



**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2022
UC 221**

Senators/Representatives participating:

David Collins, Ben Reigel, Brian Parry, Diana Bailey, Carlos Baldo, Michael Delaney, Eli Hall, Kristin Heumann, Adam Kluck, Kelly Krohn-Bevill, Kyle McQuade, Markus Reitenbach, Tim Casey, Lauren Cantwell

Senators/Representatives absent from participation:

William Campbell, Ann Gillies, Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Salina Edwards/Jay Shearrow

Guests:

Kurt Haas–Vice President of Academic Affairs; Scott Vangemeren–Chair, Sabbatical Leave Committee; Dr. Vincent Patarino–Presenter, HBCU Statement; Dr. James Ayers–PES Department Head

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recordist

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

President Collins called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.
Senators and guests signed in via the circulating roll call roster.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, February 24, 2022
- B. WCCC Curriculum Committee Minutes, February 15, 2022
- C. Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, March 2, 2022
- D. Academic Policies Committee Minutes, March 5, 2022
- E. Academic Policies Committee Proposal for Technical Certificates
- F. Pre-Tenure Committee Annual Report, 2021-2022

**Motion: to receive all items (Items A.-F.) on the consent agenda.
(Baldo/seconded); motion carried.**

III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2022

**Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of March 3, 2022.
(Heumann/seconded); motion carried.**

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE

- A. Faculty Success Committee Minutes, November 12, 2021
- B. Faculty Success Committee Minutes, December 9, 2021
- C. Library Advisory Committee Minutes, October 1, 2021
- D. Library Advisory Committee Minutes, November 15, 2021
- E. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee Minutes, February 17, 2022

**Motion: to approve all (Items A.-E.) of the Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve.
(Baldo/seconded); motion carried.**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Natural Science Essential Learning Requirements, Dr. James Ayers

Dr. Ayers presented a proposal to amend the university's current stipulation regarding the fulfillment of seven (7) essential learning credit requirements across various programs, using Biological Sciences as illustration. The argument for the proposal cites the current procedure for fulfillment of these seven (7) credits in a *reasonable way* does not serve the student's scholastic growth because it limits department input on course selection: The proposal suggests that a program's department be able to specify an assortment of courses to satisfy these requirements in order to best serve the student's academic development.

President Collins reminded senators that this presentation is in preparation for future action—probably at Faculty Senate's meeting on April 21st.

B. Statement in Support of HBCUs (Historically Black colleges & universities), Dr. Vince Patarino

Dr. Patarino proposed a statement representative of CMU's support of HBCUs in response to numerous bombs threats targeting historically Black colleges and universities across the nation.

A draft statement has been crafted by Patarino. He seeks support from ASG and university upper administration as well as other campus agencies and organizations. The intent is to publicize the statement via CMU Now, the Grand Junction Sentinel and other public forums.

President Collins will bring this issue to the next executive committee meeting and prompted senators to bring any additional ideas to the committee or Dr. Patarino. This issue will be put on a future Faculty Senate agenda

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Sabbatical Leave Committee Membership

The rules of membership of the Sabbatical Leave Committee as written on page thirteen (13) in the Policy & Procedures Manual for Faculty Senate Standing Committees needs amending.

Motion: to remove the sabbatical leave requirement as a condition of the Sabbatical Leave Committee's membership.

[“At least one faculty member from each group shall have had a sabbatical from CMU.”]

(Reigel/seconded); motion carried.

Motion Amendment: to add the following to the rules of membership, “Preference shall be given to faculty members who have been previously granted sabbatical leave.”

(Heumann/seconded); motion carried.

Motion: to charge the Sabbatical Leave Committee with investigating the lack of sabbatical leave on campus

(Kluck/seconded); motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. CFAC Report, Brian Parry

No report. Parry is serving his last term as CFAC representative and will need to be replaced.

B. Vice President Report, Benjamin Reigel

No report.

C. Student Government Report (ASG representative absent)

No report.

D. Executive Committee Report, Benjamin Reigel
The executive committee meeting discussion included:

- HBCU statement
- Workload Equity issues

E. Faculty Trustee Report, Tim Casey

Casey noted that Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administration was able to secure a bond with a considerable advantage CMU. She has our gratitude.

He provided a hand-out to senators of the report he presented to the Board of Trustees at the last meeting, “Faculty Service and Shared Governance Summary,” and noted some of its highlights.

F. President’s Report, David Collins

No report.

G. VPAA Report, Kurt Haas

Haas described for senators a new partnership program CMU has with Mesa County Valley School District 51, the Lighthouse Project. CMU students mentor District 51 students as an alternative to the county’s current truancy and youth diversion programs.

He would like to serve as an advocate for sabbatical leave and welcomes senators or faculty members to talk to him about their concerns.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of March 17, 2022 (Baldo/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder