

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:05 a.m.

Members present: Randall Gooden, Celeste Walley-Jean, Kathryn Pratt Russell, Laura Herndon, Adam Kubik, Debra Cody, Charlotte Swint, Chris Pitsikoulis, Junfeng Qu, John Mascaritolo, Craig Hill, Reza Kheirandish, Marcy Butler, Barbara Musolf, Kathryn Kemp, Muhammad Rahman, Catherine Matos  
Non-Members present: Tim Hynes, Kevin Demmitt

I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes. The minutes for the meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved after two minor amendments.

II. Reports of the President, Provost, and Standing Committees

A. Report of the President

Here are highlights of the President's report, using material from his written summary. CSU's budget presentation before the chancellor and his staff are currently scheduled for November 12. The institution submitted its response to questions that will serve as the basis for this discussion last week. A copy of that submission will be posted to the president's web site under periodic communications this week. As shared with this group earlier, this submission and our presentation are two of several steps in the budget process for FY 2017, which still awaits the Governor's proposed budget in January 2016, and the General Assembly's constitutionally required approval of a state balanced budget before the end of its 40 day legislative session. Also as shared with this group, the budget request from CSU not only includes formula dollars (all state agencies (with the exception of TCSG, the USG, and the Department of Education, were limited to dollar requests equal to last year's request. The above-mentioned state agencies were allowed to make "cash" request increases equal to formula or enrollment increases. Our budget request also includes a \$13.1 m request for bond dollars to advance the renovation of the academic core. We will be holding the Fall Open Budget Meeting November 2, at 2:00 p.m.. The President added a note about protocol in Chancellor/BoR communications. Should the Senate determine that it wishes to communicate with the Chancellor and thus with the Board about budget issues, such a communication should be consistent with Board policy, and thus take the form of a request of the President to submit to the Chancellor such communications. Dr. Hynes thanked the faculty for their contributions to the fund drive and mentioned that several colleagues this year contributed to the Dream Makers Scholarship program, which will add to the number of students who will ultimately graduate from our institution.

B. Provost's Report

Provost Demmitt reported that every year the system office asks for a list of programs that CSU will be offering for the first time in the coming Fall semester. The B.S. in Health Sciences has already been approved, with no additional faculty required. The MA in Digital Rhetoric is still under review at the system office. Other programs in development include the B.S. in Cybersecurity, the B.B.A. in Film and Entertainment Management, the M.S. in Physician Assistance, the degree in Daycare Management, and the Master of Science in

Applied Mathematics. In the question period, Dr. Pitsikoulis asked if there would be general guidelines for mentoring that the colleges can adapt to their own uses. Dr. Demmitt replied that the upcoming summit was designed to allow colleges and departments to brainstorm about mentoring guidelines, so that the guidelines can be developed from within rather than imposed from the top.

C. USG Faculty Council Meeting—Randall Gooden. On Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Gooden attended the Faculty Council meeting. Much discussion was had about processes and relations of the Board and universities. Chancellor Huckaby was there for about 90 minutes and took questions. He described the process of budget formation for the USG. The Chancellor said that there was a rumor that the governor would raise salaries by 3% next year. The Chancellor also tried to note a positive development in Congress, in which a change might be processed allowing students more Pell grant use in the summers. The Chancellor is hopeful that some of the millions of dollars generated by enrollment in USG schools will not be reappropriated by the legislature, but will remain for system use. The Chancellor suggested that individuals research purported restrictions on bureaucratic processes in the USG (faculty travel, for instance) to see if they are anecdotal or real. Several faculty asked questions of Dr. Gooden about the Chancellor's and Board's responses to various issues, and Dr. Gooden replied that information was not forthcoming about most of them.

V. Unfinished Business and General Orders

A. Motion to Amend the Faculty Bylaws to Provide for an Ex Officio, Non-Voting Representative from the Provost's Office on the Faculty Affairs Committee—Barbara Musolf

Dr. Musolf moved that the Senate accept the amendment. There was unanimous approval by all members. (a 3/5 majority approval was necessary). The change will be scheduled on the agenda for a vote at the next general faculty meeting.

VI. New Business.

A. Motion to Approve Catalog Cleanup Changes to Computer Networking Courses, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on October 11, 2015

Dr. Rahman moved to approve the motion, and the Senate unanimously approved.

B. Motion to Approve Deactivation of the CNET One-Year Certificate Program

Dr. Qu moved to approve the deactivation. The Senate unanimously approved.

C. Motion to Approve Criminal Justice Program Modifications, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on October 11, 2015.

Dr. Walley-Jean moved to accept the changes. 11 voted in favor, 1 voted against the motion, and 4 abstained. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment: Dr. Walley-Jean moved to adjourn. Professor Mascaritolo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Randall Gooden, Chair of Faculty Senate  
Kathryn Pratt Russell, Secretary