

Chicago State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes of Meeting of November 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 p.m.

Attendance: Justin Akujieze, Phillip Beverly (presiding), Judith Birgen, Emmett Bradbury, Sarah Buck, Miguel Fernandez, Monique Germain, Kathleen Haefliger, Tonya Hall, Janet Halpin (recording), Aref Hervani, Soo Kang, Ann Kuzdale, Bryon Martin, Paul Musial, Vincent Osaghae, Brenda Pruitt-Annisette, Alesia Richardson, Virginia Shen, Elizabeth Wittbrodt.

Regrets: Robert Bionaz, Patrice Boyles, Troy Harden, Douglas Thomson, Chyrese Wolf (at Budget Committee mtg.). Additionally, numerous senators indicated they would be tardy due to their presence at the rescheduled University Assessment conferences.

Guests and Visitors: Angela Henderson, Academic Affairs; T. Bernie Rowan, Academic Affairs; Valerie Goss, Chemistry; Phillip Cronce, UCCC; Shaila Christofferson, GenEd; Rich Darga, Library and Info. Serv.; Devi Potluri, Biology/legislative liaison; Liz Osika, Information Sciences; June Price-Shingles, SEPR

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the Faculty Senate meetings of August 25, September 8, and October 6 2015 were presented for review and Approval.

Moved by Senator Jason Raynovich, seconded by Senator Tonya Hall

Yes 11 No 0 Abstain 2  
Minutes approved.

Senator speeches: No senators rose to speak

Visitors:

Provost Angela Henderson reported that a request was sent to faculty to serve on the Faculty Excellence Awards committee.

Academic Affairs has posted to its website information regarding international Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement test credit information for incoming students.

Student registration started on November 2. It opened early because other schools are open early, and CSU does not want to lose potential students.

Assessment Coordinators conference is taking place today (rescheduled from last week).

HLC work is ongoing. Those interested in accreditation may join close to 100 people university-wide working already, and need maximum faculty participation. There will be a town hall meeting in the future to share information.

Committee Reports:

**UCCC:** Dr. Phillip Cronce reported that University Curriculum Coordinating Committee (UCCC) met Oct 27. The new General Education program was unanimously approved with some

qualifications. The committee was impressed with provision of open meetings to introduce and explain, and with the report. The curriculum action was approved without amendments. UCCC was assured that no unapproved un-assessed (GenEd) courses were included. They strongly encourage the GenEd committee to review with disciplines that their courses are offered every semester, and that an updated list be made available.

Moved by Jason Raynovich, seconded by Senator Virginia Shen to approve the new General Education Curriculum. Discussion ensued:

Q to PC for clarification re encouraging committee not to entertain changes unless absolutely necessary. A: changes should be done on GenEd calendar when necessary, but not at “whim” of disciplines.

yes 11 no 2 abstain 0. Motion carried.

Further comments from Professor Christofferson: The program now now immediately moves forward to Academic Affairs, Provost Office.

Q: Is it true that Math was removed from Critical Thinking requirement? If so, professional program students will now have zero electives, in order to meet program as well as GenEd requirements. A: Math does not use natural language as the basis for what would satisfy critical thinking. (Similar thinking had been made by GenEd committee several years ago.)

Q Will course reviews happen regularly? A: a call for proposals will now be issued to meet the six outcomes. First needed to see how existing or proposed courses fit into that. The 6 outcomes will be easier to track and collect data.

Q: What is the process from GenEd committee approval of a course to GenEd Assessment Committee (GEAC). A: GEAC was actively involved from the beginning. Large number (100s) of courses available for GenEd. It would be preferable to have a smaller pool of courses. Another issue is that CSU is a bit low on state requirements for IAI transfer.

Q : How often should this type of process occur? This one was prompted by HLC. Also, there are changes in IAI that we must meet. If too many courses are no longer offered, we may need to open the opportunity for new courses. There is no specific time line.

**Legislative Update:** Dr. Potluri provided a legislative update. He is preparing a short handout, which will be distributed separately, and appended to the minutes.

**Academic and Student Affairs:** Senator Sarah Buck provided an updated version of bylaws. There was no meeting in October. Committee was supposed to meet with VP Enrollment Management but due to a scheduling conflict the meeting did not occur. They will meet next Tuesday (Nov. 10) Major item on agenda will be AP scores and their equivalent for incoming students. Committee is looking for representatives from Pharm and CHS. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Library Committee:** - Senator Soo Kang reported that while there is still no budget, the university system has preserved IShare, current acquisition budget. Library 20% down from last year. CSU is trying to work with other universities to share resources. Possibly there will be an

increase of student involvement fee. Pushing for open access for instruction, online texts. They are planning a workshop for March. Senator Kang was reelected as chair of the Library Committee.

**Social Committee:** Senator Tonya Hall is chair (hopefully co-chair) of reinvigorated social committee. The committee will organize Faculty Senate get togethers, social events, in order to relax, talk, eat. Wants folks to join the committee. A signup sheet to serve on the social committee was circulated.

First event is a dinner party at Franconello, 10222 S. Western, in the Beverly neighborhood. Sign-up sheet coming around indicating Saturday January 9, 2016 5:00 p.m. if you would like to attend - sign up. We will collect during December FS meeting. You must pay in advance if wish to attend. (Senator Judy Birgen mentioned possible attendance of incoming CSU President T. Calhoun). A signup/interest sheet was circulated.

Senator Raynovich will hold the money; it will be about \$30 per person. He will accept cash or PayPal (to him as friend or family). There will probably be a flat rate per person.

**EXCOMM:** has met twice since last Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Raynovich reported the highlights of the meeting

1. bulk of first meeting was to initiate a social club and decide to have a dinner, hope to reenergize faculty
2. fix matrix: please comment and add suggestions. Dr. Calhoun must be apprised of what we would like him to focus on
3. enrollment projection for spring 4200
4. action item to revisit interim positions in administration. Interim appointments should be 12 months. If wish to extend, they could formally request the extension.
5. what should happen in transition. One commonplace process is that administrators serve 'at the pleasure of the president' With a new president, the recommendation is that each administrator tender a letter of resignation, and president reviews them and makes decision to retain or to accept the letter of resignation. Recommend that chairs and deans of faculty areas should do so.
6. curriculum: friendly reminder re senior thesis, and review all issues of curriculum and faculty concerns. CAPP issues.
  - Curriculum should be the purview of the provost/academic affairs; however, the current provost does not have experience
  - UCCC has never received from CSU a university-wide senior thesis policy. The only senior thesis requests that were seen by UCCC were those presented by individual disciplines.
  - there is also no freshman seminar policy, but CSU mandated it.
  - Need to reiterate to him that we need a Provost to handle the academic affairs issues. He should be aware, but not involved.
7. Senior Thesis
8. Recommendation for forensic audit
9. Contract negotiation team update.
10. Faculty Senate committees should collate their minutes and notes at the end of the AY and submit summaries/highlights at least. They would be accepted as the committees' report, and submitted to CSU Archives.

Moved by Jason Raynovich, seconded by Senator Emmett Bradbury  
Committees to submit reports on past year's activities to the April meeting, and those shall be  
record of their activities for the Academic Year

yes 20 no 0 abstain. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Senator Aref Hervani opined that "corruption is not specific to the President's office, but also has  
found its way to the Bookstore" (sic). He observed that there is 50% markup on books. Senator  
Hervani indicated that had raised this issue in previous academic year, AY 2014/15. It still has  
not been addressed. Faculty President Beverly will add it to the action item list.

Announcements:

Next regular meeting of Faculty Senate will be Dec 1, 2015, NAL Auditorium  
Board of Trustees Dec. 11, 8:30 in NAL Auditorium  
Commencement Dec. 17  
Grades due Dec. 15  
Thanksgiving Nov. 27  
Veterans day Nov 11

58 days until New Year's Day and new president

New Business:

Social Committee now has 6 members, and 10 will definitely attend the social event on January  
9, 2016. Senators should confirm their attendance by next meeting. Tonya Hall will send out a  
reminder and other information. Senators should confirm ASAP.

Senator Judy Birgen moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Senator Janet Halpin  
Professor of Geography