

Chicago State University Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804387862>

Present: William Jason Raynovich (President), Yashika Watkins (Vice President), Gabrielle Toth (Corresponding Secretary), Leslie Roundtree, Leslie Baker- Kimmons, Gabriel Gomez, **Anser Azim, Amzie Moore, II**, Asmamaw Yimer, Austin Harton, Byung-In Seo, Deborah Harper Brown, Gayle Porter, **J Patterson**, Jubilee Dickson, Karen Witherspoon, **Liefu Jiang**, Nicole Lavalais, Nicole Mathews, Olanipekun Laosebikan, Oscar Rodriguez, Walid Al-Ghoul, Mohammad Newaz, Saleem Abuleil, Sarah Austin, Soo Kang, Eddy Gaytan

A. Call to order 12:31

B. Agenda 12:32-12:33

a. Approval of Agenda

i. Gomez moved to approve agenda as amended, Watkins seconded > motion approved by unanimous consent

C. Approval of March Minutes ([May 2023](#)) (Rec. Sec.)

a. Gomez moved to approve minutes, Watkins seconded > motion carried with 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention

D. Senator Comments/Speeches

a. None

E. Provost Report (Dr. Roundtree)

a. CSU Childcare Center is open and has a new director, April Rhodes. There are 8 kids now in the Center, but plan to open a 2nd classroom to accommodate more kids. The afterschool program will be available by the end of September.

b. Dr. Nayshawn Mosley is directing the Student Success Taskforce. Their initiatives include an early warning system.

c. The Illinois Articulation Initiative – legislation passed and effective January 2024. All state universities to accept 4 major courses coming from community colleges. Need more members for panels. Need to identify 4 courses within our Departments. Form 13 will be used as transfer guides for community colleges. Contact Tanya Sobosan in the Provost’s Office to serve on a panel.

- d. The rumor is true that the Provost is retiring. A search firm and search committee are being pulled together to attain a new Provost.

F. Enrollment Management Update (VP Rodriguez)

- a. Excited to attend as at his previous institution,
- b. 10 day census on 9/1/23 – enrollment has increased as an institution by 1% driven mostly by undergraduate enrollment, which is up by 5%. This year, 21% increase of 1st year students, up 22% for transfer, 249 new transfer students, 217 new 1st year students. Down overall for graduate and professional students. Specifically, down 25% for doctoral and down 57% for professional students.
- c. CSU tend to be older, but data is trending to slightly younger. Newer students want different engagement. For example, students want a financial aid advisor, academic advisement, faculty or departmental contact. Need to be included in a more structured manner.
- d. Restarting a few committees and ad hoc committees in enrollment management and will need Faculty members to serve on these. Enrollment management committee will meet 3x a year and will discuss how current dynamic impacts enrollment.
- e. Final ask, if you are interested in referring prospective students, reach out to me (orodri21@csu.edu) for contact cards and for proper

G. CTRE Update (Dr. Jackson Bartlett)

- a. Ed Tech Update – updates and streamlining to students evaluations.
- b. Access evaluations within LMS. Data will be accessible via Moodle, but also traditional amounts. Will be able to download evaluations directly into your portfolio.
- c. LMS – due to AI and cost; something that we can use; Packback – can use AI to assist with teaching and learning. It can provide real time coaching to help students with their writing.

H. Abilities Office

- a. Vision for CSU to become more inclusive and more disability friendly.

- b. Need to be intentional about including our students. Maintain confidentiality and do your best to not exclude students.
 - c. Accommodations are renewed every semester. A new letter should be sent every semester. Faculty should not coordinate their own accommodations.
 - d. Acknowledge the accommodations letter, but if there is something that doesn't quite fit, please feel free to reach out (nmathe21@csu.edu) to have the accommodations be specific to the course.
 - e. The process is digital, so letters will be sent via Adobe Sign.
- I. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Summer Faculty Senate Committee (Pres. of Faculty Senate)
 - i. General AI statement
 - 1. Approved in collaboration w/Provost. This has been included in the syllabus template.
 - 2. Need to refine the AI statement as it was an initial statement.
 - ii. Vote for Summer Faculty Senate Committee Report – 14 yes, 0 no, 5 abstentions
 - iii. Look @Appendix C, Dr. Seo 1st, Dr. Austin seconds to accept Appendix C. Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions
 - b. Executive Committee (Jason)
 - i. Faculty Senate Constitution & Bylaws – need to respond to President
 - ii. Co-Chair Provost Search – 5 nominations (3 nominated appropriately : Moussa Ayyash, Mohammed Newaz, Leslie Baker- Kimmons)
Dr. Lavalais – Professor Toth motioned to second her nomination. Dr. Seo & Moore seconded it. Action item: to include Dr. Lavalais to be on the ballot for the Faculty Senate representative on the Provost Search Committee. Passes 15 yes, 1 no, 4 abstentions. Ballots will go out.
 - c. Rules and Operations Committee
 - i. Elections, closed at 12:29pm today
 - 1. Committees- elections delayed for positions due to strike

2. Results: close election results (11 for Austin, 9 for Watkins, 8 for Moore) with 4 candidates
3. IBHE and 3 positions on ROC
 - a. Professor Toth: Maybe have all 4 candidates rise to ROC. Motion: Moves that Senate accepts all 4 candidates for election for ROC to allow for junior faculty members; Dickinson 2nd it, 10 yes , 4 no, 5 abstentions
 - b. This is the 1st issue for the committee after they elect a chair

J. Old Business

- a. Action Item: Department Chair Policy – need to review
 - i. Contact Dr. Raynovich if your department has not been assigned a person
- b. Dr. Raynovich sent an email about ROC training for Faculty Senators. Each Senator as a right to make speeches, object, make action items.
 - i. A survey has been designed. Final draft will be ready 5/5 and will send to colleagues next week. Report out at September meeting

K. New Business

- a. None

L. Adjournment

- a. Toth moved to approve adjournment, Seo seconded > approved 1:56

Appendix F

Faculty Senate List: [Senate 2023-2024 List](#)

Senate Seats :

Department faculty elect

Group 3: Term for 2020-2023. A subsequent election will occur in March 2023 for a term which will extend from 2023-2026	
Department:	
SocialWork	1
ArtandDesign	1
Education Studies	1
English&ForeignLanguage&Literature	2
Music	1
Management,Marketing&InformationS ystems	1

Rules and Operations Committee:

Faculty Senate elects

Group 2: Term for 2022-2025. A subsequent election will occur in May 2022 for a term which will extend from 2022-2025
Senator
Group 3: Term for 2023-2026. A subsequent election will occur in May 2023 for a term which will extend from 2023-2026
Senator
Non-Senator

Academic Program Elimination Review Committee:

College faculty elect

Group 3: Term for 2023-2026. A subsequent election will occur in May 2023 for a term which will extend from	
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2023-2026	
Seat:	
Education	1
Health Science	1
Pharmacy	1

Honorary Degree Committee:

University Faculty elect.

Three seats

University Personnel Committee:

College faculty elect

Group 3: Term for 2023-2026. A subsequent election will occur in March 2023 for a term which will extend from 2026-2029	
Library and Instructional Services	1