

Clayton State University Senate Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2026

Time Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Location: UC 260 and Microsoft Teams

Presiding Officer: Dr. David Peña, Chair

Senator Attendance

Present:

Arts & Sciences: Antoinette Miller, Michael Lindsay, Eugene Ngezem, David Peña (Chair)

Business: Stacey Reynolds, Christie Burton, Kate Cotter-Reilly,

Health: Hae Ryong "Harry" Chung, Kendolyn Smith, Kimberly Campbell, Crystal Marchant

STEM: Stephen Burnett (Vice-Chair), David Murray-Stoker, David Williams, Caroline Sheppard, Vivian Padin-Irizarry

Library: Adam Kubik, Erin Nagel

Absent:

Arts & Sciences: Erica Gannon (Secretary)

Business: Anthony Hannah

General Attendance

Teams: Arianne Adams, Andrea Allen, Aiken Antwan, Dennis Attick, Jennie Bergen, Jacob Chacko, Briana Christensen, Shannon Cochran, Kate Cotter-Reilly, Jason Davis, Mesa Davis, Deborah Deckner, Erica Dotson, Elnora Farmer, Antoinette France-Harris, Pinar Gurkas, Joie Hain, Nayab Hakim, Feechi Hall, Jonathan Harris, Charlie Harris, Nick Henry, Laura Herndon, Jeff Jacobs, Ebrahim Khosravi, Michael Lindsay, Samuel Maddox, Crystal Marchant, Joshua Meddaugh, Antoinette Miller, Erin Nagel, Mario Norman, David Pena, Sherna Phillips, Leah Pieper, Melanie Poudevigne, Stacey Reynolds, Shakyra Rivers, Hae Ryong, Caroline Sheppard, Kendolyn Smith, Sheryne Southard, Naquilla Thomas, Carol White, David Williams, Tammy Wilson

Note: Names of those in Teams and attending in-person are provided in both areas. In person attendance sheet attached.

Agenda

1. Introduction of Senators

- a. Roll call of Senators; attendance noted
- b. Quorum reached 18/20

2. Approval of Minutes

- i. Minutes from the May 11, 2026 meeting approved

3. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Georj Lewis, President

- a. USG and CSU enrollment updates presented. Dual enrollment increase was consistent across USG institutions.
- b. Microsoft 365 Copilot Premium available for faculty and staff for an annual fee.
- c. NCAA eligibility and athletics updates and potential implications regarding our student athletes were discussed.
- d. Strong Welcome Back Week participation of faculty and staff was noted.
- e. Facilities and custodial services transition related concerns were discussed.
- f. In considering new program proposals the USG is utilizing graduation rates of institutions. A six-year graduation rate of 40% seems to be a marker in addition to workforce trends that were taken into account in reviews of new program proposals.

4. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Jill Drake, Provost

- a. USG review of first-year English and Math curricula discussed.
- b. CSU's Microsoft grant for educating stakeholders on AI discussed.
- c. Simple Syllabus compliance update reviewed.
- d. Program approval considerations discussed. All new programs that were approved by the USG were graduate-level programs.

5. Standing Committee Reports – Senate Representatives 2026/2027 AY

- a. University Curriculum Committee
 - i. David Williams and David Peña
- b. Academic Policy Committee
 - i. Antoinette Miller and David Murray-Stoker
- c. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - i. Stephen Burnett and Eugene Ngezem
- d. Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Erin Nagel and Erica Gannon
- e. Graduate Affairs Committee
 - i. Stacy Reynolds and Michael Lindsay

6. Discussion Items

- a. By-Laws revision process discussed. David Peña proposed conducting a section-by-section review of Faculty Senate By-Laws rather than pursuing a complete revision. Faculty input on this is encouraged.
- b. Agenda ordering and meeting structure discussed. Faculty input on this is encouraged.

7. Guest Speaker – SGA President Zachelus Xatkin

- a. Student funding, collaboration opportunities, and Laker Village safety concerns were priorities of SGA

8. Adjournment

Time Adjourned: 12:13 PM

Minutes Prepared by: Pinar Gurkas – Meeting Attendee

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Name	Senator (Yes / No)
David Peña	Y
Stephen Burnett	Y
Christie Burton	Y
Zachary Xatkin	No
Ashlie Spearman	N
Mija Richardson-Echois	N
Ch. of Mike Kean	N
Kiri Campbell	Y
MICHAEL LINDSAY	Y
Eric Bridges	N
Antoinette Miller	Y
David Newton	N
Paul Melvin	No
Vivian Padin - Trizany	Yes
David Murray - Stoker	Xcp.
Clint E. Edmunds	No
Eugene Sizemore	Yes
Nichelle Gause	No
Hean Gunkas	No
Jermaine Rorie	No
Takeem L Dean	No
Georg Lewis	N

President's Report

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USG, CABINET AND PRESIDENTS CABINET UPDATES

- USG Summer Enrollment-
+16.5% Headcount; +4.3%
FTE
- Clayton State Summer
Enrollment-+7.5%
Headcount; +6.9 FTE
- Fall 2026 (As of Aug. 17)
6,767
- Microsoft 365 Copilot
Premium is available for
faculty and staff (\$104 per
user annually)
- HUB Hours:
 - Sunday Noon to 8:00 PM
 - Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM
to 8:00PM
 - Friday- 8:00 AM to 5:00
PM
 - Saturday- Closed

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- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Games – Soccer – September 23 – 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM (WSOC & MSOC)
- Faculty Staff Appreciation Game- Soccer, September 23 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Provost's Report

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AUGUST UPDATES

USG

- *August 17, 2026 9:00 – 12:00 PM USG Call to Action: Reimagining First-Year Education Kick-Off Meeting*
- *Several USG Academic Affairs leaders will be on CSU campus*

CSU

- *Admissions events (i.e. Preview Day) communication will be under the leadership of Hailey Smith, Sr. Admission Recruiter.*

Academic Affairs

- *Dr. Turner, Dr. An, and Dr. Archie awarded an \$825,000 Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA) grant in partnership with Microsoft.*
- *SimpleSyllabus Compliance Update*

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