



CMU Faculty Senate MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 16, 2026, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Venue: Center for Teaching and Learning

Senators/Representatives present:

Karl Castleton, Ann Gillies, Eli Hall, Yen-Sheng Lee, Christopher McKim, Steve Merino, Josh Meuwly, James Perez, Jenny Radomski, Markus Reitenbach, Megan Sherbenou, Rachel Weinzimmer,

Senators/Representatives Absent:

Kathy Diehl, Cassie Fenton, Christine Noel, Stacie Schreiner, Jeremy Hawkins (on behalf of Cher Hendricks), Richard Scott, Leilani Domingo

Guests:

Chad Middleton, Jennifer Pacheco, Mary Jo Stanley, Margot Beckett, Blake Bickham

Renae Phillips- Recorder

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

- II. Committee Minutes and Reports to Approve
 - a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting minutes from April 9, 2026
Motion: to approve Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting minutes from April 9, 2026 (Hall, Seconded McKim); Motion Carried

 - b. CMU Tech Curriculum Committee meeting minutes from April 7, 2026
Motion: to approve CMU Tech Curriculum Committee meeting minutes from April 7, 2026 (Meuwly, Seconded Weinzimmer); Motion Carried

- III. Approve Faculty Senate Minutes from April 2, 2026
Motion: to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from April 2, 2026 (Castleton, Seconded Gilles); Motion Carried

- IV. Information Items
 - a. Faculty Senate officers for 2026-2027 AY
 - i. Discussion: Merino requests anyone interested in service as an officer, please reach out to him. Hall's term is over, so he suggests inviting anyone who is taking over the next term, should be invited to the May 2nd. (Hall-end of 6th year, Gilles-end of 6th year, Meuwly-end 3rd year, Castleton-end of 3rd year)

- V. Continuing Business

- a. New Faculty Senate priorities
- b. Assessing and improving the Policy and Procedures Manual for Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - i. Discussion: Merino shared the potential need to amend the participation on different committees, e.g. Graduate Curriculum Committee, to provide the best representation from departments. Sherbenou shared that it would be important to have representatives on the GCC, as departments may be affected by decisions made in that committee. Reitenbach suggested that a department who has a graduate program (Health Sciences, Teacher Education, Business, Kinesiology) should be required to send a representative and undergraduate departments can send representatives if the department desires. Bechtell asked if the departments will be providing names for the Faculty Senate to vote on committees and wanted to know if it would be a yearly or 3-year term. Merino stated that Faculty Senate will vote on committee representation from those submitted by the departments.

Motion: to approve updated Policies and Procedures Manual for Faculty Senate Standing Committees (Sherbenou, Seconded Hall); Motion Carried

- c. Updating Faculty Senate's Constitution and Bylaws to reflect changes to PPEH/CHAPS and an opportunity for other changes and updates
 - i. Discussion: Merino shared the updates and other changes. Article 3, Sec. 1. Faculty Senate Membership section was discussed. Sec. 2. Membership and Eligibility were also shared with updates. All membership must have rank to serve.

Motion: to propose these amendments to Faculty Senate's Constitution and Bylaw to be ratified (Weinzimmer, Seconded Reitbach); Motion Carried

VI. New Business

- a. Update on LMS evaluation process from Jennifer Pacheco, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation
 - i. Discussion: Pacheco shared an update on LMS and timeline. The RFP will post in June 2026, for vendor response. Hope to hear from Canvas and D2L as well as other vendors. A short list will be created from the RFP. Vendor demos and feedback will begin in late August/early September. The Stakeholder Committee final review & selection will occur in early October. If a determination is made to switch platforms, contract prep and finalization will proceed by January 2027. Socializing,

support prep, initial configurations will then begin in January 2027 with initial course migration between January to May 2027. Current D2L contract ends on June 30, 2027, and will potentially need to be extended for full migration of any potential new LMS. Castleton asked if the LMS will include actual equipment, data storage or whether it will be more service software only. Pacheco confirmed that the RFP states the need to have all coverage. Radomski asked if we would still retain access of information in D2L if we switched LMS. Pacheco stated that it would need to be backed up, as we wouldn't have access beyond the end of the contract. McKim believes that having someone who is on Faculty Senate appointed to the stakeholder committee is valuable.

VII. Reports

- a. Provost Report, Jeremy Hawkins (on behalf of Cher Hendricks)
 - i. Academic Department Heads have been working on the non-tenure track evaluation process. Intent is to have the process set by May 1st. Academic Affairs will share the process once those decisions are made.
 - ii. Chad Middleton shared the work on the course evaluations and hope to look at that next week.
 - iii. Derek Wagner: May 5th @ 4pm will have a discussion with Colorado Mountain College and Colorado Mesa University.
 - iv. President Marshall has asked Jeremy Hawkins to continue to serve as the Acting Provost through the end of 2026. The provost position will be posted in fall 2026.

- b. Faculty Trustee Report, Stacie Schreiner
 - i. No Report

- c. CFAC report, Christine Noel
 - i. The report is in the R:/ for this meeting date.
 1. There was a survey link from CDHE and CFAC about the reduced credit hour degree. At the most recent meeting, Brad Griffith shared that there were 228 responses as of Friday, 4/10. CMU had 79 responses. The survey is open through 4/24/26 if others want to
 - a. 33% oppose it currently.
 - b. 24% prefer to retain 120 credit hours with exceptions considered.
 - c. 19% support in principle if clear safeguards exist.
 - d. 16% are open to pilots, cautious about broad adoption.
 - e. 8% unsure.
 - f. 18% prefer establishing an intermediate credential between associate and baccalaureate degrees.

- d. VP report, Christopher McKim
 - i. Hashing out committees and redesigning the master spreadsheet.

- 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

(McKim, Seconded Sherbenou); Motion carried 4:26p