

CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2023, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Venue: Center for Teaching and Learning

Senators/Representatives present:

Margot Beckett, Karl Castleton, Kathy Diehl, Ann Gillies, Evan Curtis (for Eli Hall), Nate Bachman (for Kristin Heumann), Deb Kennard, Christopher McKim, Kyle McQuade, Steve Merino, Josh Meuwly, Abdulah Bajaba (for Nate Perry), Markus Reitenbach, Stacie Schreiner, Barry Laga (for Rhema Zlaten)

Senators/Representatives Absent:

Eli Hall, Kristin Heumann, Brian Parry, Nate Perry

Guests:

Lauren Cantwell Jurkovic; Dr. Morgan Bridge

Renae Phillips- Recorder

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call by Sign-In
 - a. President Schreiner calls meeting to order at 3:30pm
 - i. October 9th is the Grand Opening for the Center for Teaching and Learning Space.

- II. Consent Agenda

Motion: to accept the Consent approve UCC Minutes from August 31, 2023 (McQuade, Seconded Gillis); Motion Carried

 - a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, August 31, 2023
 - b. Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes, September 6, 2023

- III. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 7, 2023

Motion: to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 7, 2023, with updates (Reitenbach, Seconded McQuade); Motion Carried

- IV. Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve
 - a. Assessment Committee Report 2022-2023

Motion: to approve Assessment Committee Report from 2022-2023 (Beckett, Seconded Meuwly); Motion Carried

- V. Information Items
 - a. Technical/Clinical Faculty Award and 3 new awards approved by President Marshall

 - b. Official charges have been made to DFAC, Salary and Benefits, Faculty Success, and Academic Policies
 - i. Will start working in the upcoming weeks. Do we have a time frame for the DFAC committee? When is the deadline for the nominations for submitting awards? In 2022, Distinguish Faculty Nominations was sent

out September 6th with October 1st deadline with nominee files due November 15th. Ask the committee for recommendations in Spring 2024.

VI. Continuing Business

a. Compensation for Internships

- i. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting since Dr. Hendricks is not available at this meeting.

VII. New Business

a. Dr. Bridge: HLC Site Visit

- i. Discussion: Site Visitors would like to meet with eight or so faculty senators, October 2nd around 10am for no more than an hour on the 2nd Floor of UC (UC221 or UC223) which Dr. Bridge will confirm.

b. Request to have zoom access to faculty senate meetings

- i. Discussion: questions about the ability to secure the use of Zoom to faculty only for use. Options discussed: Zoom link where someone can be on during the meeting; create audio for use for after the meeting; only have the requirement to be present. A Zoom option that can benefit those at Montrose/CMU Tech who cannot be present on campus. Ultimately decided that for this academic year, Senate would encourage in person attendance for meetings.

c. Free speech and civil discourse committee

- i. Discussion: Lauren shared that the committee (Josh Butler, Kate Belknap, Stephanie Rubinstein, Christi Hein, Lauren Cantwell-Jurkovic) have been working on the Pathways to Common Ground which will have a digital badge associated with it that can be added to Linked In (i.e. Civil Discourse Ambassador). Mission is to facilitate civil discourse and free speech on campus from Student, Staff, Faculty, etc. It is a very broad mission. The committee is looking for more committee members, both faculty and staff. Having a vested interest in the purpose is all that is necessary. Wanting to stagger the terms of commitment. If you know of anyone within your department who might be interested in being on the committee, please refer them to Lauren. President Marshall finds high value in this committee and wants to see that it keeps going. The resources have covered food for the last session presented and the latitude has been open which has allowed for committee level decision making power.

VIII. Reports

a. VPAA Report, Cher Hendricks

- i. No report

b. Faculty Trustee Report, Brian Parry

- i. No report

c. CFAC report, Margot Beckett

- i. September 8th was the last meeting via Zoom. Discussed Colorado Commission on Higher Education: “Minimum Value Threshold...” Looking at the cost vs. benefits of higher education. Update to the COSI scholarship (help to reduce barriers to education). Capital projects being funded by CCHE. ChatGPT discussion, work with institutions to figure out institutional policies on use of AI. CDHE update: 1. Proposing to use GTPathways to create a general education credential. 2. OER update: 2023 grant resources are coming out with expanded categories and monies. 3. Discussion occurring around AP and concurrent courses and how they transfer into college. Enrollments are steady or up at many institutions, while others are dealing with challenges.
- d. VP report, Margot Beckett
 - i. Almost all committees are fully staffed. Confirmed Aleena Gomez, ASG President, would be present at today’s meeting however later discovered she went to the incorrect room.
- e. Student Government Report, Aleena Gomez
 - i. Not present
- f. Executive Committee Report, Kyle McQuade
 - i. September 14th meeting with President Marshall and Dr. Hendricks. Discussed the new awards being recommended as well as the Free Speech & Civil Discourse
- g. President’s Report, Stacie Schreiner
 - i. No report

IX. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

(Gilles, Seconded McKim); Motion carried 4:20p