



**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Senators/Representatives participating:

David Collins, Ben Reigel, Carlos Baldo, William Campbell, Michael Delaney, Ann Gillies, Eli Hall, Jill Cordova (proxy for Kristin Heumann), Adam Kluck, Kelly Krohn-Bevill, Kyle McQuade, Markus Reitenbach, Brian Parry, Laureen Cantwell, Jay Shearrow

Senators/Representatives absent from participation:

Diana Bailey, Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Tim Casey

Guests:

Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Denita Weeks, Assessment Committee; Holly Oberle, Social & Behavioral Sciences; Scott Vangemeren, Sabbatical Committee; Carissa Scroggins, Music

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.

The minutes recordist will receive Zoom attendees report from President Collins.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, August 29, 2021

B. Sabbatical Leave Committee Annual Report 2020–2021

C. Faculty Success Committee Minutes, April 23, 2021

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

(Hall/seconded); motion carried

III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of September 2, 2021.

(Baldo/seconded); motion carried

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE

A. Distance Education and Technology Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

Motion: to approve the Distance Education and Technology Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

(Hall/seconded); motion carried

B. Assessment Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

Motion: to approve the Assessment Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

(Campbell/seconded); motion carried

C. Library Advisory Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

Motion: to approve the Library Advisory Committee Year-End Report, 2020-2021

(Baldo/seconded); motion carried

D. Essential Learning Committee Year End Report, 2020-2021

Motion: to approve the Essential Learning Committee Year End Report, 2020-2021

(McQuade/seconded); motion carried

E. Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, April 7, 2021

Motion: to approve the Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 7, 2021 (Reigel/seconded); motion carried

F. Assessment Committee Minutes, April 1, 2021

Motion: to approve the Assessment Committee Minutes of April 1, 2021 (Reigel/seconded); motion carried

G. Essential Learning Committee Minutes, 2020-2021

Motion: to approve all the Essential Learning Committee Minutes of 2020-2021 (Kluck/seconded); motion carried

H. Library Advisory Committee Minutes, March 21, 2021

I. Library Advisory Committee Minutes, April 21, 2021

Motion: to approve Items H and I: the Library Advisory Committee Minutes of March 21 and April 21, 2021

(Baldo/seconded); motion carried

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Faculty Salaries and Benefits Committee Charge Update

President Collins has issued the senate's charge to investigate adjunct compensation. Senator Kluck requested that the committee include adjunct COLA comparisons when gathering information from peer institutions.

B. Health/Wellness Committee Update

The charge voted upon last Faculty Senate meeting has been delivered to the committee by the senate president.

C. Standing Committee Appointments

Collins noted that Jeremy Bergen ran uncontested for a seat on the Academic Policies Committee and was not included on senate's September 2 meeting's standing committees ballot due to an oversight. Mr. Bergen now sits on the committee representing Group B: Computer Sciences and Engineering.

New Department of Music faculty member Dr. Adrián Herrera Escobar is replacing Dr. Christopher McKim on the Assessment Committee. He represents Group C.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. REPORTS

A. CFAC Report, Brian Parry

The first meeting of the academic year was held last Friday.

Representative Parry offered senators these highlights from the meeting:

... CO is dead last in Higher Education funding in the nation. CFAC is in talks with Governor Polis about targeted funding.

... This year measured a very low percentage of students seeking FAFSA—especially among first generation college students.

... Two house bills are up before the legislature

- ◆ #1002 – “Credit for Experience.” Provide post-secondary industry credentials to high school and returning students for transferability to Higher Education tuition-free degree credits. This bill is working its way through the legislature.
- ◆ #1330 – Colorado is to receive 13 billion dollars as part of Covid-19 recovery, to apply to low-income communities hit hard by the effects of the virus. This includes a portion to go towards funding low-income students to finance higher education goals, including first generation college students.

B. Vice President Report, Benjamin Reigel

Aaron Osborne of Academic Affairs administration team is helping with the update of the Faculty Senate website—specifically updating the new members of the standing committees.

C. Student Government Report, Jay Shearrow, ASG President

ASG President Shearrow updated senators on student government active programs and upcoming plans. The Swipe Out Hunger program has been finalized. This is a part of a larger effort to address food insecurity through the hunger-free campus initiatives at the state level. Any faculty noticing a student who is struggling can refer the student to any of the following departments for an e-form.

- : Jennifer Penick, The Pantry, LHH 127, 248-1389, jpenick@coloradomesa.edu
- : Jody Diers, VP Student Services, LHH 441, 248-1366, jmdiers@coloradomesa.edu
- : Student Services, Brooklyn Buhre, LHH 441, 248-1343, bshuhre@coloradomesa.edu
- : President’s office, 248-1498, LHH301
 - Megan O’Neill, moneill@coloradomesa.edu
 - Liz Howell, ehowell@coloradomesa.edu
- : Melissa Calhoon, Office of Student Success, LHH 138, 248-1304, calhoon@coloradomesa.edu
- : Anna Nichols, IRIS, Lowell Heiny Hall, First Floor, 248-1904, annnicho@coloradomesa.edu
- : Brenna Wilkerson, IRIS, Lowell Heiny Hall, First Floor, 248-1926, bwilkerson@coloradomesa.edu
- : WCCC, Kelly Reuss, Bldg B, Rm 103B, 255-2660, klreuss@coloradomesa.edu
- : Anna Walker, Student Wellness Center, RM 198, 248-1601, alwalker2@coloradomesa.edu

ASG requests faculty support of their campus climate survey to be distributed to students in the spring. The survey will collect data to be presented to campus administration for improving CMU. Additionally, faculty support is requested in encouraging students to complete a FAFSA, as Colorado is at the bottom of the list nationally for filing this application. ASG’s aim is to mitigate education debt among CMU students.

Shearrow’s complete ASG report is available on the R: drive.

D. Executive Committee Report, Diana Bailey

No Report.

E. Faculty Trustee Report, Tim Casey

No Report.

F. President’s Report, David Collins

The next senate meeting is three weeks from today. The October 7th Faculty Senate meeting will be held at WCCC and plans are being made to have it catered. Collins will email senators the room number for the meeting as the date nears.

G. VPAA Report, Kurt Haas

VPAA Haas urged colleagues to participate in the Coates book groups to foster campus community discussions. Faculty are encouraged to contact Barry Laga with other ideas for book groups and cross-discipline campus collaboration.

IX. ADJOURN

**Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of September 16, 2021
(Hall/seconded); motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recordist