

**CSU FACULTY SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Library Auditorium**

ATTENDANCE: Justin Akujieze, Elizabeth Arnott-Hill, Anser Azim, Phillip Beverly, Robert Bionaz, Judith Birgen, Patrice Boyles, Sarah Buck, Tollie Carter, Jane Crossley, Monique Germain, Paul Gomberg, Tonya Hall, Ann Kuzdale, Azungwe Kwembe, Crystal Laura, Lorraine Lazouskas, Ben Liu, Byron Martin, Gebeyehu Mulugeta, Paul Musial, Asare Nkansah, Vincent Osaghae, William Jason Raynovich, Alesia Richardson, Rob Richter, Virginia Shen, Brenda Pruitt-Annisette, Douglas Thomson, Yashika Watkins, Deborah Williams, Elizabeth Wittbrodt, Chyrese Wolf

GUESTS: Dennis Johnson, Pancho McFarland

I. CALL TO ORDER 12:33

Phillip Beverly, presiding
Meeting recorded by Elizabeth Arnott-Hill

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2, 2013 and May 7, 2013

MOTION	VOTE
That the minutes of the April 2, 2013 and May 7, 2013 CSU Faculty Senate meeting be approved. Moved: Lorraine Lazouskas Seconded: Jane Crossley	Vote: Approved Yea: 17 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Provost Council – September 11, 2013
2. PEC Meeting – October 2, 2013
3. Regular Senate Meeting – October 1, 2013
4. Fall Commencement – December 19, 2013
5. Board of Trustees Meeting – September 20, 2013

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Shared Governance survey was sent via campus mail from an administrative working group. Senators were advised that there are a number of definitions of shared governance and to be aware when filling out the survey.
2. Senators shared reactions to the fall convocation.

3. At the next meeting the Senate will receive updates on the west side campus and the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence. In addition, CSU's legal counsel and interim dean of students have been invited.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic affairs: Sarah Buck, chair

No report.

2. Shared Governance: Pancho McFarland, chair

a. Discussed issues surrounding faculty searches during the 2012-2013 academic year. A number of senators indicated that their departments' searches were unsuccessful and shared anecdotes highlighting violations of standard academic hiring procedures by the administration.

ACTION	Assigned To
The shared governance committee will clarify information that should be submitted by the search committees and provide a clear path for submission of this information.	Pancho McFarland, chair of Shared Governance committee

b. An official report of 2012-2013 hiring was requested.

ACTION	Assigned To
The shared governance committee will submit a report to the faculty senate highlighting hiring anomalies from 2012-2013.	Pancho McFarland, chair of Shared Governance committee

c. It was suggested that, after Senate approval, the report be submitted to the Higher Learning Commission and the American Association of University Professors.

MOTION	VOTE
That the senate submits the completed Shared Governance report on faculty hiring practices during the 2012-2013 to both the Higher Learning Commission and to the American Association of University Professors. Moved: Douglas Thomson Seconded: Ann Kuzdale	Vote: Approved Yea: 25 Nay: 1 Abstain: 6

3. EXCOM: Phillip Beverly, chair

a. Concerns regarding the large number of administrative appointments and failed administrator searches during 2012-2013. In particular, two of the colleges have

interim deans after multiple failed searches, and some high-level administrators lack basic qualifications for their positions (e.g., no terminal degree).

b. Board of Trustees meeting will be held next week at 8:30 AM. Senators are encouraged to attend. Dr. Beverly solicited opinions about issues to be raised and a number were mentioned:

- Faculty senate recommendations for committees are not being considered by the administration. It is suggested that this is added to the HLC / AAUP report.
- As the president's contract is in its final year, a presidential search should begin immediately.

c. A renewal of the no confidence vote will be discussed at the October meeting. Senators are encouraged to talk to departments in the interim. A suggestion is made to update the original Bill of Particulars document to reflect recent issues.

d. Suggestion that campus mail and email be official communication methods. This would relieve the stress experienced by 12-month employees having difficulty contacting 9-month faculty over the summer via office phone.

4. Technology: Phillip Beverly

a. A new version of Moodle is being used this semester. A concern was raised over the fact that fall course shells were not updated until two days before the semester began.

b. There are new computers and smart boards in a few of the buildings. However, there has not been training for or communication to faculty about the new technology. In addition, some rooms are not completed and, thus, do not have working computers.

c. There were a number of infrastructure updates over the summer, including increased bandwidth and new switches. The next upgrade will involve moving to dark fiber.

5. Library Committee

No report.

VII. NEXT SENATE MEETING: October 1, 2013, NAL Auditorium, 12:30-2 PM

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:05 PM by Phillip Beverly