

Minutes – December 4, 2023 – 3:05 p.m.

Online through Webex

CCSU Faculty Senate Meeting

Present: Acharya, K.; Adair, S.; Al-Masoud, N.; Arena, J.; Best, F.; Bigelow, L.; Boone, N.; Bray, A.; Cantor, J.; Chen, Y.; Cole, E.; Duquette, J.; Elfant, A.; Emeagwali, G.; Farrish, K.; Foshay, J.; Foster, P.; French, J.; Gamache, J.; Garbovskiy, Y.; Ghodsi, R.; Hazan, S.; Holt, R.; Horrax, S.; Jarrett, J.; Kapper, M.; Kean, K.; Kelly, D.; King, A.; Langevin, K.; Larsen, K.; Lee, C.; Liu, R.; Martin, K.; Matzke, B.; Mealy, M.; Mei, Z.; Mitchell, D.; Nicastro, M.; Ning, W.; Orange, M.; Paolino, J.; Patterson, Y.; Prather, B.; Recoder-Nunez, L.; Rivera, T.; Rogders-Tonge, D.; Salama, T.; Savatarova, V.; Schenck, S.; Smith, R.; Sohn, Y.M.; Spear, B.; Styrzczula, S.; Sylvester, C.; Ward, K.; Wood, R.; Zabihimayvan, M.; Zadi, S.; Zhao, S.

Ex-Officio: Alkabasi, H.; Burkholder, T.; Frank, L.; Kostelis, K.; Minkler, S.; Talty, P.; Wolff, R.

Parliamentarian: Dimmick, C.

President of the Senate: Latour, F.

Guests: Bucher L.; Cintorino, S.; Kirby, Y.; McGrath, K.; Merenstein, B.; Mulrooney, J.; Robinson, C.; Salahuddin, D.; Tully, J.; Veloria, C.; Votto, S.; Wethje, C.; Wright, C.

1. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the November 13th and November 30th meetings were approved.

2. Announcements

a. AAUP (T. Burkholder)

- i. The end of the year holiday social will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 3-6 p.m. in Connecticut Room of Memorial Hall.

b. SUOAF-AFSCME (L. Bigelow)

- i. A SUOAF Holiday Social will be held at noon on Thursday, December 14.
- ii. Last week was the one-year anniversary of when SUOAF argued the Chris Dukes case before the State Supreme Court. We continue to await their ruling.

c. SGA (H. Alkabasi)

- i. Final SGA meeting Wednesday, December 6 in Bellin Gallery at 3 p.m. A blast email statement regarding the recent hate crime on campus will be on the agenda.
- ii. The SGA Winter retreat is in the planning stages.
- iii. Best wishes for finals week were extended to all in attendance.

d. Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to the Board of Regents (D. Blitz)

- i. The FAC plans to oppose a proposed tuition increase for next year. This could have been discussed earlier; it is seen as a last-minute effort after the mitigation plans were submitted and presented to the BOR. The tuition increase proposal will be on the December 5th Finance Committee agenda and the December 14th full BOR meeting agenda. A proposed resolution was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION to pass a Resolution on Tuition/Fee Increases for FY25
(Bigelow/Latour)

MOTION: to approve three modifications. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: to approve the modified Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

e. President of the Faculty Senate (F. Latour)

- i. This is D. Blitz's last meeting as the FAC Representative. He was thanked and appreciated by F. Latour and members of the Senate.
- ii. The University's Holiday Open House is tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

3. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee (N. Moore)

- i. N. Moore the Curriculum Committee Report (round two) that was circulated with the agenda.

- 1. MOTION: To approve the Curriculum Committee Report. Motion passed.

- ii. N. Moore made the following announcements:

- 1. There will be a series of proposals on General Education brought before the Senate in February. The proposals were outlined in the Curriculum Committee Report circulated with the agenda.

b. Bachelor of General Studies (J. Tully)

- i. J. Tully presented the slide deck on the Bachelor of General Studies program that was presented with the agenda.

c. Graduate Studies Committee (L. Jacobson)

- i. L. Jacobson presented the Graduate Studies Committee's Fall report, as circulated with the agenda.

d. CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee

- i. This informational report was accepted.

4. New Business

a. Approval of Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 candidates for graduation

Dean Wolff made a motion to approve the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 degree candidates for the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Bachelor of General Studies of the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences as presented on the graduation list, on behalf of the faculty, subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. Motion approved.

Interim Dean Frank made a motion to approve the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 degree candidates for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of General Studies of the School of Business, as presented on the graduation list, on behalf of the faculty, subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. Motion approved.

Interim Dean Talty made a motion to approve the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 degree 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 candidates of the School of Education and Professional Studies, as presented on the graduation list, on behalf of the faculty, subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. Motion approved.

Dean Minkler made a motion to approve the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 degree candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of General Studies of the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology, on behalf of the faculty, as presented on the graduation list, subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. Motion approved.

Dr. Tully made a motion to approve the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 degree candidates for Doctor of Education, Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Sixth Year Certificate, Master of Science, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Business Administration, Masters of Arts in Teaching & Master of Arts on behalf of the faculty of the School of Graduate Studies, as presented on the graduation list, subject to their satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Proposal for Faculty Senate Guidelines on Departmental Mergers and Splits

- i. Sen. P. Foster presented draft Faculty Senate Guidelines for Department Mergers and Splits. The proposal creates an internal set of guidelines for the Senate, similar to the P&T guidelines, that are not binding on the administration but should be helpful in addressing foreseeable issues before changes are made. He also acknowledged the effort of everyone on the ad hoc committee.

MOTION: to approve the proposed Guidelines.

MOTION: To amend items #4 and #8. Motion passed.

MOTION: to approve the Guidelines, as amended. Motion passed.

5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.