vacancies for various standing committees. Ayers will send an email to department heads and senators soliciting candidates to fill these vacancies. Elections will be held in two to four weeks.

### B. Associated Student Government Report, Ben Linzey

ASG President Linzey updated the senators on a wide variety of student government undertakings. He issued a request to the Senate that faculty members utilize the on-campus services available for special department requirements, rather than go to off-campus vendors. Examples include engaging photographers or DJs who already provide such services to the campus on a regular basis.

He also requested that senators poll/solicit the opinion of department colleagues regarding ASG’s consideration of implanting a campus-wide smoking ban. He would like to revisit this topic at the Faculty Senate meeting of October 5, 2017.

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

Secretary Schultz-Ela had nothing notable to report save that colleague Bette Schans has assumed the title of Director of Assessment and Accreditation Support and should be supported in that role.

**D. Faculty Trustee Report, Chad Middleton**

[Hand-out: “Summary of the Board of Trustees Meeting: August 17, 2017”

Faculty Trustee Middleton shared details of the Board of Trustees meeting of August 17, 2017.

**E. President’s Report, Joshua Butler**

Butler had nothing of consequence to report. The president gave the floor to Senator Holder, who reported the activities of a student service-learning project to assist Hurricane Harvey victims.

**F. Update from Academic Affairs, Timothy Pinnow**

AVPAA Pinnow updated the senators on various Academic Council meeting notes. Highlights include:

- Fall enrollment down a bit; retention is UP!
- Student Showcase (April 20, 2018) is scheduled so that Trustees may attend (they enjoyed it so much last year)
- Overload policy and guidelines are undergoing continuous review
- VPAA will bring to Faculty Senate a proposed charge to the Distance Education Committee to examine and solve online course issues, such as compensation and caps on pay and enrollment

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Before adjournment, Senator Walla provided the senators with a hand-out: “Social Responsibility/Service Learning Summary CMU: Curricular Activities Summary Draft Version Sept. 7, 2017”

**Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of September 7, 2017 (Ayers/seconded).**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder