

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
NOVEMBER 4, 2020

PRESENT: M. Adams, J. Ausherman, C. C. Bowen, M. Bowen, M. Buckley, R. Carnell, B. Conti, D. Dason, A. Dixit, G. Dyer, B. Ekelman, P. Falk, D. Forte, L. Francis, Z. Gao, J. Gatica, D. Geier, S. Gingerich, D. Hamilton, K. Hamlen-Mansour, C. Hansman, J. Hostutler, Y. Hung, D. Kair, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, A. Kumar, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, K. McIntyre, T. Porter, R. Rær, E. Rauschert, B. Richards, Y. Shen, A. Slifkin, A. Sonstegard, A. Su, R. Tighe, G. Toneff-Coer, J. Visocky-O'Grady, N. Zingale. A. Ahn, R. Anglin, J. Belovich, M. Biehl, M. Bond, C. Faison, L. Fisher, T. Gaspar, Grigore, J. Holcomb, K. Kahn, E. Lehfeltd, D. Lodwick, E. McKinney, C. Ornoske, H. Sands, H. Shaheen for R. Betterson, S. Zachariah, J. Zhu. M. Rubado, M. Schultz-Bergin, A. F. Smith.

OTHERS

PRESENT: M. Bleeke, M. Boboc, D. Bruce, S. Gyar-Milliken, J. Stimple. Zoom indicated a peak of 180 participants.

I. Approval of the Agenda for the November 4, 2020 Meeting

Called to order at 3:01P.M. A motion to approve the agenda was moved.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2020

Senator Chieh-Chen Bowen moved to amend October 7 minutes to include a fuller statement of a question she posed to President Sands in that meeting.

The motion and the amended minutes were approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate President

President Bob Krebs announced that Vid Under, longtime CSU employee and Administrative Coordinator for the Faculty Senate, will be retiring, and Jane McCrone has accepted a part-time administrative assistant position in the Faculty Senate office.

He mentioned that reports from the CSU 2.0 task force are due to be released to the campus soon, and noted that the Task Force specific to college organization is meant to provide options to the administration, and will not affect final decisions. He reported that the Board of Trustees Financial Affairs Committee had met earlier in the day, and that while the financial stress facing the university is not as severe as we feared, we still face budgetary constraints that will require belt-tightening. He voiced support to avoid cutting faculty and support staff.

He observed that the university may not enroll as many colleges as we have had, in part because the demographics of first-year, first-time students in the region are declining. He also urged our administrative leadership to think carefully about past precedents. For example, in previous

college restructuring instances, changes have been primarily faculty-driven, and where procedures are not specifically governed in bylaws, past-precedents should be followed.

IV. Report of the President of the University

President Harlan Sands noted that our fall semester enrollment has declined slightly, but that other universities in Ohio are facing much steeper declines. He thanked the faculty for everything they are doing to help to retain students, including working together with student leadership to approve a new policy to allow students an expanded Pass/Fail option.

President Sands remarked on the current COVID-19 protocols in place on campus seem to be working well, and he hopes that they continue to be effective through the rest of this semester and spring semester. He acknowledged that this year has been challenging on all fronts, but that there have also been faculty and student successes to celebrate, some of which were included in the recent State of the University

B. Professor Smith introduced a motion to

Continue the temporary Spring/Summer 2020 rules concerning academic standing for Fall 2020 through Summer 2021, for undergraduates only.
(Report No. 22, 2020-2021)

He acknowledged the challenges that faculty have been facing under current teaching conditions and mentioned that there will be administration consideration when making workload assignments to provide needed resources.

Provost Zhu closed his remarks assuring Senate that CSU 2.0 planning is being conducted with the best interests for future institutional growth, and improved efficiency, which will allow the university to be in a stronger financial position going forward.

IX. Report of the President of SGA (Report No. 25, 2020-2021)

SGA Vice President Hana Shaheen reported about the successful “Vike the Vote” student event October 30. She also mentioned a new student-led initiative to encourage sustainability efforts by posting photos of individual or group initiatives both on- and off- campus; the SGA is working on this with CSU Sustainability Director, Jennifer McMillan.

X. Report of Vice President, Graduate and Professional Student Association
(Report No. 26, 2020-2021)

GPSA Vice President Cody Orahos reported on various graduate student social events that were scheduled, noting that it has been difficult to engage graduate students to extra-curriculars during the pandemic. The group is planning a professional development session to help graduate students learn to present themselves more successfully on Zoom.

XI. Question Time – [occurred after New Business inadvertently]

Senator Sanda Kaufman asked for an update on the COVID Dashboard—which President Sands and VP Faison pointed out was live and updated regularly. Senator Meagan L Harless posted the link to the chat feature (<https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/dashboard>).

XII. New Business –

- D. Senator Bill Bowen moved a Resolution Recognition of Violet Lunder – [attached]
(Report No. 27, 2020-2021)

The Resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON DECEMBER 2, 2020
Professor Rachel Carnell
Senate Recording Secretary