

Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019
UC 221

Senators/Representatives in attendance:

Johnny Snyder, Kelly Krohn-Bevill, Kristen Hague, Diana Bailey, Josh Butler, David Collins, Michael Delaney, Carmine Grieco, Rick Ott, Benjamin Reigel, Thomas Walla, Suzanne Owens, Brian Parry, Lauren Cantwell, Beau Flores

Senators/Representatives absent:

Lisa Friel-Redifer, Pam Holder, Adam Kluck,

Guests in attendance:

Kurt Haas, VPAA; Scott Vangemeren, Chair–Sabbatical Committee

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder

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

The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Snyder at 3:34pm.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. GCC Minutes, November 13, 2019

B. LAC Minutes, November 11, 2019

C. DFAC Minutes, October 25, 2019

**Motion: to receive all items on the consent agenda.
(Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FROM 11/21/19

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of November 21, 2019.
(Owens/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE

A. Sabbatical Committee Minutes, October 9, 2019

**Motion: to approve the Sabbatical Committee Minutes of October 9, 2019.
(Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: Scott Vangemeren was present at the meeting to answer any questions. Four applications were originally submitted and a late one was recently added so the committee will be late in reviewing it. The number of applications submitted is on the lower end. One explanation for the discrepancy—the committee and the president may have different criteria, but it’s unusual for the president not to follow the committee recommendations. VP Haas clarified that the committee is in an advisory role and the president makes final decisions. When questioned whether process is working well; Vangemeren responded “Yes, and no.” Given the discrepancy last year; the committee has been actively trying to improve its processing. Vangemeren was invited to give a talk in the spring about the process once it’s over.

B. Sabbatical Committee Minutes, November 13, 2019

**Motion: to approve the Sabbatical Committee Minutes of November 13, 2019.
(Collins/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Appoint Handbook Committee Members

Dr. Chad Middleton and Dr. Justin Gollob have agreed to serve on this committee if appointed. VP Haas answered questions about the makeup of the committee and the process for making changes

Motion: to appoint Dr. Chad Middleton and Dr. Justin Gollob to the Handbook Committee. (Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Qualtrics Online Evaluations

The issue of online evaluations came up in the most recent Executive Committee meeting. Does the instrument need updating as we move to online and should we have different evaluations for online vs. classroom? In the past, online participation has been low, but the new system will allow students to complete using their phones. The plan is to create links in D2L to for ease of access in order to increase student participation.

The evaluation will be linked to each student's MavZone and only the student can complete it. This is currently being piloted in the Business and Kinesiology departments. At one point, all evaluations will be online. Other departments should be queried about participating in these pilot online evaluations. Quantitatively, paper versus online evaluations are same across the board. Comment responses weren't compared, so it is not known if students are commenting differently online than they would using paper evaluations. Snyder asks senators to think about evaluation questions we might want to change or review. Haas says it's been at least five years since we last looked at them.

VII. REPORTS

A. CFAC Report, Brian Parry

[Handout: "CFAC Meeting Report, November 8, 2019]

Representative Parry reviewed the handout with senators.

B. Vice President Report, Kelly Krohn-Bevill

No report.

C. Student Government Report

Twenty-five to thirty clubs have been funded by ASG for events around the country. There is still discretionary funding available to assist students.

ASG is reviewing the Grand Valley Transit bus pass issue—that is ridership accessibility versus usage.

Student body presidents from across the state met at Denver University. It was noted at the meeting that there is notable racial unrest on the eastern side of Colorado. Collegiate presidents were looking to standardize student handbooks across the state. CMU ASG declined to take part in the standardization.

The gym on the Montrose campus is now open.

D. Executive Committee Report, Kristen Hague

No report.

E. Faculty Trustee Report, Suzanne Owens

Owens spoke to the Board of Trustees about the latest T2T event; faculty socials and trying to get people more involved/interactive across campus. The board also learned that faculty travel funding was increased from \$600 to \$1,000.

F. President, Johnny Snyder

No report.

G. Update from Academic Affairs, Kurt Haas

The HLC made a site visit reviewing CMU's Veterinary Technology program.

New programs are being developed: an MA in Criminal Justice and an Outdoor Recreation and Industries Program. In-state industries approached CMU about establishing an ORIP, and the Business Department has been consulted about its tenability. It will be housed in Kinesiology. The program will also bring in some more specialized expertise in outdoor recreation.

VIII. ADJOURN

**Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of November 21, 2019
(Butler).**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder