

CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 5, 2023, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Venue: Center for Teaching and Learning

Senators/Representatives present:

Margot Becktell, Kathy Diehl, Eli Hall, Nate Bachman (for Kristin Heumann), Deb Kennard, Christopher McKim, Kyle McQuade, Steve Merino, Josh Meuwly, Brian Parry, Jacob Ongaki (for Nate Perry), Markus Reitenbach, Stacie Schreiner,

Senators/Representatives Absent:

Karl Castleton, Ann Gillies, Rhema Zlaten

Guests:

Lauren Cantwell Jurkovic, Leilani Domingo (for Aleena Gomez), Megan Sherbenou, Robert Cackler, Chad Middleton

Rena Phillips- Recorder

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call by Sign-In
 - a. President Schreiner calls meeting to order at 3:30pm

- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. No items

- III. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 21, 2023
Motion: to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 21, 2023 (Reitenbach, Seconded Parry); Motion Carried

- IV. Information Items
 - a. Distinguished faculty award deadline October 8, 2023
 - i. Please remind everyone in your department about the deadline for nominations. There are already 45 solicitations so far for the Distinguished Faculty and Early Distinguished Faculty Awards.

- V. Continuing Business
 - a. Compensation for Internships
 - i. Reached out to Jeremy Hawkins/Chad Middleton to see if either had updated information, but neither does at this time.

 - b. Technical/Clinical Faculty Award timeline
 - i. Discussion: There is a push to have these awards available for this academic year. Spoke with Cher about having the committee make a recommendation back to Faculty Senate by the beginning of the year. Hope to open nominations back up in Spring to have available for the timeline. There would be a timeline exception for nomination for the 2023-2024 awards but will be added to the same timeline in the Fall

semester for nominations. There is a call for the review committee to be comprised by at least 50% technical/clinical faculty.

VI. New Business

- a. Graduate with distinction for technical and professional certificates
 - i. Discussion: There is a request for graduates graduating with technical or professional certificates to graduate with distinction, similar to associate degrees. This would be an Academic Policy change. Robert Cackler, Registrar, clarified there is a “with distinction” and “high distinction” policy in the catalog which the language has been the same for the last 45 years. For associate degree criteria, a student with a 3.5-3.74 GPA would be awarded “with distinction” and those with a 3.5-4.0 GPA would be awarded “high distinction”. Another question was brought up about the possibilities for graduate certificate students? The request is to have this charge completed by January, so that it can be added to the 2024-2025 catalog.

**Motion: to charge the Academic Policy Committee to review our request (from Academic Affairs and CMU Tech) to add completion with distinction for all Technical and Professional Certificates, following the same GPA requirements currently used for associate degrees.
(Hall, Seconded Meuwly); Motion Carried**

VII. Reports

- a. VPAA Report, Chad Middleton (for Cher Hendricks)
 - i. Received 84 applications for Faculty Professional Development Funds. The committee is recommending/requesting \$120,000. Attempt to get letters out mid-October letting faculty know if they received funding. Academic Policies Committee met on 10/4/23. Salary and Benefits Committee is meeting 10/10/23, Chad Middleton is sitting on the committee as an ex-officio member for Academic Affairs.
- b. Faculty Trustee Report, Brian Parry
 - i. No report. Meeting Homecoming Weekend
- c. CFAC report, Margot Beckett
 - i. No report. Meeting in November.
- d. VP report, Margot Beckett
 - i. All committees are fully staffed and officered.
- e. Student Government Report, Leilani Domingo (for Aleena Gomez)
 - i. Leilani Domingo read an email from Aleena Gomez to the Faculty Senate: Aleena Gomez is at the ASGA National Conference in Washington, D.C. Working with the Real Talk Mental Health Committee and provided opportunities across campus. Homecoming and student engagement are a big focus currently.
- f. Executive Committee Report, Kyle McQuade
 - i. No report. Next meeting next Thursday.
- g. President’s Report, Stacie Schreiner

- i. No report
- h. Update about the Free Speech/Civil Discourse Committee
 - i. There were 13 applications for the committee, and the interest ranged from staff to faculty to technical faculty. The committee expects to accept 3-5 new committee members.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

(McQuade, Seconded Hall); Motion carried 4:12p