

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 7, 2020**

PRESENT: M. Adams, J. Ausherman, C. C. Bowen, W. Bowen, R. Carnell, B. Cavender, B. Conti, D. Davisson, G. Dyer, B. Ekelman, P. Falk, D. Forte, L. Francis, Z. Gao, J. Gatica, D. Geier, S. Gingerich, J. Goodell, D. Hamilton, K. Hamlen-Mansour, C. Hansman, J. Hostutler, Y. Hung, K. Judge, D. Kalir, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, R. Krebs, A. Kumar, J. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, T. Porter, R. Ramier, E. Rauschert, B. Richards, H. Richter, Y. Shen, A. Slifkin, A. Sonstegard, A. Su, R. Tighe, G. Toneff-Cotner, J. Visocky-O’Grady, N. Zingale. A. Ahmetaj, R. Anglin, J. Belovich, R. Betterson, M. Biehl, M. Bond, R. Dunn, S. English, F. Faison, T. Gaspar, E. Grigore, J. Holcomb, Z. Hurd, K. Kahn, E. Lehfeldd, D. Lodwick, E. McKinney, S. Nunley, C. Orahoske, J. Rehm, A. Robichaud, H Sands, S. Zachariah, J. Zhu. S. Kent, M. Schultz-Bergin, A. F. Smith.

OTHERS

PRESENT: M. Bleeke, M. Boboc, C. Bracken, S. Greybar-Milliken, J. Hughes, J. Stimple. Zoom indicated a peak of 213 participants.

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM on Zoom. The agenda was revised--with a motion from Senator Albert “Fred” Smith to add a motion to New Business about a Pass/Fail option--and approved by voice vote. Minutes for April 1, 2020 and September 9, 2020 were accepted by affirmation.

II. Report of the Faculty Senate President

President Robert Krebs reported that CSU had made a good start on CSU 2.0, which has resulted in productive conversations among faculty and about potential college reorganization options. How the ultimate decision will be made is yet to be determined, he observed. President Krebs insisted that outside contract/consultant input not be given priority over faculty input, which is still being gathered. He acknowledged that faculty are worried, that we need to listen carefully to each other, and that we should be careful not to form lobbying cohorts. He also acknowledged the importance of the staff viewpoint.

President Krebs further stressed the need for faculty to keep focusing on our research/creative work, even as we juggle all these extra service responsibilities connected with reorganization. Professor Krebs mentioned, from the vantage of his separate role as chair of the CSU 2.0 task force, that many faculty members are still wondering what the rationale was for starting this process, other than financial considerations. He stressed the need for faculty to have time to digest the solicited input, with almost 300 responses received already this week. Speaking again as Senate President, Senator Krebs mentioned that the curricular and programmatic ramifications are one of the essential pieces of Faculty Senate responsibility.

III. Report of the President of the University

President Harlan Sands began by thanking the faculty for their continued hard work. He referenced President Krebs that reorganizing the colleges doesn’t mean a change or loss in programs. He explained that the CSU 2.0 process involves over 30 faculty just on the academic

and whether it was possible to extend it. President Sands said that one driver was the \$14M budget gap. The second driver, he observed, is that “this sort of effort can collapse under its own weight.” He acknowledged that the big challenge is to focus on things that have the most impact, make the most sense and have the most “buy in.” He requested that “we all work together on opportunities.” He mentioned that comparing us to our peer institutions shows that our administrative costs are too high.

Senator Kumar asked about the types of testing done on campus. VP Faison said we are doing only the more reliable nasal tests. Senator Andrew Slifkin asked about potential costs for college reorganization. President Sands did not have an immediate answer but acknowledged the importance of this desire for specific numbers and reiterated the importance of Senator C. C. Bowen’s request for metrics, without offering any metrics in his reply.

IV. University Curriculum Committee

UCC Chair Marcus Schultz-Bergin introduced the items on the consent agenda.

A. Consent Agenda: (Report No. 8, 2020-2021)

1. DAN 493: Senior Project
2. Music, B. Music
3. SPN 494: Spanish Capstone

These were approved by voice vote.

B. Discussion:

1. Property Management Minor (**Report No. 9, 2020-2021**)
2. Dual Resident Education Program (**Report No. 10, 2020-2021**)

These both passed by voice vote.

V. Admissions and Standards Committee

Senator Albert “Fred” Smith, chair of Admissions and Standards, presented these items, which are detailed in Curriculog.

A. Rust College of Law 3+3 Agreement (Report No. 11, 2020-2021)

Passed by voice vote

B. New Academic Misconduct Procedures (Report No. 12, 2020-2021)

Joanne Goodell introduced a motion to amend the motion from Committee to indicate that the faculty member needs to “communicate” to the student the misconduct either in a meeting or by email. Motion carried by 25 to 17

With the amendment, the procedures passed by voice vote

C. Waiver of the requirement that GRE or GMAT scores be submitted

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with applications for graduate programs that normally require them
for admission in Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 (**Report No. 13, 2020-2021**)

high level of engagement and input. He reassured the faculty that any curricular or programmatic changes will go through the appropriate channels of faculty governance. He followed up with the importance of possible changes to the Spring calendar, which could conceivably start one week later than originally scheduled and eliminate spring break, as a pandemic safety precaution. He concluded by thanking the faculty for their dedication and great work.

IX. Report of SGA (Report No. 17, 2020-2021)

SGA President, Renée Betterson, gave an update on how the SGA is functioning under COVID, most notably with the introduction of a “virtual front desk.” She mentioned a planned student civic engagement rally as well as a month-long effort for students to “make a plan to vote.” She noted that our SGA has partnered with Ohio State University’s SGA to increase sustainability on both campuses. She also referenced the SGA request for an extension of the Pass/Fail option, mentioning the hundreds of students who have encouraged them to bring this option.

X. Report of Graduate and Professional Student Association (Report No. 18, 2020-2021)

President of Graduate and Professional Student Association, Cody Orahoske, reported on efforts to increase student engagement to counteract mental health issues associated with isolation. He also spoke in support of graduate Pass/Fail option with the amendments.

XI. Question Time

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Rachel Carnell
Senate Recording Secretary

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