

**FACULTY SENATE—MEETING MINUTES**

**January 31, 2024**

**3:00 PM – Student Center Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**PRESENT: Faculty Senate Officers** A. Kumar, D. Hubbard, and A. Smith; **Faculty Senators** J.

Ausherman, M. Baumgartner, J. Bolt, A. Borosov, S. Brockhaus, B. Browning, M. Buckley, B. Conti, D.

Davison, V. DePaoli, B. Ekelman, K. Fuller, J. Jenkins, C. Kothapalli, E. Lehfelddt, J. Matthews, P.

McGinty, H. Pearson, J. Plecnik, T. Porter, A. Price, R. Raimer, E. Rauschert, H. Richter, T. Runner, J.

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President Kumar noted that the Library was changing the platform that hosts its services during 2024-2025 and that the Library was seeking a faculty member for the steering committee for this project.

President Kumar stated that the University was participating in a program that could help with student success and retention. He said that he had invited Vice President Tachelle Banks to talk about these projects at an upcoming meeting.

President Kumar concluded by saying that the process for electing Senate officers and appointing faculty members to committees would soon start. He stated that the positions of Senate President and Senate Secretary would be open and that he would not seek re-election.

#### IV. Report of the President of CSU

University President Bloomberg began her report by thanking faculty. She called particular attention to Senate President Anup Kumar and to Senator Judy Ausherman for their effective representation of faculty on the Board of Trustees and to Dr. Birch Browning for his leadership of the CSU wind ensemble and for his ongoing recruitment interactions with high school students.

President Bloomberg next reported about the current phase (Phase II) of Organizational Resilience and Financial Stability. She reiterated that EY Parthenon was consulting for the University about both near-term actions and strategic priorities for a financially viable and academically thriving future. She stated that part of this work involved examining performance metrics to ascertain the extent to which the university was achieving its mission, and provided a

President Bloomberg replied that there had been many departures but that she was committed to ensuring student belonging and success. President Bloomberg stated that the administration was looking at various models for the structure of Student Belonging and Success.

Concerning MetroHealth, President Bloomberg stated that providing health care is not the University's core business, but that MetroHealth is a great community-oriented partner and that the University had entered into a short-term partnership with MetroHealth to provide health-care services without there having been a request for proposals (RFP) from other potential partners. President Bloomberg said that an RFP would be forthcoming for future provision of health-care services. **(Report No. 21, 2023-2024)**

V. University Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the University Curriculum Committee, Michele Heath, brought the amended consent agenda from the committee. (The consent agenda had been amended by addition of 10 integrated degree proposals at the beginning of the meeting.) The consent agenda was approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes. **(Report No. 22, 2023-2024)**

Africana Studies Minor - 1110 - Fall 24  
Africana Studies, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
Bachelor of Science Degree - Information Systems - 1110 - Fall 24  
Bachelors of Science in Construction Management - 1110 - Fall 24  
Civil Engineering, with Specializations, Accelerated Master's BCE/MSCE - 1110 - Fall 24  
Classical Studies Minor - 1110 - Fall 24  
Community Planning, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
Computer Science, Accelerated Master's BSCS/MCS - 1110 - Fall 24  
Dance Minor - 1110 - Fall 24  
Electrical Engineering, Accelerated Master's BEE or BCE/MSEE - 1090 - Spring 24  
Health Sciences, Accelerated Master's BS/M.Ed in Exercise Science - 1110 - Fall 24  
Health Sciences, MSHS - 1110 - Fall 24  
Medieval Studies Minor - 1110 - Fall 24  
Memorandum from Clinical Psychology M.A. specialization  
Nonprofit Administration, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
PHY - 520 - Computational Physics  
PHY - 565 - Image Processing  
Public Policy and Management, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
Religious Studies, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
School Requirements - School of Urban Affairs  
Social Studies, B.A. proposal  
Social Work, MSW - 1110 - Fall 24  
Theatre and Dance, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24  
UST - 207 - Ohio Government  
Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (GRC), Graduate Certificate  
IST - 360 - Data Analysis with Python and R  
Dance, B.A.  
Theatre and Dance, B.A.  
EET - 460 - Senior Design A  
MET - 470 - Senior Design A  
Social Work - CSU & Tri-C AAS  
Introduction to Africana Studies since the 1880s  
The History of the African Diaspora Certificate

Environmental Engineering Certificate Program  
Religious Studies, B.A. - 1110 - Fall 24

**Integrated Degrees**

Computer Science + Electrical Engineering  
Business (Sales) + Engineering  
Computer Science + Design  
Computer Science + Mathematics  
Computer Science + Physics  
Design + Psychology  
English + Computer Science  
Mechanical Engineering + Electrical Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering + Physics  
Music + Computer Science  
Psychology + Criminology

Professor Heath invited Professor Shelley Rose, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum, to answer questions about the Core Curriculum proposal. In response to questions, Professor Rose stated that signature assignments were intended to address core competencies and should be part of course proposals; that pathways would include three core curriculum courses and that it was hoped that faculty would propose pathways; that the inquiry pathway was expected to be a model for pathways; and that for current courses to be included in the core curriculum, proposers would have to clarify their inquiry orientation. **(Report No. 23, 2023-2024)**

Provost Nigamanth Sridhar stated that he was encouraging research centers to propose courses for the core curriculum; that a lot of course development would be required; and that the target date for implementation was Fall 2025.

The Core Curriculum proposal was passed with one abstention. The announcement of the result was followed by applause.

The Core Curriculum committee will continue its work, attending now to implementation.

VI. Admissions and Standards Committee

Admissions and Standards Committee Chair Michael Wiitala reported that the committee had considered developing a syllabus statement concerning the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI), but that due to the plethora of ways in which faculty might encourage, discourage, or prohibit the use of AI, the committee had concluded that no single statement would satisfy all needs. Dr. Wiitala provided a link to a website [here](#), at which hundreds of AI syllabus statements have been collected.

Dr. Wiitala presented for first reading proposed changes to the 3344-21-02 Policy on Academic Misconduct. These include updates that address explicitly the use by students of AI and a change in the definition of cheating from using materials “not explicitly permitted by the instructor” to using materials “explicitly prohibited” by the instructor. **(Report No. 24, 2023-2024)**

On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Wiitala moved approval of the Tri-C/CSU Social Work agreement. This was approved by voice vote.

VII. Budget and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Deborah Smith provided information from a meeting of the Planning and Finance Advisory Committee on the previous Friday. At that meeting, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer David Jewell had reported that enrollment is down 2% from Spring 2023, but 9% over budget. Professor Smith stated that there was continued discussion of the issue of cost saving vs. lost revenue by restricting use of part-time faculty, and that specific questions were asked about how to optimize decisions about scheduling.

Professor Smith, like President Bloomberg, stated that EY Parthenon was reviewing the alignment of CSU's competencies and resources with the University's mission. Professor Smith emphasized that this was important because financial rating institutions and investors attend to the alignment of performance with stated mission.

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Provost Sridhar thanked the Core Curriculum committee for its work and praised the committee for the speed with which it had carried out its work.

The provost said that he had been proud to present proposals for professional leaves of absence to the Board of Trustees.

Provost Sridhar discussed briefly the Complete College America College Completion Accelerator and AASCU Student Success Equity Intensive programs in which CSU is participating. The provost said that the goal of these initiatives was to improve outcome measures and procedures and processes for student success. The provost acknowledged the work of Vice President Tachelle Banks and her team, and encouraged faculty to observe this initiative over two to three years.

Provost Sridhar encouraged everyone to use VikeNet to look at budget spreadsheets.

Several questions were addressed to the Provost: Professor Kim Neuendorf asked about restoration of research profiles for emeritus faculty; the provost said that he would ensure this. Senate President Kumar commented on the need for more clarity in the cost-benefit thinking concerning cancellation of courses that would be taught by part-time faculty.

XI. Question Time

XII. New Business

There was no new business.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, and following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

Albert F. Smith  
Faculty Senate Secretary