

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024

University Center 260 and Microsoft Teams

11:15am to 1pm

Attendees (senators denoted in bold): Adam Kubik, Adam Tate, Ade Thompson, Adel Novin, Alexander Hall, Allie Reece, Aloysius Amin, Amber Bradberry, Amirrah Beeks, Amy Black, Andrea Jacques, Angela Hollis, Anna King, Anthony Hannah, Anthony Stinson, Antoinette France-Harris, Antoinette Miller, Antwan Aiken, Arianne Adams, Ashlee Spearman, Asia Hauter, Aubrey Dyer, Barbara Hennie, Brenda Carr, Brian Goldman, Brianna Vick, Bridgette McDonald, Brigitte Byrd, Byron Jeff, Carin Lightner-Laws, Carol White, Caroly Walcott, Cassandra Parker, Ceimone Henderson-Strickland, Cephas Archie, Charles Henderson, Charlie Harris, Chen-Miao Lin, Chizara Jones, Christie Burton, Christina Grange, Christopher Kodani, Christopher Stotelmyer, Clint Edmunds, Comfort Obi, Connor Wright, Craig Hill, **Crystal Marchant**, David Brown, David Gilbert, Davide Greenebaum, David Pena, **David Plaxco**, **David Williams**, Deborah Davis, Denise Allen, Dennis Attick, **Dennis Miller**, Derrick Vanmeter, Devon Ellis-Grant, Diane Day, Don Stansberry, Drew Brandon, Dwayne Hooks, Ebrahim Khosravi, Eckart Werther, Elicia Collins, Elizabeth Taylor, Elizabeth Tillman, Elliot Krop, Elnora Farmer, Emanuel Abston, Emily Surber, **Eric Bridges**, Erica Dotson, Erica Gannon, **Erin Nagel**, Eugene Ngezem, Evelyn Blanch-Payne, Everett Sullivan, **Everod Davis**, Feechi Hall, Francine Norflus, Fredrick Bloom, George Nakos, Georj Lewis, **Hae Ryong Chung**, Heather Hutton, Jacob Chacko, Jada Mitchell, Jamal El-Amin, James Pete, J. Celeste Walley-Jean, Jelinda Spotorno, Jennie Bergen, Jennifer Harris, Jere Boudell, Jesse Zinn, Jessica Conrad, Jillian Morgan, Joe Johnson, Joey Helton, John Meyers, John Phelps, Jonathan Harris, Joshua Meddaugh, Jungeng Qu, Justin Spurley, Kamran Moghaddam, Karen Young, **Kate Cotter-Reilly**, Keith Driscoll, Keith Miller, Kelli Nipper, **Ken Nguyen**, Kenja McCray, Kevin Demmitt, Kimberley Campbell, Kimberly Campbell, Kirill Sheyerman, Kitty Deering, LaKeisha Levy, LaSonia Espino, **Larry Menter**, Latasha Adams, Lila Roberts, Linda “Joie” Hain, Lou Orchard, Lisa Holland-Davis, Lou Orchard, Louisa Catalano, Marcia Bouyea-Hamlet, Marcia Butler, Margaret Thompson, Mario Norman, Marko Maunula, Marla Cineas, Mary Lamb, Matthew Carter, Matthew Sansbury, Matthew Smith, Md Rokonuzzaman, Melanie Poudevigne, Meri Stegall, Mesa Davis, **Michael Lindsay**, Michelle Furlong, Miles Thompson, Monay Sanders, Muhammad Rahman, Naquilla Thomas, Narem Reddy, Nasser Momayezi, Nayab Hakim, Nichelle Gause, Nick Henry, Pamela Gordon, Patricia Roberts, Patricia Smith, Patrick Coleman, Paul Melvin, Pinar Gurkas, Rebecca Gmeiner, **Rebecca Morgan**, Reginald Porter, Richard Bell, Robert Vaughan, Ronda Hughes-Oguagha, Rosann O’Neill, Royal Baxter, **Samuel Maddox**, Sandra Pisenno, Sanjay Lal, Sara Harwood, Scott Stegall, Shannon Cochran, Shannon Montgomery, **Sharon White**, Sharrell Porter, Sheryne Shouthard, Shontelle Thrash, Shuju Bai, Spenser Emerson, **Stacey Reynolds**, Stephanie Bennett-Walker, Steven Anderson, Taralyn Keese, Tashira Jones, Terence Malloy, Terry Appleberry, Todd Janke, Tuni Acosta, Ursula Gordon, Victoria Foster, Vivian Padin-Irizarry, Xueyu Cheng, **Augustine Ayuk**, and over a dozen “Unknown Users”

1. **Introduction of senators.**—Online only.
2. **Approval of minutes.**—None to approve.
3. **Remarks and Q & A, Dr. Georj Lewis, President of Clayton State University.**—Updates from the capital: The amended FY24 budget passed the house last week. Some of the items included restoration of cut, etc. This still needs to pass the senate. Updates coming soon. House began appropriation hearings for FY25 last week. The higher ed committee meets on Wednesday. We continue to have Down center funds included in our FY25 budget. Some legislation we're tracking: HB1050 related to licensure of professional counselors may affect our counseling/psychology majors; HB1124 completion grant; sb 390 libraries related; bills related to sports betting, tuition reimbursement, etc. Concerning budget updates--we had a significant discussion last week, nothing beyond that. Dr. Carol Moore just started today virtually, she will be on campus next week. The report is being finalized and the steering committee's April 11th strategic plan is moving from creation to implementation. Enrollment for spring 24 is up 4% up heads and 3% credit hours. There are 47 student currently enrolled in next wave. Homecoming week is this week. The compressed work schedule was announced today and Rodney Byrd will be having a meeting about how that will work for anyone with questions. Hopefully this will help us cut back on utilities without impacting campus activities as much as possible. In conjunction with Toshiba we have new copiers coming in, this started last week.

All copiers? Implementation will occur every Friday until finished. 4-6 copiers a week; total of 36.

Do we need to update log in for copiers? New devices in on Friday; following Monday Tuesday there will be work with the departments to get things sorted.

Looking to answer the questions from last Wednesday: a lot is pending, many questions about vacant lines, etc. less than a handful of retirements and of the faculty lines there are 11 that are vacant. He will get with Nick and share the exact answers in writing.

4. **Introduction of Dr. Carol Moore, Interim Provost, and Vice President of Academic Affairs by Dr. Georj Lewis**—Just a moment to give some words, but not able to attend.
5. Sub-committee reports, as needed.
 - a. **University Curriculum Committee**
 - i. Vote to approve recent course approvals by UCC—Approved unanimously.
 - b. **Academic Policy Committee**

Survey sent to the senators. Exact wording for the vote was taken into account, but not enough responses were collected. So, it needs to be reopened to collect more responses.
 - c. **Faculty Affairs Committee**

No report.

d. **Student Affairs Committee**

Still trying to coordinate a February meeting, aiming for the 4th week either the Tuesday or Thursday depending on optimal attendance. Agenda continuing from last semester looking at issues that affect student success and possibly bringing back an activity hour.

Becky is putting together a calendar committee to look at these things—please be in conversation with her about that as you're looking at these things. There is someone on both of the committees sharing communications.

e. **General Education Committee creation and composition**

We should create a committee especially given the SACS review coming up. The committee should be a stand-alone committee. Proposal: 2 members from each college and library representative of 1, and members academic affairs and advisement none voting. Why not under the UCC? Logistically should be stand alone to handle the specific work that it will need to do. And will look better for SACS reaffirmation.

The scope and role of the UCC is quite flexible, it does not assign exclusive domain. So, creating a stand-alone committee is not an issue in the eye of the bylaws.

The scope of this committee might have a wider scope than the UCC as well. So, it makes sense to be a stand-alone.

What will the committee be assessing and what resources will they have/need for the assessments they need to do? This committee might not be in charge of the assessment, but for SACS we need to have an assessment for the development of the core curriculum. Do committee members need to be versed in making those assessments/evaluating those assessments. This is why academic affairs should be in the committee because this will absolutely be a collaborative effort.

Need an assessment committee and that's why it was discussed to be its own committee due to the load of the assessment. There's no current oversight of assessment since the person who was over it left—and that is the issue: having just one position/person in charge of it, but a committee handling it will curb that issue and make sure there is always a body overseeing it.

Possibly elected positions so that people in it have expertise in assessment. Someone from SACS is helping us, right? How do other institutions handle this? The VP for SACS doesn't give us consultation, but let us know what we are supposed to do. There are many examples of how it can be handled, and we can look at those and decide how we want to handle it. Do we need to put this in our report? We don't have to, but we want to show that we have a plan moving forward. Because of the core IMPACTS implementation, at least with these we can have an identified group that will help us move forward with that.

It would also be simpler to create an ad hoc committee right now and then transition it into a more staple/regular committee in the future due to procedures.

A few more days on senate discussion, look over the bylaws again, and then create this ad hoc committee that will then eventually become a stand alone committee.

Assessment will be part of it for now and then we can work out how it will go forward. Have a committee ratify the decisions of the ad hoc committee.

6. **Old business-** Consultation of credentialed expert of Robert's Rules of Order related to electronic senatorial voting procedures—There was a question surrounding the electronic vote. It did follow Robert's Rules of Order, in fact. A letter referencing the validity via the rules can be attained.
Encourages everyone to read the bylaws to see what they say. Section 5 Sub section E—the most current version of Robert's Rules applies, but can be adjusted depending on how they need to be used/best used by the senate. It is up to the chair as to how the vote is carried out, and an anonymous vote but making sure everyone voted seems to have followed the rules. When we do these evotes it would be best if they could be put into the minutes.
7. **SACS effort update with Mary Lamb**—This is the final week to get the focused report submitted—it's due the 19th. They will be submitted in the SACS portal. After the committee looks at the report, they will decide who they want to meet, what they want to see, etc.
8. **Adjourn**—12:12pm