



**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2021
DH 211 and Zoom Meeting**

Senators/Representatives participating:

David Collins, Ben Reigel, Diana Bailey, William Campbell, Michael Delaney, Ann Gilles, Carmine Grieco, Kelly Krohn-Bevill, Kyle McQuade, Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Rick Ott, Suzanne Owens-Ott, Laureen Cantwell

Senators/Representatives absent from participation:

Eli Hall, Adam Kluck, Brian Parry, Johnny Snyder, Logan Taylor, ASG CFO (proxy for Angel Bautista)

Guests:

Eric Watters, Chair—Faculty Success Committee; Jenny Peil, Wellness Speaker Committee; Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance & Administration; Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Carlos Baldo; Assistant Professor – Languages, Literatures & Mass Communication; J. Scott Andrews, Assistant Professor – Communication Studies: Theatre Arts; Megan Henley, Assistant Professor – Social & Behavioral Sciences; Megan Sherbenou Assistant Professor – Biological Sciences; Elizabeth Sharp, Associate Professor –Kinesiology; Holly Teal, Registrar
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recordist

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

President Collins called the meeting to order at **3:34pm**.

Collins requested senators attending in person to sign the attendance roster; the minutes recordist, noted Zoom attendees electronically.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, February 25, 2021

B. Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, March 3, 2021

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

III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2021

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of March 4, 2021.
(Owens/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE

A. Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee Minutes, December 7, 2020

B. Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee Minutes, February 17, 2021

**Motion: to approve Items IV.A. and IV.B. above.
(Bailey/seconded); motion carried unanimously.**

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. CMU Presidential Search, Suzanne Owens-Ott

Owens-Ott updated the senators on the current status of the presidential search. The faculty session for the presidential search, which was very well attended. Recordings of all sessions with various stakeholders will be made available at a later date.

Anyone may provide feedback to the search committee using a form provided on the “Presidential Search” page on CMU’s website. Here is the url:
<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/presidential-search/index.html>

The form is located at the bottom of the page. See “Contact the committee”

B. Wellness Speaker Committee, Jenny Peil

Skip Hudson is being solicited as the first speaker. Peil spoke about Skip’s background, training and approach to wellness. He wants to provide several events to faculty in order for the sessions to be truly effective. There is a cost to the sessions. Academic Affairs would split the cost with Faculty Senate.

Motion: for Faculty Senate to provide one half of the cost (\$375.00) of bringing this wellness speaker to campus.

(Bailey/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

C. Wellness Committee, Budget Item

Brenda Wilhelm has suggested that Faculty Senate purchase a copy of “Burned Out and Overburdened: How to support the faculty,” from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Laureen Cantwell was able to provide the senators with more information about the book. It is only available digitally. A digital copy may only be downloaded 3 times. It is unclear from the publisher’s user agreement/permission forms how it could be shared among all CMU faculty members. While the bulk discount may be generous, it is still costly for the number of copies needed for wide distribution. Further discussion/investigation is needed to determine what is truly viable in terms of providing the greatest number of faculty with the book.

D. Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

No responses to the senate president’s questions about needed updates to the constitution and bylaws amendments have been forthcoming. This issue will be revisited at a meeting in the future.

E. CMU Ceremonial Mace

Haas and Campbell have volunteered to take part in reviewing and selecting a design (or several) for the new ceremonial mace. Proposals will be examined in detail and discussed at a later meeting.

F. Tenure and Promotion Panel, Eric Watters

Watters updated senators on the preparation status of the panel. The Tenure and Promotion Panel will be held via Zoom on April 8th. Participants will be invited to attend an in-person Faculty & Staff Social held at The Point on April 15th. An email will go out to all faculty to promote the panel and social. Watters enjoined senators to encourage their colleagues to attend the social as well.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CMU Volunteer Effort, Laura Glatt

Glatt had a discussion with President Foster about utilizing volunteers on campus.

Questions raised:

- What is the consideration of a community volunteer's incentive for contributing their time and skills on campus?
- What is CMU's quid pro quo with the community?

Examples of volunteerism: "crowd management" at the book store during the first week of classes; serve on groundcrew; fall term "move-in" assistance

The aim is to connect the community with CMU—creating relationships that also engender funding of CMU programs. Automation of a procedure for vetting/fielding/placing volunteers would be developed for making the volunteer process simple and consistent across departments.

VII. REPORTS

A. CFAC Report, Brian Parry

No report.

B. Vice President Report, Benjamin Reigel

No report.

C. Student Government Report, Logan Taylor

No report.

D. Executive Committee Report, Diana Bailey

No report.

E. Faculty Trustee Report, Suzanne Owens-Ott

March 25th is the next Board of Trustees meeting.

F. President's Report, David Collins

The Faculty Trustee is elected in odd-numbered years, serving a two-year appointment. The candidate must be a tenured faculty member. Collins requested that senators solicit tenured colleagues who may want to serve in the position the Faculty Trustee.

G. VPAA Report, Kurt Haas

Haas reviewed the business of online course evaluations with the senators. Academic Affairs are working on a "marketing campaign" to get a better response from students.

VIII. ADJOURN

**Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of March 18, 2021
(Owens-Ott)**

Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder