

Chicago State University Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

12:30-2pm via Zoom

Present: Patricia Steinhaus (President), Valerie Goss (Vice President) Sarah Buck (Recording Secretary), Gabrielle Toth (Corresponding Secretary), Ahmed Abu Fayyad, Alesia Richardson, Eddy Gaytan, Hafeez Faridi, Michael McNicholas, Mohhammad Salahuddin, Olanipekun Laosebikan, Robert Richter, Rupa Potti, Sarah Austin, Soo Kang, William Jason Raynovich, Byung-In Seo, Judith Bergin, Yashika Watkins, Pancho McFarland, Jubilee Dickson

Guest: Provost Leslie Roundtree, Kristy Mardis, Gayle Porter, Deborah Harper Brown, Tatjana Petrova, John Chern

- A. Call to order 12:35
- B. Approval of December Minutes 12:30-12:35
- 1) McNicholas moved to approve December minutes, Goss seconded > motion carries with one abstention
- C. Provost's Report to the Faculty Senate 12:35-12:55
- 1) Working on options for on campus Covid testing using community partners (e.g., Roseland Hospital). Residence hall was screened last week. Vaccination currently in Phase 1b. This does not include higher education faculty. IL university presidents have notified the Governor of this oversight. CSU is working with community partners to vaccinate select campus groups, such as faculty/staff working on campus, residence hall staff, or students out on clinicals. Let Kim Tran or Aleshia Terry know if you are in a select group.
 - 2) Transitioning Wellness Center to an Advocate Health Center. During transition phase, will be using center at 95th and Cottage Grove. Hope to have full opening of center in March. Will provide expanded services to students, provide employee health, and have cost saving measures for CSU. Money for upgrades has come from general funds and from Wellness Center funds.
 - 3) Planning for fall. Covid task force is being reconvened. Most universities are planning on bringing students back. CSU will have multiple plans in place. An inoculation policy will be discussed with guidelines from the State of IL and the federal government. EEOC (at this time) says CSU can require it for employees, but not for "customers". A CSU marketing/education campaign for vaccinations has already started.
 - 4) Enrollment = slightly over 2400 at 10 day count. Fall at this time was slightly over 2600. New marketing will be coming out for fall, including publications. Another census count to come after special session starts next week.
- D. Standing Committee Reports

- 1) Executive Committee 12: 55-1:00
 - Update on Shared Governance
 - Faculty Senate Committees
 - a. Projects in spring semester include continuing the Shared Governance discussion.

- b. Ad Hoc Research Committee meeting 2/4 at 10. A Zoom link will go out today.
 - c. If you are a member of a Senate committee, please be an active participant.
 - d. Note that Senate committee Chairs are supposed to be Senators, per the bylaws.
 - e. In March, departments will be notified if their Senators are up for (re-) election. Note that due to reorganization of various departments, Senator affiliation will be affected
- 2) Technology Committee 1:00-1:04
- a. Suggested to have mandatory student technology training
 - b. Although initially there were Moodle trainings available in Moodle at the beginning of the semester, these trainings have since disappeared. Committee will investigate how many students took advantage of the trainings.
 - c. It was suggested the Technology Committee put out an email blast about the Moodle Training available to students and to have faculty encourage the students to take it.
- 3) Shared Governance Committee 1:04-1:07
- a. SG Committee and Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be meeting 2/5 with Provost and President to review results of survey from Shared Governance meeting last December
 - b. Concerns were raised that the timing of the breakout rooms was too short to be effective as well as what will be done with the information that was shared out after the breakout rooms
- 4) Rules and Operations Committee 1:07-1:12
- Senate vote on Committee Chairperson eligibility
- a. Raynovich moved to approve motion of having the Library Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee run an election to either confirm the current Chair through spring 2021 or change leadership, McNicholas seconded > motion carries with two abstentions
 - b. Raynovich moved to approve motion of UCCC having an election to confirm current Chair through spring 2021 or change leadership, Steinhaus seconded > motion carries with 13 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain
- 5) Library Committee 1:12-1:14
- a. No report
- 6) Curriculum Coordinating Committee 1:14-1:16
- a. Not scheduled to meet in February because it overlaps with the University Assessment meeting.
 - b. Please submit your materials quickly to prevent backlogs in April/May
- 7) Buildings and Grounds Committee 1:16-1:18
- a. Regular meeting was postponed
 - b. Working to get Tree Campus status back. Hope to have a plan in place by the end of the semester
 - c. JDC pool planning has significant issues. Steinhaus will take this problem to the Provost's Council.

- 8) Board of Athletic Advisors 1:18-1:20
- a. Men's basketball season cancelled
 - b. New Athletic Department staff members, including around academics
- 9) Academic Affairs 1:20-1:32
- a. Buck moved the following: "It is being proposed to have a university-wide meeting sponsored by the Academic Affairs Committee (and facilitated by the Academic Affairs Chairperson) that would include faculty and the relevant administrators in order to discuss processes and outcomes of cut session", McNicholas seconded > motion passes unanimously
- E. Ad Hoc Research Committee 1:32-1:42
- Upcoming meeting Thursday February 4th at 10:00 am
- 1) Institute for Research on Urban Populations exists under Dr. Kanis
 - 2) Committee purpose has been drafted, which is to define the framework and identify the necessary supports for establishing a collaborative process for research across the university (paraphrased)
 - 3) Committee looking for others to participate in the process
- F. Report from UPI 1:42-1:48
- 1) Union is working toward getting faculty reclassified as 1b for vaccinations. Please sign petition that has been emailed.
- G. New Business or Old Business 1:48-1:52
- 1) McNicholas recommended to name Dr. Bob Szyman an Honorary Grand Marshall for graduation, Toth seconded > motion passes with two abstentions
- H. Senator Comments/Speeches 1:52-2:00
- 1) McNicholas: make the time to celebrate accomplishments of colleagues
- I. Adjournment 2:00