

Minutes – October 16, 2023 – 3:05 p.m.

Online through Webex

CCSU Faculty Senate Meeting

Present: Acharya, K.; Adair, S.; Al-Masoud, N.; Arena, J.; Barr, B.; Bigelow, L.; Boone, N.; Boscarino, N.; Bray, A.; Cantor, J.; Chen, E.Y.; Cole, E.; Duquette, J.; Elfant, A.; Emeagwali, G.; Evans Zalewski, S.; Farrish, K.; Foshay, J.; Foster, P.; French, J.; Gamache, J.; Garbovskiy, Y.; Hazan, S.; Hernandez, J.; Hernandez, R.; Holt, R.; Hou, X.; Jarrett, J.; Kapper, M.; Karas, R.; Kean, K.; King, A.; Kullgren, A.; Langevin, K.; Larsen, K.; Lee, C.; Liu, R.; Love, K.; Martin, K.; Matzke, B.; Meng, P.; Meyer, K.; Mitchell, D.; Ning, W.; Ofray, J.; Orange, M.; Paolino, J.; Recoder-Nunez, L.; Rivera, T.; Rogders-Tonge, D.; Salama, T.; Santilli, M.; Savatarova, V.; Schenck, S.; Smith, R.; Spear, B.; Styrzula, S.; Tellier, A.; Urban, D.; Watson, S.; Werblow, J.; Wood, R.; Zhao, S.; Zhou, B.; Zongxiang, M.

Ex-Officio: Alkabasi, H.; Blitz, D.; Burkholder, T.; Frank, L.; Kostelis, K.; Minkler, S.; Talty, P.; Toro, Z.

Parliamentarian: Dimmick, C.

President of the Senate: Latour, F.

Guests: Asante-Ansong, K.; Blair, N.; Bonfiglio, T.; Bucher, L.; Byrd Danso, K.; Dahn, J.; DeVlyder, K.; Jones, S.; Kirby, Y.; Laidley, K.; Logan, C.; McGrath, K.; Mulrooney, J.; Nimo-Agyare, Y.; Pincince, T.; Robinson, C.; Veloria, C.; Votto, S.; Wethje, C.; Wright, C.

1. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Announcements

a. AAUP (T. Burkholder)

- i. Thanks were given to those who participated in the rally last week on the State's funding of higher education.
- ii. Campus Equity Week is next week. Ever since 1999 contingent faculty in U.S. and Canada have designated a week in October as the week to discuss what contingent employment is like.

b. SUOAF-AFSCME (L. Bigelow)

- i. SUOAF Local President Gregg Crerar will be stepping down as Local President on November 4 to take an interim management position within the System. The SUOAF Local Executive Board will meet on October 25 to appoint someone to finish the remainder of his term (one year), as provided for in the AFSCME International Constitution.

c. SGA (H. Alkabasi)

- i. General election and runoff elections have concluded. Results will be announced shortly.
 - ii. The recent Pep Rally was successful; thanks were given to Student Affairs.
 - iii. SGA Committees are working on the following:
 - 1. Social Affairs Committee – election runoff;
 - 2. External Affairs Committee – clothing drive;
 - 3. Academic Affairs Committee – planning a freedom of speech event;
 - 4. Finance Committee – budget proposals.
- d. Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to the Board of Regents (D. Blitz)
 - i. Update from the last meeting:
 - 1. No amended copy of the June Resolution on Budget Mitigation has been made available.
 - 2. Use of June figures are now substantially out of date, yet they continue to be used.
 - 3. There was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting. Starting the meeting was delayed until they found a quorum. D. Blitz volunteered, but instead Joann Ryan, an ex officio member of the Board, was designated as a voting member.
 - ii. D. Blitz presented the FAC Resolution on Principles of Respect, which he has asked to be included in the agenda packet for the next Board of Regents meeting.
- e. President of the Faculty Senate (F. Latour)
 - i. This is a busy time for the Senate. In two weeks feedback is due on the Academic Planning Process. The next Senate meeting may be held in person. Confirmation will be forthcoming in a week's time.

3. Elections Committee

- a. Call for Nominations: Standing Committees of the Faculty: We now have full slates; the call for nominees is closed.
- b. Election of two members of the University Planning & Budget Committee. S. Schenck from the Senate Elections Committee conducted the election for a representative of the part-time faculty and a representative of SUOAF.
 - i. Samantha Seamans-Frizzell was elected to the UPBC to represent part-time faculty.

- ii. Oluwatoyin Ayeni was elected to a SUOAF seat on the University Planning & Budget Committee.

4. New Business

- a. Statement on IT, Office 365 and Part-time Faculty for the CCSU Faculty Senate: K. Kean presented the Statement circulated with the agenda.
 - i. MOTION: To approve the Resolution on IT, Office 365, and Part-time Faculty. Motion passed.
- b. Campus Equity Week: F. Latour presented the proposed resolution circulated with the agenda.
 - i. MOTION: To approve the Resolution in Support of Campus Equity Week 2023. Motion passed.
- c. Further Discussion on Academic Program Planning (APP)
 - i. Information on the APP recommendations were included in a message from President Toro (it was sent by email address Office of the President) sent to the campus community at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, October 13. Toward the bottom of the message is a link to a folder that contains the recommendations from each of the schools and colleges. The message also contains a link to provide anonymous feedback. The Senate will be discussing and delivering its feedback at the October 30th meeting. F. Latour encouraged everyone in attendance to read the four recommendation memos prior the next meeting. R. Smith invited Librarians, Student Affairs, and non-AAUP members to read the proposals and provide feedback since they were largely constructed by members of the teaching faculty.
- d. F. Latour led a discussion on the need to convene *ad hoc* committee to create a policy on department mergers and splits.
 - i. MOTION: To create an *ad hoc* committee on departmental mergers and splits. Motion passed.
 - ii. F. Latour invited volunteers to serve on the committee asking those interested to either indicate so in the chat or send an email to him. Pat Foster, N. Al-Masoud and J. Werblow volunteered. T. Burkholder asked for volunteers from departments who have recently split or merged.

5. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.