

Chicago State University Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

[December 2023 - Zoom Link](#)

Present: William Jason Raynovich (President), Yashika Watkins (Vice President), Sarah Buck (Recording Secretary), Gabrielle Toth (Corresponding Secretary), Sarah Austin, Amzie Moore, Andrew Maselli, Austin Harton, Byung-In Seo, Deborah Harper Brown, Gabriel Gomez, Gayle Porter, Eddie Gaytan, Joanna Kolendo, Jubilee Dickson, Karen Witherspoon, Katherine Haan, Leslie Roundtree, Liefu Jiang, Michael Williams, Mohammad Islam, Nicole Lavalais, Olanipekun Laosebikan, Mohammad Newaz, Walid Al-Ghoul, Tatjana Petrova, Tekleab Gala, Val Goss, Soo Kang

- A. Call to order 12:32
- B. Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Rules of the Day (**Appendix A**)
 - i. Newaz moved to accept agenda and rules of the day, Watkins seconded > motion carried with 2 abstentions
- C. Parliamentary
 - a. New parliamentarian introduced himself (Mohammad Islam)
- D. Approval of November Minutes ([November 2023 link](#)) (Rec. Sec.)
 - a. Toth moved to approve minutes, Watkins seconded > Motion carried with 1 abstention
- E. Senator Comments/Speeches
 - a. Petrova raised concern of coyotes on campus
 - b. Harton raised concern of students needing additional holidays in the fall semester
 - c. Al Ghoul raised the concern over the conflict in the Middle East (see motion below)
- F. Provost Report (Provost)
 - a. Encourage students to register for spring

- b. Faculty Institute will be held January 4
- c. CSU Athletics in a new conference. Press conference held 12/5/23
- d. Holiday party 12/7/ 23 11:30-2 in GBL. Wear a Xmas sweater for a contest.
- e. Raynovich raised concerns about book order data and about how we should improve student evaluation percentages

G. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee (Pres. of Faculty Senate)
 - i. Statement regarding Faculty Cue Loads (**Appendix B**)
 - 1. Goss (UPI President) provided a timeline of the statement from the Academic Affairs Committee regarding cue loads. It should be noted that Senators had not seen the statement because Union leadership recommended the drafted statement NOT move forward from the Faculty Senate President. Goss expressed concern over the process regarding if a faculty member's yearlong is denied by administration
 - 2. After ten minutes expired, Gomez motioned to extend discussion by 7 minutes, Dickson seconded > approved by unanimous consent
 - 3. Austin moved for Raynovich to redraft initial statement from the Academic Affairs Committee and have it reviewed by the UPI leadership council prior to submitting to the Provost by EOD December 8, Gomez seconded > motion carried with 4 abstentions
 - ii. Bookstore training (**Appendix C**)
 - 1. Raynovich will speak with Provost on the matter of having a training for faculty on how to submit book orders through the bookstores in order to reach 100% participation in book order process
 - iii. Committee assignments
 - 1. Did not discuss

- b. Library Committee
 - i. Did not discuss

H. New Business

- a. Al-Ghoul motioned for Faculty Senate of Chicago State University demand a cease fire in the Israel/Gaza armed conflict of October 7, 2023, Toth seconded > motion carried 13 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention
 - i. Statement will be drafted by an ad-hoc committee created by Raynovich and submitted to Raynovich by EOD 12/12. Senators must discuss with their colleagues for feedback. Vote will be asynchronous online.
- b. FS have a meeting with the President in early January. It is not a regular FS meeting and minutes will not be taken. An opportunity will be granted to submit questions anonymously. Next FS meeting will be in February

I. Adjournment

- a. Dickson moved to adjourn, Austin seconded > motion carried by unanimous consent 1:59