

Chicago State University Faculty Senate

Approved Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2021

Present: Pat Steinhaus (FS President), Tekleab Gala (Vice-President), Sarah Buck (Recording Secretary), Gabrielle Toth (Corresponding Secretary), Ernst Coupet, Deborah Harper Brown, Mohammad Salahuddin, Sarah Austin, Chyrese Wolf, Joni Jackson, Leslie Roundtree (Provost), Leslie Baker-Kimmons, Nancy Grim, Yashika Watkins, Kim Tran, Gayle Porter, Jubilee Dickson, Erica Allen, Soo Kang, Rosalind Fielder, President Z. Scott, Walid Al-Ghoul, Valerie Goss, Julia Labuda, Garrard McClendon, Eddy Gaytan, Karen Witherspoon, Answer Azim, Kristy Mardis, Tonya Hall, Olanipekun Laosebikan, Tatjana Petrova, Byung-In Seo, Ahmed Abu Fayyad, Vincent Osaghae, Nadeem Fazal

- A. Call to order 12:32

- B. Sarah Austin moved to add committee report to agenda, Grim seconded > motion carries unanimously

- C. Approval of October Minutes
 - 1. Salahuddin moved to approve minutes, Goss seconded > motion carries with one abstention

- D. Report from President Scott
 - 1. Executive Order regarding Covid:
 - i. 100% of employee base is compliant with order through vaccination or weekly testing
 - ii. 75% of students fully vaccinated; “nearly all” the rest of the students are following testing protocol
 - iii. 9 vaccination clinics have been held
 - iv. <100 students have been sanctioned through disciplinary action. <30 have been sanctioned multiple times (~1% of total student pop). Students who do not follow State mandate cannot make up their work/grades
 - v. Direct students to their emails/CSU website on latest information on requirements
 - vi. All eligible individuals can get the booster on campus
 - 2. Enrollment activities
 - i. Dr. Welch has left. CSU has secured an interim leader through the registry.
 - ii. Position has been posted. Faculty Senate shall be involved in the interview process
 - iii. Kim Tran will oversee Enrollment Management. Immediate priorities are to direct focus to spring 2022 application period to cultivate relationships for fall admissions, such as recruitment events

- iv. For spring admissions, most students enrolled are transfers from CC/4 year universities, adult learners, and students enrolled spring 2021 but not fall 2021. Targeted programs in place
- v. Will be presenting budget to State of IL soon
- vi. Renewed focus on retention of students (e.g., Dual Enrollment coordinator, coordinator of freshmen students)
- 3. Leadership
 - i. President Scott will be seeking a renewal of her 4 year contract from the BOT, who will evaluate how she has met goals set when she began
 - ii. There may be opportunity for FS to have input into her evaluation
- 4. Faculty morale
 - i. Faculty town hall in next weeks to address issues that may be impacting morale
 - ii. President open to meeting with smaller groups of faculty within the Colleges
- 5. Public facing agenda
 - i. 95th St
 - 1. Renovation project with Metra moving swiftly (will include parking lot on campus)
 - 2. 95th St Corridor MOU with City of Chicago. Procured a grant from Community Trust for development of economic activity along 95th
 - ii. Community Agenda
 - 1. Members of CSU staff going into community organizations, such as “Quality of Life” project in Roseland neighborhood
 - 2. President Scott meeting with Aldermen on S and W sides in hopes of being a community partner
- 6. CSU Athletics looking for new conference closer to home
- 7. Note that VB has won more games this year than in years combined

E. Update on David Kanis Child Care Center, Director Julia Labuda

- 1. 3 room child care center: 2 preschool and a Head Start room, plus a school age classroom for after school. Rooms will be open for evening classes
- 2. Completion date Dec 9. Permit/licensure process to begin Dec 19
- 3. Currently hiring licensed and Associate degree level teachers, may use graduate assistantships
- 4. 3-5 yo will have 35-40; school age up to 30 children (under normal circumstances)
- 5. Hours of operation 7am-9pm (contingent upon staff)
- 6. Covid precautions will be in place
- 7. Volunteers from a variety of CSU programs can come into the center for coursework activities (following clearly written policies)
- 8. Center is for CSU students, faculty, staff, and the community

F. Old Business

- 1. Higher Learning Commission/Senate Approval of CV format
 - i. A consensus from the Shared Governance committee has not been reached in order to present a motion to approve today. The committee is requesting to table the motion this month and present next month

1. Grim moves to table item until next meeting, Watkins seconded > motion carried unanimously
2. Election of Faculty Senate Representative to the Honorary Degree Committee
 - i. Steinhaus continuing to work.
 - ii. Steinhaus moved to table this election to December, Dickson seconded > motion carried unanimously
3. Ad Hoc Shared Governance Project Committee
 - i. Shared Governance presented a report on the history of this project since December 2020. Looking to review and approve guidelines that have been developed on Shared Governance at the University
 - ii. Grim moved that the Ad Hoc committee be reconvened with a rep from SG, an Executive Committee member, and 2-3 additional Senators, Hall seconded > Mardis proposed a friendly amendment suggesting an open call for the additional Senators to be made via email, with an emphasis on representation across University units, Goss seconded the friendly amendment > motion carried unanimously

G. Standing Committee Reports

1) Executive Committee

- a. Continuing to work with UPI to find representatives for the Faculty Excellence Committee
- b. New Chair in the Ad-Hoc Research Committee (Chyrese Wolf)
- c. Steinhaus attended Council of University Senates. Initiated a spreadsheet to identify the types of institutional support Senates receive

2) Buildings and Grounds

- a. JDC pool renovation has not started yet; is at the level of the Capital Development Board
- b. SGA rep: campus bathroom cleanliness is good in library, improved in SUB, bad in HW and Education. No active disinfection in classrooms. No recycling bins in each building
- c. Tree Certification- aiming to have a tree event this month for the campus with someone from Facilities (Nov 10 or 16). This is a requirement for the certification. Application in process
- d. Library has mold issues on floors 1-3
- e. Science Center has mold from flooding 2 years ago that was not properly cleaned
- f. Porter moved that the stipulation of FS committees be chaired by a Senator by suspended for the current AY, Goss seconded > motion carried unanimously

3) Curriculum Committee

- a. Mardis moved that Wolf replace Steinhaus on UCCC for three year term starting this year, Seo seconded > motion carried unanimously

4) Technology Committee

- a. Moodle help demand very high
- b. Transition to Microsoft Teams delayed until next year

- c. Outsourcing redesign for Banner and website
- d. Hoping to add second WiFi line
- e. Continue to call Help Desk so a ticket is generated for issues
- f. University has subscription to Microsoft Office 365. On website, put school user name and password, and you have access to all the programs. A link to this should be placed in Cougar Connect

5) Ad hoc Bylaws Review Committee

- a. The committee is in the process of reviewing the bylaws. If anyone has questions, contact Watkins at ywatkins@csu.edu or Goss at vgoss@csu.edu.

H. New Business

- 1. NA

I. Senator Comments/Speeches

- 1. NA

J. Adjournment

2:00

- 1. Goss moved to adjourn, Watkins seconded > motion carried