

**CSU FACULTY SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 23 2013,
HWH 107 Choir Room
Approved: May 7, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Arnott-Hill, Phillip Beverly, Judy Birgen, Patrice Boyles, Sarah Buck, Dion Bush, Tollie Carter, Jane Crossley, Monique Germain, Ann Kuzdale, Crystal Laura, Byron Martin, Fatimah N. Muhammad, Vincent Osaghae, S. Paintal, William Jason Raynovich, Alesia Richardson, Douglas Thomson, Gabrielle Toth, Yashika Watkins, Deborah Williams, Chyrese Wolf

Guests:

Pancho McFarland; Philip Cronce

I. CALL TO ORDER 12.37 p.m.

Phillip Beverly, presiding

Meeting Recorded by William Jason Raynovich and Ann Kuzdale

II. MINUTES for March 5, 2013

Motion: That the minutes of the March 5, 2013 CSU Faculty Senate meeting be approved.
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Vote: Approved

Yea: 13

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PEC meeting
2. Provost Council
3. Board of Trustees Senate Report
4. Regular meeting
5. Board of Trustees Meeting
6. Spring Commencement

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic & Student Affairs: Sarah Buck, chair
No report.

2. Executive Committee, Phillip Beverly, chair

The Executive Committee does not know if we will have an opportunity to present at the next Board of Trustees meeting. Current concern is with the Governor's action dismissing three trustees in March which left Chicago State without a quorum to carry out university business in particular the awarding of tenure in May which only the Board of Trustees can do. If tenure-track faculty are not awarded tenure by June 1, they must receive a terminal ONE year contract. Also grants are not allowed either over \$25,000 unless approved by the board. The Governor's staff seems to be unaware of these problems. cursory examination of the two

appointees to the Board indicates that both are CSU alumni; one a medical doctor and minister, the other a business man—funeral director. The student Trustee's term is up as well. Except for the student Trustee there are no women on the board. Senate will invite nominees (if approved) to the May and September meetings of Faculty Senate

3. Rules and Operations Committee: Douglas Thomson, chair

The committee is trying to fill vacancies on the Gen. Education Committee. There are three vacancies. There is an issue with getting emails of senators and tenure-track faculty. Reba Duna's office might help with Senate obtaining emails of faculty.

4. Shared Governance Committee: Pancho McFarland, chair

a. Faculty hiring procedures.

Committee expressed concern over the possible abuse of the process of hiring adjuncts on campus. Senate should make a statement on adjunct hiring that fits a shared governance model. There is almost no oversight in hiring of adjuncts. The chair of a department finds the adjuncts and places them. Senate may respond to department complaint of recent hires. Dr Beverly noted that the Shared Governance Committee would do a hiring audit this summer.

b. CTRE and training for online teaching.

Discussion of CTRE's directive that anyone wishing to teach online or hybrid courses must obtain a certificate that confirms they have taken a CTRE-sponsored training for online teaching. Senators discussed to what degree CTRE has the right to dictate how things are done in departments and to what degree faculty are going to be told how to teach our courses. CTRE's argument is that there is some online teaching that is terrible and some of this oversight is now contractual. Some faculty have found the training to be helpful, others had concerns about the training and wondered if training from another site other than CTRE could be substituted. Instead of dealing with faculty who are not teaching only effectively, CTRE should not make a blanket determination that all online teaching is not effective. Senate should be concerned with process and with accountability.

c. Hand-writing sample for new hires.

At the last PEC meeting the hand-writing sample from new hires on campus was discussed. The Administration could not explain beyond anecdotal concerns about adjunct hires the justification for this and a follow-up meeting with the administration and the union president. Dr Beverly provided examples of the writing samples to the Provost that are typical for a candidate of the faculty.

5. Buildings & Grounds: No chair.

This vacancy needs to be filled and this person will head the recycling program.

6. Technology Committee: Gabrielle Toth, chair

No Report.

7. Library Committee: Aref Hervani/Ann Kuzdale

No Report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. West Side Campus

A new Westside campus study currently being conducted; the committee was not aware of the previous study. They are already looking at sites. Faculty may be contacted about this. Very little has been decided.

2. College of Arts & Sciences Search

Doug Thomson: There are four candidates invited to the campus over the next couple of weeks. There will be a presentation by each of the candidates.

3. Change of Grade Issue

Dr Beverly brought up the issue of the Registrar's grade change policy which allows her, not the faculty member, to determine whether a grade change is merited. Discussion centered on who had the responsibility for changing a grade. There should be no interference from anyone on a faculty member's change of grade decision. A question was raised over the Interim Registrar's experience as a Registrar.

VII. NEXT SENATE MEETING: May 7, 2013; NAL Auditorium 12:30-2 p.m.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:10 p.m.

IX. MEETING ACTION ITEMS

DECISIONS MADE

<p>Motion: That the minutes of the March 5, 2013 CSU Faculty Senate meeting be approved.</p>	<p>Vote: Approved Yea: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p>
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