



CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 17, 2026, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Venue: Library 331

Senators/Representatives present:

Evan Curtis, Cassie Fenton, Ann Gillies, Yen-Sheng Lee, Christopher McKim, Stephen Merino, Josh Meuwly, Christine Noel, Chris Penick, James Perez, Jenny Radomski, Markus Reitenbach, Stacie Schreiner, Megan Sherbenou, Jill Van Brussell, Rachel Weinzimmer, Jeremy Hawkins, Richard Scott, Elijah Lorica

Senators/Representatives Absent:

NA

Guests:

Dylan Bowles, Jennifer Pacheco, Shawnee Sagers, David Medina, Blake Bickham, Jeremy Bergen, Michelle Sunkel, Robert Cackler, Todd McDaniels, Karl Castleton, Chad Middleton, Romana Hughes, Tara Carleo

Rena Phillips- Recorder

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

- II. Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve

- a. End of year reports
 - i. Academic Policies Committee 2025-2026
 - ii. Combined Curriculum Committees 2025-2026
 - b. Committee Meeting Minutes
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee September 2, 2026
 - ii. CMU Tech Curriculum Committee September 8, 2026
 - iii. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee August 27, 2026

**Motion: to adopt the above minutes as a Consent Agenda
(Gillies, Seconded Merino); Motion Carried**

- III. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from September 3, 2026

**Motion: to approve the amended Faculty Senate Minutes from September 3, 2026
(Noel, Seconded Merino); Motion Carried**

- i. Discussion: Update the date to reflect September 3, 2026

- IV. Continuing Business

- a. LMS Evaluation Update – Karl Castleton (Senate Rep) and Jennifer Pacheco

- i. Discussion: Pacheco presented on the recent presentations and the surveys. Ultimately there will be cost savings for CMU, no matter with platform is approved. Faculty perspectives are wide range, but migration will be a huge lift. Student perspectives didn't care which platform to use but ask for consistency on the use of the platform across campus. Stakeholder group met and discussed all information. The recommendation would be to choose Canvas as the platform. Castleton & Pacheco shared that the move to Canvas would benefit CMU as a partnership and provide pricing confidence. Canvas has better access to institutional data and analytics and there is streamlined functionality. There was a discussion on the historical partnership with D2L and pricing. D2L shared a 5-year pricing plan of \$1,188,633.64 and Canvas shared a 5-year pricing plan of \$852,754.98. Gillies asked if there are more opportunities to share feedback, Pacheco stated that she is open to it. There were ~900 students who took the survey that was presented via an announcement on D2L shells. Van Brussell asked what the 1-year overlap looks like. Pacheco shared there would be time to discuss Banner integration and other backend process. The idea would be to go live in Fall 2028 on courses for students. Schreiner asked what does archive looks like, as those programs with accreditation will require many years to access. Pacheco stated that there is a need for us to review the process. What is the export/import from D2L to Canvas lift for faculty? Pacheco shared that the bulk will be done via from the backend with review and additions from faculty. There is a migration of videos with Panopto. Weinzimmer suggests that the Faculty Senators go back to their department to discuss the recommendation, then revisit at the next meeting. Sherbenou asked what the timeline of making the recommendation. D2L contract is through July 2027.

**Motion: to endorse the recommendation provided by the LMS Evaluation Committee, to select Canvas
(Noel, Seconded Reitenbach); Motion Carried**

b. Faculty Senate Priority List

- i. Discussion:

c. Student Learning Outcome (SLO) Reviewer Appointment

- i. Discussion: There has been a joint appointment for the SLO Reviewer Joint-SLO reviewers have been appointed: Romana Hughes and Tara Carleo. Both have experience of working with SLOs.

**Motion: to appoint Romana Hughes and Tara Carleo as joint SLO Reviewers
(Sherbenou, Seconded Van Brussell); Motion Carried**

V. New Business



a. Academic Policies Charge

- i. Health Sciences has provided Erin Donovan's name to be added to the Graduate Curriculum Committee

Motion: to approve Erin Donovan to the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Schreiner, Second: Merino)

ii. CLEP Testing

1. Proposed CLEP Policy

- a. Revised Catalog Entry
- b. Testing Center Statement #1
- c. Testing Center Statement #2

- i. Discussion: Robert Cackler shared the current policy as well as a suggested revised policy for consideration. Merino asked if this is formulizing current practice, which Cackler agreed is the intention. Penick asked what is the difference between the testing center statements? Cackler stated that it is placement. Penick asked why the statement is different; can it be the same? Sherbenou shared that there isn't always a source document, and that this is probably more about creating the source policy

Motion: to forward the Proposed CLEP Policy to Academic Policies Committee for review.

(McKim, Van Brussell); Motion Carried

iii. Policy Review Timeline

1. Charge Request:

- a. The requested charge is to establish a standardized institutional policy review lifecycle and governance framework to ensure all Academic Affairs policies remain current, legally compliant, accessible, and aligned with operational practice.
- b. Specifically, the committee shall:
 - i. Develop a Policy Lifecycle Schedule
 - ii. Formulate Standard Operating Procedures
 - iii. Align with Central Repository Standards
 - iv. Deliverables & Timeline

1. Discussion: Sunkel asked if we can make the process more structured to create timelines, etc. Merino asked if other models have been reviewed. Sunkel stated that they

have been focusing on pulling the policies that are already out there to be updated so that we can create better timeline. Cackler shared that other schools have a centralized database and Sunkel is already working on that as her “Rock”.

Motion: to send this to Academic Policies Committee as written in the policy review timeline.

(Sherbenou, Fenton); Motion Carried

VI. Reports

- a. Acting Provost Report, Jeremy Hawkins
 - i. Overview of who has which responsibilities during this academic year
 - 1. Jeremy
 - a. Work with all academic department heads
 - 2. Chad
 - a. Faculty Success
 - b. Curriculum
 - 3. Michelle
 - a. Student Success
 - b. Program pitch process
 - ii. Working group on course comparability report has been shared with the Leadership Team and Academic Department Heads
 - 1. 11 recommendations came from the report
 - 2. Will share with campus at large once we have a chance to digest it a bit
 - iii. Faculty Professional Development Fund
 - 1. 98 proposals asking for \$277,000
 - a. Increased high end from \$3,0000 to \$5,000
 - 2. Anticipate awarding \$120,000 again this year
 - 3. Committee had initial meeting this morning
 - iv. T&P Committee Manual has been updated to include new handbook language
 - v. Four chapters of Handbook being approved in October and posted at the time
 - vi. AI Policy Working Group held our first meeting this week
 - 1. Working on a series of questions for programs to consider to steel man their programs
 - 2. Information will go back to this group to work through
 - vii. Civil Discourse Working Group to meet next week



1. Time bound re-task of the Dialogue and Free Expression Advisory Board and Essential Speech and Maverick Milestone representation
 - viii. Actively working with Spencer on Overload and Adjunct Pay
 1. Five ADHs are helping with that
 - b. Faculty Trustee Report, Stacie Schreiner
 - i. No Report. Will meet Homecoming weekend
 - c. CFAC Report, Christine Noel
 - i. No Report. Delayed as waiting for more information and reports.
 - d. Student Government Report, Elijah Lorica/Jessalyn Gallegos
 - i. Beer Fest is this weekend. Making progress in filling the ASG House positions. Have been seeing significant increases in financial requests. ASG will review and give it to Board of Trustees with final approval. Working with the Crit to share the financial requests/approvals, etc.
 - e. Executive Committee Report, Rachel Weinzimmer
 - i. Good meeting. Got appointments made. President Marshall shared the EOS that executive administration uses. The executive administration tool has been utilized and looking to move into rolling it down to departments. There has been intentional discussion on faculty pay.
- VII. Adjourn
- Motion: to adjourn the meeting**
(Sherbenou, Seconded McKim); Motion carried 4:39p