



## **CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: October 2, 2025, 3:30 – 5:00pm**

**Venue: Library 331 Conference Room**

**Senators/Representatives present:**

Karl Castleton, Kathy Diehl, Cassie Fenton, Ann Gillies, Eli Hall, Christopher McKim, Steve Merino, Beth Branscum (on behalf of Josh Meuwly), Christine Noel, James Perez, Jenny Radomski, Markus Reitenbach, Megan Sherbenou, Rachel Weinzimmer, Chad Middleton (on behalf of Cher Hendricks), Richard Scott

**Senators/Representatives Absent:** Yen-Sheng Lee, Stacie Schreiner, Leilani Domingo

**Guests:** Mary Jo Stanley, Sonya Hemmen, Blake Bickham, Greg Baker

Renae Phillips- Recorder

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

- II. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 18, 2025

**Motion: to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 18, 2025  
(Reitenbach, Seconded Noel); Motion Carried**

- i. Discussion: None

- III. Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve

- a. Assessment Committee Minutes from October 4, 2024
  - b. Assessment Committee Minutes from November 1, 2024
  - c. Assessment Committee Minutes from December 6, 2024
  - d. Assessment Committee Minutes from February 7, 2025
  - e. Assessment Committee Minutes from March 7, 2025
  - f. Assessment Committee Minutes from April 18, 2025
  - g. Assessment Committee Year-End Report 2024-2025

- i. Discussion: Diehl, there is a typo on all the Assessment Committee Minutes, on the table.

**Motion: to approve all Assessment Committee Minutes and Assessment Committee Year-End Report from 2024-2025  
(Hall, Seconded Castleton); Motion Carried, with update to the one typo mentioned by Gillies**

h. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes from September 25, 2025

**Motion: to approve Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes from September 25, 2025**

**(Gillies, Seconded McKim); Motion Carried**

i. Discussion: None

IV. Information Items

a. Faculty Senate “Office Hours” on October 15

i. Discussion: Reserved EH101 on Wednesday, 10/15/25 at 12pm. Steve Merino, Faculty Senate President and Stacie Schreiner, Board of Trustees Representative will be present. Invite other Faculty Senators to come and encourage faculty to come out for conversations. Hall suggests having a topic to identify conversation.

V. Continuing Business

a. Creation of a new Faculty Senate priority List

i. Discussion: Reviewed the priority list that was added to the spreadsheet. Merino tried to pare down repeated items and organize a bit prior to the meeting. The document being reviewed can be found in the R:\Faculty Senate\Fall Files\Fall 2025 files\Documents for Meeting 2025-10-02\Faculty Senate Priority List Items (Trimmed and Collapsed). Hall reminded us that we need to have an actionable list. Faculty Senate discussed the list from a monetary impact vs. non-monetary impact items. Reitenbach updated the list as the discussion ensued. There are many items left on the list that need to be condensed. Discussion is tabled for next meeting.

VI. New Business

a. Faculty concern about teaching controversial subjects

i. Discussion: President Marshall and Faculty Senate President Merino sent a joint statement via email to faculty about this topic on 10/2/25. Hall stated that he was happy it was sent. Castleton understands that there might not be any political aspect or the current climate on all coursework, but it is important to keep the discussion on the vision/values of CMU.

b. Potential endorsement of new Code of Ethics statement for Tenure and Promotion Committee

i. Discussion: Middleton has been given input on the Code of Ethics statement and has shared he would be open to endorsement on the final

document but really believes the document has been improved by the feedback. McKim does not believe that there needs to be official endorsement as it doesn't seem to be in the purview of the Faculty Senate to do so, however, he appreciates the time and energy that has been put into the statement. Hall believes that if Faculty Senate does give endorsement, to give backing for the statement. Sherbenou agrees with Hall.

**Motion: to endorse the Code of Ethics statement for Tenure and Promotion Committee (Weinzimmer, Seconded Hall); Motion Carried**

## VII. Reports

- a. Provost Report, Chad Middleton (on behalf of Cher Hendricks)
  - i. No report. However, Middleton wants to share his appreciation on the collaboration email/statement that was sent out to the faculty in relationship to academic freedom.
- b. Faculty Trustee Report, Stacie Schreiner
  - i. No report/Not present
- c. CFAC report, Christine Noel
  - i. No report/Not present
- d. VP report, Christopher McKim
  - i. No report
- e. Student Government Report, Leilani Domingo
  - i. No report
- f. Executive Committee Report, Markus Reitenbach
  - i. No report
- g. President's Report, Stephen Merino
  - i. No report

## VIII. Adjourn

**Motion: to adjourn the meeting (Weinzimmer, Seconded Castleton); Motion carried 4:54p**