



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

To: Cleveland State Faculty Senators
From: Prof. Rachel Carnell, Faculty Senate Secretary
Re: Correcting the Record
Date: 8 March 2022

As Faculty Senate Secretary, I am charged with keeping an accurate record of what occurs at Faculty Senate meetings; I am also charged with drafting the Senate agenda during Steering meetings. In keeping with my responsibility to ensure an accurate record, I am writing to correct several misstatements in an email missive that was circulated to Senators by Senator Ausherman on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

- 1) I begin with Senator Ausherman’s final question, “Why are we not allowed to keep minutes in steering?” The archival record of Steering consists of the final agenda for Senate, produced and voted on in that meeting. There is no Cleveland State precedent for keeping other minutes; the Faculty Senate Secretary is busy during Steering updating the Senate agenda in real time and so is unable to simultaneously take minutes of the Steering meeting itself. However, Senator’s administrative assistant often keeps brief notes on the votes that take place in Steering as she did on February 25, 2022. I have consulted those notes in offering the corrections to the record.
- 2) The motion and vote “to remove” an agenda item which Senator Ausherman refers was not a motion “to remove,” but was a motion “to reconsider” a previous motion to put an item on the Senate Agenda. (The motion “to reconsider,” if passed, as President Krebs explained in Steering, would effectively mean removing the item from the Agenda.) The motion “to reconsider” was moved by a senator who had voted “yes” on the previous motion to introduce this item (a requirement

- 3) On the matter of secret ballots: per Rules, a secret ballot may occur only if a motion for one is introduced and passed. At Steering on February 25, 2022, Senator Ausherman put forth a motion for a secret ballot for her motion to place an item on the Senate Agenda. That motion was discussed, voted on, and defeated. Therefore, there was no secret ballot, and her prepared paper were not used. As to why there was a secret ballot for the vote concerning college reorganization under CSU 2.0 at the April 28, 2021 Senate meeting, that ballot occurred because a motion was made and passed (by voice vote) for a secret ballot that April 28 vote during the March 31, 2021

motion for the secret ballot, mentioned above, was also introduced and approved.

- F. A vote taken April 28, 2021 on the “General Acceptability of the College Reorganization Proposal in the CSU Document,” following 46 minutes of heated discussion with a result of Acceptable – 25/ Unacceptable – 19/ Abstain – 5.
(The separate vote on the “Overall Acceptability of the Entire CSU 2.0 Document” came from a motion from a university administrator at the April 12, 2021 Steering meeting, not from a faculty member.)
- G. A special Zoom meeting (unprecedented at Cleveland State) solely for the faculty of Faculty Senate at noon on January 12, 2022, to articulate concerns about shared governance in the CSU 2.0 process.
- H. A strongly worded Open Letter, dated January 19, 2022, written by the Senate President (with editorial input from the Senate VP and Secretary) to Cleveland State’s president and provost, reiterating ongoing concerns, articulated at the January 12, 2022 meeting, about shared governance and a growing perception among faculty that all the hard work done by them during the pandemic, in keeping the primary function of instruction going on without major disruption, was not being acknowledged by the administration from the disrespect shown during the contract negotiations.
- I. A Senate plan, conceived and reported by UFAC at the February 2 and March 2, 2022 Senate meetings, to allow senators and other faculty opportunity for input to UCC on the specific proposals for forming college structures, was distributed on March 20, 2022, with a final Senate consideration of the UCC summary report due at the April 27, 2022 Senate meeting.

As Senate President Krebs urged in his March 4, 2022 email to Senators: now is the time to offer “your concerns, your suggestions, and your requests” for further Senate procedure “deliberation” and “review” through the process now available to you. In other words, faculty, including senators, may comment on the specific proposals/Teams for re-structuring, using the system that UFAC set up; senators retain their right to comment or propose actions by the means available to them as senators, such as making motions (for votes) in that April 27, 2022 Senate meeting.