



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021

PRESENT: **Faculty Senate Leadership** R. Krebs, G. Dyer, and R. Carnell; **Faculty Senators** J. Ausherman, W. Bowen, C.C. Bowen, M. Buckley, B. Conti, D. Davisson, B. Ekelman, P. Falk, D. Forte, L. Francis, Z. Gao, J. Gatica, D. Geier, S. Gingerich, J. Goodell, D. Hamilton, K. Hamlen-Mansour, C. Hansman, Y. Hung, K. Judge, D. Kalir, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, A. Kumar, M. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, K. McIntyre, T. Porter, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, B. Richards, H. Richter, Y. Shen, A. Slifkin, A. Sonstegard, A. Su, R. Tighe, G. Toneff-Cotner, J. Visocky O’Grady, and N. Zingale; **Corresponding Members** A. Ahmetaj, R. Anglin, J. Belovich, R. Betterson, L. Fisher, T. Gaspar, E. Grigore, K. Kahn, E. Lehfeltd, E. McKinney, S. Nunley, C. Orahoske, A. Robichaud, H. Sands, S. Zachariah, and J. Zhu; **Ex Officio Limited Members** W. Bowen, J. Goodell, A. Gosselin, S. Kent, J. Marino, W. Matcham, K. McIntyre, S. Patterson, M. Rubado, M. Schultz-Bergin, J. Sola, and A. Smith.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Zoom indicated a peak of 225 participants.

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:00.

Approval of the Agenda for the March 3, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Senator Carnell to add “HLC Self-study for Re-accreditation Update” to agenda, was approved by voice.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 3, 2021; accepted by acclamation with no changes.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate President

Robert Krebs

President Krebs recommended to faculty that they should provide their students information about protocols in case of any zoom bomb event; he recommends ending the session immediately and emailing students a new link in order to resume class.

Senator Krebs also reminded Senate committee chairs that annual reports of Standing Committees are scheduled to be distributed by March 31.

He announced Senators Gary Dyer, Beth Ekelman, and David Forte will serve on the special nominating committee for the position of Faculty Senate Vice President; all interested senators should contact one of them. In addition, an electronic committee preference sheet for other faculty service opportunities will be available next week and all faculty will be sent a notice.

Ms. Betterson closed her report with an update on the end-of-year tree dedication recognizing the

From engineering, a question about lab assistants whose hiring by new faculty members was postponed because of COVID-19; Provost Zhu responded that extensions for use of start-up funds will be arranged.

Also asked was when the CSU 2.0 process will be sent to the Senate and UCC for their advisory role and any vote in any college reorganization process; it was noted that there is a long precedent of a faculty advisory vote about any such college reorganization. Provost Zhu suggested that the UCC could consider offering input when the proposal is announced, but stressed the importance of keeping the process moving.

Another question related to possible new categories for faculty achievement and how they will affect tenure review descriptions in the CBA or the various college guidelines. Provost Zhu answered that a task force should look into recommendations. A question on any tuition increase for next year received notice by Provost Zhu that this was still being decided.

XII. Report of Graduate and Professional Student Assn. Cody Orahoske

GPSA Vice President Orahoske reported on partnering with the athletic department to support the women's and men's basketball teams, and a joint effort with SGA with campus information tabling events. He senses increased student optimism that campus life will soon return to normal and is enthusiastic for the in-person commencement ceremonies scheduled for May.

On behalf of international graduate students, VP Orahoske expressed concern about the costs of health insurance. The GPSA is also exploring ways to address the possibility of revising GA, TA, and RA contracts to be year-round to avoid the 6-week annual salary gap in the summer.

XIII. CSU Foundation Board Vickie Gallagher

As faculty representative to the Foundation Board, Professor Gallagher spoke about the efforts to fundraise for student scholarships, particularly the Radiance event. This year's Radiance scheduled for May 6 will be held remotely.

XIV. Question Time

Questions were posed regarding CSU 2.0 retirement incentives, the UCC and Senate's advisory role with college reorganization, University support of the Zoom platform and prevention of Zoom bombing, and the use of and associated costs for outside contractors.

XV. New Business

There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON MARCH 31, 2021

Professor Rachel Carnell
Senate Recording Secretary