

**Minutes – September 9, 2024 – 3:05 p.m.**

**VAC 105**

**CCSU Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Present:**

**Senate President:** Adair, S.

**Senate Vice President:** Smith, R.

**Senate Secretary:** Bigelow, L.

**Parliamentarian:** Latour, F.

**Senators:**

Acharya, K.; Aguilar, J.; Al-Masoud, N.; Bigelow, L.; Boscarino, N.; Bray, A.; Cantor, J.; Clay, E.; Contrata, A.; Day, B.; DeMauro, N.; DeSavage, H.; Farrish, K.; Foshay, J.; Foster, P.; Garbovskiy, Y.; Jacobs, C.; Kaczmarek, M.; Larsen, K.; Leonidas, E.; Mahony, M.; Matzke, B.; Nicastro, M.; Orange, M.; Prather, B.; Rivera, T.; Rojas, R.; coggins, M.; Seamans, S.; Schenck, S.; Shahid, N.; Spear, B.; Sterling C.; Styrzczula, S.; Tellier, A.; Wang, H.; Ward, K.; R.; Zabihimayvan, M.; Zadi, S.; Zhao, S.; Zhou, B.; Zongxiang, M.

**Alternates:**

Adams, A.; Duquette, J.; Ginter, V.; Grant, L.; Gunter, M.; Huang, Y.; Lee, W.; Paolino, J.; Smith, J.; Sogurno, S.; Sohn, Y.; Turenne, L.; Williams, T.

**Ex-Officio:** Burkholder, T.; Frank, L.; Jackson, M.; Kandiah, J.; Kostelis, K.; Minkler, S.; Talty, P.

**Guests:** Bantley, K.; Bucher, L.; Byrd-Danso, K.; Claffey, G.; Destefani, J.; Hines, J.; Kirby, Y.; Merenstein, B.; Mulrooney, J.; Pincince, T.; Tucker, P.; Votto, S.; Wethje, C.

1. Modification of agenda to include DEC Exceptions under New Business. No objections.
2. Minutes - The minutes of April 29, 2024 were approved as amended. (Larsen/Foster)
3. Introduction of Senators – Senators and Alternates of the 2024-2025 Senate, as well as ex officio members and guests in attendance introduced themselves.
4. Announcements
  - a. AAUP (T. Burkholder)
    - i. A Welcome Back and New Faculty Welcome Social will be held on Friday, September 13 at 3 p.m. in the Connecticut Room of Memorial Hall.
    - ii. An assembly has tentatively been scheduled for October 16 to look at contract proposals, which are due to the BOR October 1. The BOR will submit their proposals to AAUP at the same time unless there is a request for a delay. Priorities will be discussed at the assembly.

- b. SUOAF-AFSCME (L. Bigelow)
  - i. SUOAF is hosting an Ice Cream Networking Social for union members on Thursday, September 26 from 2-4 p.m. in the Barnard Hall Community Room.
  - ii. The next SUOAF Chapter meeting is on Friday, September 20 at noon on Teams.
- c. SGA (L. Palardy)
  - i. No one representing the SGA was present at the meeting to give announcements.
- d. FAC (M. Jackson)
  - i. M. Jackson presented the report circulated with the agenda.
  - ii. The next FAC meeting is Friday, September 13. The BOR chair is expected to attend.
- e. Senate President (S. Adair)
  - i. F. Latour has agreed to serve as Senate Parliamentarian.
  - ii. Elections held in the Spring and Summer 2024 were challenging in that there was not a full slate for some of the available seats. One election is for Senators only; the other goes out to the full faculty. One election missed sending ballots to 8 senators. A special election so that those 8 senators could vote took place the week ending August 23. One committee had a change in membership because of the special election.
  - iii. An election for the Promotion & Tenure Committee needs to be conducted by the end of September; there will also be several other committee seats on the ballot.
  - iv. On the Spring/Summer election that went out, it was under Samantha Schenck's name, but she was not responsible for the oversight in distributing the ballots to Senators.
  - v. Last year the Senate established the Writing in the Disciplines Committee. It was determined to be an open membership committee. There was a subsequent definition of membership; F. Latour will send the membership roster to S. Adair.

## 5. Elections

- a. Elections Committee - The following six members of the Senate were nominated to serve on the Elections Committee for AY24-25: Foster, P.; Schenck, S.; Shahid, N.; Zadi, S. Al-Masoud, N.; Ning, W.

Motion to close nominations passed. Motion to appoint these members to the committee passed.

- b. Constitution and Bylaws Committee – The following 3 members of the Senate were nominated to serve on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for AY24-25: Latour, F. (Parliamentarian); Seamans, S.; Jacobs, C.

Motion to close nominations passed. Motion to appoint these members to the committee passed.

- c. Committee on Committees – The following 3 members of the Senate were nominated to serve on the Committee on Committees for AY24-25: Orange, M.; Bray, A.; Prather, B.

Motion to close nominations passed. Motion to appoint these members to the committee passed.

- d. Committee on Appointments and Personnel - The following 3 members of the Senate were nominated to serve on the Committee on Appointments and Personnel for AY24-25: Foster, P.; Spear, B.; Al-Masoud, N.

Motion to close nominations passed. Motion to appoint these members to the committee passed.

- e. Committee on Academic Freedom - The following 3 members of the Senate were nominated to serve on the Committee on Academic Freedom for AY24-25: Matzke, B.; Leonidas, E.; Larsen, K.

Motion to close nominations passed. Motion to appoint these members to the committee passed.

- f. Charge to the Elections Committee: S. Adair gave the charge to the Elections Committee to conduct Fall 2024 Elections:
  - i. Promotion and Tenure Committee
  - ii. List of Standing Committees of the Faculty that need members elected so that representation aligns with the new school/college structure. L. Bigelow to forward list to the Elections Committee.

## 6. New Business

- a. DEC Exceptions:
  - i. MIS: Cistulli, M. (Marketing)
  - ii. Music: Pudlinski, C. (Comm); Soper, C. (Economics)
  - iii. DNAP: Jackson, M/ (Biology); Brewer, C. (Philosophy)
  - iv. Counselor/Student Wellness: Patterson, Y. (Social Work); Rojas, R. (Social Work); Donohue, P. (Counselor Education & Family Therapy)
  - v. World Literatures, Languages and Culture: Gigliotti, G. (English)

Motion to approve (Foster/Burkholder) passed unanimously.

7. President's Report (S. Adair) – all of #6 was under the president's report except DEC.
  - a. Information Technology Committee: There are seven faculty from CLASS are on the ITC when there should be six because three were elected in Spring when only two should have been elected. To fix this, either the person with least votes from CLASS can be removed from the committee or the Senate can enact the special provision in the Bylaws to allow an extra person to serve. Motion: To enact the special provision (Foster/Al-Masoud). Motion carried. (Surpassed the 2/3 vote required.)
  - b. Ad Hoc Committee on Generative Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity. This committee does not yet have a charge, but developing a policy university on how AI is used in the classroom requires a lot of input because AI means different things to different people. Many colleagues are wrestling with challenges related to IA. The charge will not be to propose policy, but will encourage the committee to seek out how things are happening elsewhere and to offer venues for exploring this topic further (i.e., speakers brought to campus, cross-committee work, etc.) Volunteers should express interest by emailing S. Adair. He is also accepting suggestions for the charge and membership. He is hoping to have that ready for the next Senate meeting.
  - c. Senate Steering Committee: S. Adair noted that a couple of members are still needed. A provisional membership has been identified and will be put forward at next week's Steering Committee meeting. This will come to the full Senate at the next meeting.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.