



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

Senate leadership recently met with the AAUP leadership to establish more open channels of communication between the groups.

Dr. Kumar reminded Senate that student enrollment continues to be a top issue moving forward at the University. All campus constituents, including faculty, can play a part in bolstering the image of the university, whether directly to potential students, to family members of potential students, or in other ways. “We are all in this together.”

Dr. Kumar welcomed Drs. Catherine Hansman (Education) and Kim Neuendorf (Communication) as new communicating members of the Faculty Senate; they represent the Retired Faculty and Professional Staff Association (RFPSA).

V. Report of the President of CSU

Laura Bloomberg

President Bloomberg began her report with a message of gratitude to the faculty, noting with appreciation, the ongoing academic leadership in the classroom as well as the other services that faculty provide on campus.

One priority for the upcoming year is to finalize the administrative structure at the college level in the CSU 2.0 landscape.

President Bloomberg noted that enrollment and retention issues are crucial and will include essential wrap-around services to assist students to graduation. The office of University Engagement is reviewing and analyzing the data they received from the Campus Climate survey. Maintaining vibrant faculty research on campus is also vital.

President Bloomberg reported that she visited with officials in Columbus recently. In order to work toward the possibility of increased state funding in the upcoming legislative session, she plans on leveraging the points that the University is an economic engine for the community and provides our students social mobility. A new hire will begin in January in the role of governmental relations for the University.

Dr. Bloomberg updated the Senate on the Law school name issue, noting that the issue will go before the full Board of Trustees at the next meeting. She is confident that the University has done its due diligence in fully reviewing the issue, and she thanked Dean Lee Fisher for leading the committee.

The campus master plan is ongoing and she sees this planning work of the University as symbiotic with the changing downtown community, the ways that CSU is of the city, and how students navigate campus. She highlighted the phrase used during her investiture, “Living Well Together, On Our Campus, In Our City.”

Dr. Bloomberg noted that a new monthly series, “[CSU Matters](#)”, features campus success highlights and highlighted the Department of Theatre’s production of Sweeney Todd; look for updates in your inbox.

VI. University Curriculum Committee
CONSENT AGENDA

Jacqueline Jenkins

A. Applied Social Research MA – 1050 – Fall 22 (**Report No. 4, 2022-2023**)

The item was approved by voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEM (**Report No. 5, 2022-2023**)

B. UCC has received the report from the ad-hoc committee on WAC and expects to bring forth recommendations in the near future. UCC is provide the following for distribution

- Report of the Spring 2022 Ad Hoc Committee on Writing Across the Curriculum
- Summary of the Spring 2022 Ad Hoc Committee WAC Report

UCC chair, Dr. Jenkins, updated Senate on the informational report and summary, noting that the UCC is currently reviewing recommendations, some of which impact colleges and departments differently. Any recommendations from the UCC will be brought forth to the Faculty Senate.

Feedback from senators or faculty-at-large should be directed to the appropriate college representative on the UCC or to faculty senators.

VII. Admissions and Standards Committee

José O. Solá

C. MSW Program Application Change (**Report No. 6, 2022-2023**)

The item was approved by voice vote.

VIII. University Faculty Affairs Committee

Linda Quinn

Second Reading (Report No. 7, 2022-2023)

D. Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies
3344-13-01 through 3344-13-04

The revisions to the policies were approved by voice vote.

Dr. Quinn spoke about the new structure of the University's Peer Review Committee (UPRC) given CSU 2.0, and the need of each college to elect a member to the UPRC.

IX. Undergraduate Student Success Committee

Kevin Mueller

Co-chair of the committee, Dr. Mueller, reported on the work of the relatively new standing committee, and continuing on the work previously completed. The [interactive student success dashboard](#), maintained/created by Tom Geaghan, houses various data and student success metrics. In the future, the data may be updated and extended into more sophisticated analyses (degree mapping, student predictors of retention, etc.). If faculty have any suggestions, please forward them to the committee co-chairs.

Brief discussion was held about predictive analytics and student retention, collecting exit surveys from graduating students, and interactive interventions for students.

X. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Tatyana Guzman

Committee Chair Guzman reported, in part (**Report No. 8, 2022-2023**):

Budget Gap and Enrollment

As it was mentioned multiple times since the beginning of the semester, including my previous report, there is a \$17.4 mln predicted annual budget gap that stems mainly from the drop in enrollment. Major reduction in student credit hours comes specifically from the drop in undergraduate enrollment and persistence. Good news is that current enrollment for spring semester as of November 1, 2022 was at 98% of the target. Enrollment looks more stable now, but we should continue thinking about how to retain and increase enrollment.

Some of the initiatives that administration works on are development of simplified more transparent web site, more on-campus dining options, student counseling and emphasis on student success, including a creation of a new Vice Provost position focused on Instructional Excellence, and other incentives. Affordability of the education is one of the major concerns for many of our current and perspective students. The total cost of attendance for undergraduate students is \$26,732. Unmet need for the poorest students after Pell grant, work-study, federal loans, etc is still \$6,637.

The other area where fiscal performance could be improved are the auxiliary units. Wolstein center, for instance, has a substantial deficit. The target for auxiliary units is not only to break even on their own, but to generate sufficient revenues to support university general fund. PFAC discussed some of the other efficiency and budget cuts options. For instance, despite a substantial drop in enrollment, the part-timers' budget has remained virtually the same.

I mentioned last time and let me reiterate again that we should all be thinking about ways to boost enrollment as well as other revenue generating and cost cutting strategies. We are currently tapping into the reserves to balance the budget, but this is not a sustainable practice. Without further actions, with \$17.4 mln predicted annual budget gap we only have uncommitted reserves enough to cover budget deficit for not more than 4-5 years.

New Budgets and Budget Process

Besides budget gap and initiatives for its elimination, PFAC discussed the necessity of a viable budget process. The College of Health does not currently hav

XI. Graduate and Professional Student Association Report

Cody Orahoske

- [Link to CSU's Inaugural 60-Second Lectures: 5 Years Back, 25 Years Forward](#)
- Vikes around the world

GPSA President Orahoske, reported on the 60-second lecture series, which having already received funding, will continue for at least one more year.

The association will also host a student event with an international fun focus, “Vikes around the world.”

XII. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Nigamanth Sridhar

Provost Sridhar added background to the student's 60-second lectures, noting it is part of a cutting-edge initiative designed to addr

UFAC chair Linda Quinn, also noted that the approved policy revisions earlier in the meeting, includes the ability to hold electronic votes so that senators may not need to attend in person all the time.

XIV. New Business

There was no new business.

Anup Kumar

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm

Anup Kumar

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED ON DECEMBER 7, 2022
Dana Hubbard, Faculty Senate Secretary