

Minutes – May 1, 2023 – 3:05 p.m.

Vance Academic Center, Room 105

CCSU Faculty Senate Meeting

Present: Acharya, K.; Al-Masoud, N.; Amaya, L.; Andreoletti, C.; Best, F.; Bigelow, L.; Boone, N.; Boscarino, N.; Bray, A.; Broulik, W.; Chakraborty, S.; Cole, E.; Donohue, P.; Duquette, J.; Elfant, A.; Fallon, M.; Farrish, K.; J.; Foshay, J.; Foster, P.; Gamache, J.; Garbovskiy, Y.; Givens, G.; Hazan, S.; Horrax, S.; Jackson, M.; Kulesza, M.; Langevin, K.; Matthews, S.; Meng, P.; Mitchell, D.; Moriarty, M.; Nicastro, M.; Ning, W.; O'Connor, J.; Ofray, J.; Orange, M.; Oyewumi, Y.; Paolina, J.; Patterson, Y.; Robin, A.; Rodgers-Tong, D.; Ruhs, T.; Savatorova, V.; Schenck, S.; Schmidt, S.; Smith, R.; Spinelli, A.; Sylvester, C.; Villanti, S.; Zadi, S.; Zhao, S.; Zhou, B.

Ex-Officio: Blitz, D.; Burkholder, T.; Kostelis, K.; Minkler, S.; Mulrooney, J.; Toro, Z.; Wolff, R.

Parliamentarian: Dimmick, C.

President of the Senate: Latour, F.

Guests: Alkabasi, H.; Bantley, K.; Broderick, D.; Byrd Danso, K.; Cintorino, S.; Claffey, G.; Kirby, Y.; Leong, C.; McGrath, K.; Merenstein, B.; Odesina, O.; Pincince, T.; Robinson, C.; Ryan, T.; Shabana, K.; Soper, C.; Suski-Lenczewski, A.; Thompson, T.; Tucker, P.; Vickrey, R.; Wright, C.; Wu, S.; Zanella, D.

1. Minutes

- a. The minutes of April 17, 2023 were postponed for approval to the next meeting.
 - i. **MOTION:** To postpone the minutes of the April 17, 2023 to the next meeting
Motion approved.

2. Announcements

- a. AAUP (T. Burkholder)
 - i. Faculty were asked to continue to contact legislators about the upcoming biennial budget.
 - ii. Events coming up:
 - 1. Wednesday, May 3, Press Conference at the LOB with the 4Cs and SUOAF at 10 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB.
 - 2. AAUP CCSU Chapter leadership elections will happen soon.
 - 3. Wednesday, May 17 – Rally at the capitol in conjunction with Recovery for All at 6 p.m. The event is family friendly.
 - 4. AAUP end-of-semester gathering will be held at Alvarium, from 3-6 p.m. on May 12.
- b. SUOAF-AFSCME (S. Villanti)

- i. SUOAF will host Ted's Steamed Burger Truck on campus this Friday at noon at the Hitchcock Pavillion for SUOAF members.
- c. SGA – Ola
 - i. Updates:
 - 1. The incoming SGA officers for Academic Year 2023-2024 were introduced: Haneen Alkabasi, Logan Palardy, and Luke Deangelis.
 - 2. End of Year report: The SGA was able to accomplish a lot during AY22-23, including club support, the formation of new clubs, additional student scholarships, a food drive to support Maria's Pantry, and providing more exposure to experiential learning.
 - 3. The outgoing SGA President thanked everyone for their support during his tenure. He will be graduating from CCSU in May 2023.
- d. Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to the Board of Regents (D. Blitz)

D. Blitz reviewed the presentation distributed with the agenda which addressed the differences between the Governor's proposed budget, the budget proposed by the Appropriations Committee, and the CSCU 2030 request submitted by the System Office.
- e. President of the Faculty Senate (F. Latour)
 - i. Reminder: There is an Open Forum tomorrow, May 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the Constitution Room. The event is also being livestreamed; an email was sent containing the access link.
 - ii. Nominations are still open for service on standing committees of the faculty.
 - iii. Attention was called to the rebuttal submitted by the CEGT department in response to the report provided by the Task Force on Electrical Engineering discussed at the last meeting.
 - iv. FIRC would like the Senate to comment on the rubrics presented with the agenda.
 - v. There will need to be an additional Senate meeting (either May 8 or May 15) to finish Senate business for the semester. The meeting is likely to be virtual.

MOTION: To put the CEGT rebuttal on the floor for discussion at today's meeting. Motion approved.

The Chair of the Department of Computer Electronics and Graphics Technology summarized the rebuttal.

The interim Dean of the School of Engineering, Science and Technology provided a response to the rebuttal.

MOTION: To accept these conversations as a start to a discussion and to postpone the rest of the discussion to the next meeting. Motion approved.

MOTION: To suspend the rules to move item 6a forward in the agenda for immediate discussion. Motion approved.

6.a Approval of Candidates for Graduation

- i. **MOTION:** Dean Wolff, on behalf of the Ammon College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 candidates for the degrees Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of General Studies, as presented on the graduation list and subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. (Wolff/Best) Motion approved.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Carolyn Soper, on behalf of the faculty of the School of Business, made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 candidates for the degrees Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of General Studies, as presented on the graduate list and subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. (Soper/Best) Motion approved.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Interim Dean Mulrooney, on behalf of the faculty of the School of Education and Professional Studies, made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of General Studies, as presented on the graduation list and subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded (Mulrooney/Best). Motion approved.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Interim Dean Minkler, on behalf of the faculty of the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology, made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of General, as presented on the graduation list and subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. (Minkler/Al-Masoud). Motion approved.
 - v. **MOTION:** Dr. Minkler made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 degree candidates for the Doctor of Education, Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Arts in Teaching, as presented on the graduation list and subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. (Minkler/Jackson). Motion approved.
 - f. Commencement is scheduled for May 12.
3. Elections Committee – Election of Standing Committees of the Faculty – see Senate President’s announcements (e.ii.)
 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Committees – M. Orange

- i. The proposal to establish a land use committee was shared with the Committee on Committees and Chief Operations Officer and there is potential overlap between the proposed committee and the duties of the Chief Operations Officer's office. The Committee on Committees was asked to meet with S. Cintonino, preferably before the next Senate meeting, to hear his concerns and see how this could work. The parties agreed.
- b. Promotion and Tenure Committee – M. Jackson presented the report of the Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- c. University Planning and Budget Committee – A. Bray presented the report of the University Planning and Budget Committee.
 - i. F. Latour said that there was a 2016 list of things that the Senate felt the UPBC should report on, but it was never included in the committee's charter. He suggested that the Senate Steering Committee review that list and discuss it with the UPBC leadership.
 - ii. The FAC representative asked the President of the Senate to ask the Chief Budget Officer or President Toro to make a high-level presentation about the state of the University's budget at the next meeting.
- d. Academic Standards Committee – K. McGrath summarized the report of the Academic Standards Committee.

MOTION: To make the policy changes to the Minor requirements outlined in the committee report. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Graduate Studies Committee – K. Shabana summarized the proposed policy changes and recommendations in the Graduate Studies Committee report.

MOTION: To approve the policy changes as noted in the report. Motion approved unanimously.
- f. Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Senator Duquette presented the report circulated with the agenda, enabling the Senate to create an "interim committee" empowered to consult with the President of the Senate over the summer.
- g. Academic Assessment Committee – Report accepted.
- h. Academic Integrity Committee – Report accepted.
- i. BOR Research Award Committee - No report was included for consideration at this meeting.
- j. BOR Teaching Award Committee – Report accepted.
- k. Committee on Academic Advising – Geena Givens noted receipt of the Task Force's report and the significant time members of the CAA spent conferring with the Task Force. The Senate was asked to endorse the first Resolution and to act on the second Resolution.

MOTION: To endorse the first resolution (Jackson/Foster) – endorse C, D, and E with changes. No discussion. The motion was approved.

MOTION: To endorse the second resolution on PINS (Jackson/Forster). Discussion: The committee was asked to consider a GPA requirement for students not required to obtain a PIN. Motion passed with two Senators opposing.

- l. Community Engagement Committee – Report accepted.
- m. Grade Appeals Committee – Report accepted.
- n. Information Technology Committee – Report accepted
- o. International Education Committee – No report was included for consideration at this meeting.
- p. Library Committee – Report accepted.
- q. Sabbatical Leave Committee – Report accepted.
- r. Student Affairs Committee – Report accepted.
- s. University Athletics Board – K. Bantley shared accolades about CCSU student-athletes in competition, in the classroom, and at many special functions of the university, such as Open House, Admitted Students Day and Registration and Advising Days.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Task Force on College of Health and Rehabilitation Science – F. Latour reviewed the feedback received from individual faculty and departments. A frequent question was cost; K. Bantley reiterated it was not part of the Task Force charge. Fred outlined two options to move the feedback forward: (1) to forward the individual comments to the Task Force or (2) for the Senate to endorse or reject individual points contained in the feedback.

The matter of cost was singled out. At least one department feels it cannot endorse the Task Force report without having cost information. Provost Kostelis offered that there are two parts to this: existing programs that will be moved (cost neutral) and new components that have associated costs. K. Kostelis offered to work with President Toro to draft an implementation plan with cost estimates to share before the next meeting.

MOTION: To forward the recommendations to the Task Force as a whole. Move to amend the motion to add “and to request an implementation timeline with cost estimates from the administration.” (Latour) Discussion of the main motion: no discussion. Motion approved.

6. New Business

- a. Approval of Candidates for Graduation: item moved to the top of the agenda.

- b. Proposal for Department Merge – Anthropology & Geography – This item is informational at this time; it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - c. Athletics Strategic Plan – This will be available at the next meeting.
- 7. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.