

FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2023

3:00 PM – Student Center Ballroom, 3rd Floor

PRESENT: **Faculty Senate Officers** A. Kumar and A. Smith; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, M. Baumgartner, J. Bolt, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, B. Conti, V. De Paoli, B. Ekelman, K. Fuller, C. Heyward, C. Kothapalli, E. Lehfeltd, K. Mansour, J. Matthews, B. McClain, P. McGinty, G. Nelson, C. Olszewski, H. Pearson, A. Price, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, H. Richter, J. Sawicki, A. Severson, D. Smith, J. Sola, J. Vitali, R. Whitbred, N. Zawahri, N. Zingale;

IV. Report of the President of CSU

University President Bloomberg began her report with some expressions of gratitude. In particular, she thanked those who were at the Veterans Day recognition event for attending; students with whom she had shared meals for their stories about the profound impact of faculty on those students; and faculty. She also stated that she was grateful for shared governance and its implementation at CSU.

President Bloomberg then discussed the work of the Organizational Resilience and Financial Stability Task Force. She said that in planning for a resilient future, faculty input was needed. She spoke about the need to identify long-term priorities and strategies, and suggested that in planning for a resilient future, the data analysis tools provided by Gray Associates and the recommendations of the Organizational Resilience and Financial Stability Task Force would play a role.

President Bloomberg noted that different institutions appeared to be taking varying approaches to their budget issues. She contrasted the addition of athletic programs at Northern Kentucky University to the closings of some private institutions, and suggested that we might talk about mergers and acquisitions and providing safe landings for students who lose their institutions.

President Bloomberg said that she, the Trustees, and her leadership team were in the process of identifying a higher education consultant, not to make decisions for us, but to help quickly analyze data for both near-term decision making and assessment of longer-term trends. President Bloomberg said that she hoped to pay for such a consultant with outside support and that this approach had been encouraged by the Board of Trustees.

Concerning student actions regarding the ongoing war in the Middle East, President Bloomberg stated that she was proud of students' engagement and that clashes have been respectful. President Bloomberg stated that the role of the University was to enable a respectful place for students to have a voice.

President Bloomberg asked Vice President David Jewell to comment on the University's six-year

- Change the number of minimum required research/thesis credits from 6 to 5.
- The admission requirements are updated to specifically request: (i) official transcripts; (ii) a personal statement; and (iii) 2 letters of reference.
- Electronics Engineering Technology, B.S.E.E.T - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program Change
Addition/deletion of courses: CHM 261 and CHM 266, replace by adding CHM 251 and CHM 256.
- Mechanical Engineering Technology, B.S.M.E.T. - 1080 - Fall 23 – Program Change -
Addition/deletion of courses: Delete CHM 261 and CHM 266 and replace by adding CHM 251 and CHM 256.
- Social Work, B.S.W. - 1070 - Summer 23 – UGRD Program Change – Change in admission requirements
 - Removing Biology requirement
 - Lowering the GPA from 2.2 to 2.0
- Social Work, MSW - 1070 - Summer 23 – GRAD Program Change – Change Admissions Prerequisites
 - Reduce required undergraduate GPA pre-requisite from 3.0 to 2.75 on a 4.0 scale overall.
 - Remove requirement for eight social science courses.
- Health Sciences, MSHS - 1080 - Fall 23 - Program Change – Admission
 - Remove GRE requirement from admission. Add personal statement.
- Special Education (with licensure), M.Ed. - 1080 - Fall 23 – GRAD Program Deactivation
 - This proposal is part of a set of associated proposals that would immediately suspend admissions into the identified program.
- MUS - 498 - Senior Project- Added clarification of course content to comply with new Capstone requirements.
- Marketing Minor - 1080 - Fall 23- UGRD Program Change – addition/ deletion course: add MKT488 to the list of electives.

VI. Budget and Finance Committee

Professor Smith reminded the Senate that university budgets are online and can be found by opening myCSU and searching for “budget”. The Budget & Financial Analysis page will likely be the top ‘hit,’ and all the budgets are avai

Responding to a question that had been posed at the previous Senate meeting, Provost Sridhar stated that the cost of retaining Gray Associates was \$135,000 for the first year and would be \$50,000 for each of years 2 and 3.

In response to a question about how the University was complying with Ohio SB 117, which