

Chicago State University Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023
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Present: William Jason Raynovich (President), Yashika Watkins (Vice President), Sarah Buck (Recording Secretary), Gabrielle Toth (Corresponding Secretary), Eddy Gaytan, Sarah Austin, Lieu Jiang, Pat Steinhaus, Byung-In Seo, Gabriel Gomez, Gayle Porter, Jubilee Dickson, Concetta Williams, Walid Al-Ghoul, Leslie Roundtree, Austin Harton, Leslie Baker Kimmons, Mohammad Salahuddin, Nadeem Fazal, Asmamaw Yimer, Yakubu Ubangiji, Tekleab Gala, Zafar Bokhari, Arthur Redman, Olanipekun Laosebikan, Steve Rowe

A. Call to order 12:34

B. Agenda 12:31-12:32

a. Approval of Agenda

i. Gaytan moved to approve agenda, Austin seconded > approved by unanimous consent

b. Action Item: Approval Rules of the Day (**Appendix A**)

C. Approval of February Minutes ([February 2023 minutes](#)) (Rec. Sec.)

a. Gomez moved to approve minutes, Watkins seconded > motion carried with one abstention

D. Senator Comments/Speeches

a. None

E. Provost Report (Dr. Roundtree)

a. HLC officially concluded. Next step is to wait for them to submit their draft report. We evaluate it for errors of fact and then they take it to the commission. Could hear by May/June of accreditation status. Team noted have not seen the level of campus engagement at any other visit. Are 3 strengths: leadership, commitment to community, and commitment to success. Areas for improvement: declining improvement, workload concerns, vacancies

b. Finishing Pharmacy accreditation visit; should hear in June

c. New Dean of COE and new CFO starting within the month

- d. Entering legislative period: budget requests go to Springfield in late March. Legislators are requesting data, such as how we prepare students to take professional exams
- e. Pool update: next step is outside work and cannot do this with the current weather. Still on track to be done in June
- f. It was requested of admin to continue process of renewing Tree Campus status
- g. Re: CTA bus turnaround- lease has ended and not renewed

F. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee (Pres. of Faculty Senate)
 - i. Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws
 - 1. ROC will move forward with discussion with admin on these items on how to proceed
 - 2. Current Constitution and Bylaws on shared Google drive with President's notes
 - ii. Statement of Support for Student Athlete Progress Reports
 - 1. FS approved last semester an attempt for 100% completion rate for the report. Please respond to the requests for information; due Fri
 - iii. University Budget Committee Appointment
 - 1. Liefu Jiang was elected
- b. Academic and Student Affairs (Chair)
 - i. Action Item: DFW report information request (**Appendix B**)
 - 1. Buck moved to approve action item, Seo seconded > there was discussion regarding the clarity of the title of the report (DFW data), but no official friendly amendment was made > original motion carried with 4 abstentions
 - ii. Action Item: DFW report information request (**Appendix C**)
 - 1. Buck moved to approve action item, Seo seconded > discussion regarding whether additional data should be collected (i.e., new survey) and who should collect it (Ad Hoc committee or AAC) > motion carried with 11 yes, 4 no, 3 abstain

- c. Rules and Operations Committee
 - i. Elections (**Appendix D**)
 - 1. Senators- emails were sent out to departments who must have elections as the term is up
 - 2. Committees- open seats on ROC, APERC, Honorary Degree committee, UPC (specifically COE). Emails will be sent regarding these positions
- d. Technology Committee (Chair/FS Pres)
 - i. Announcement: Media Service Request
 - 1. Complaints from faculty regarding media services being denied (and it being confused with the Help Desk). IT director emphasizes that there must be lead time for media services to be used. Equipment requests should be submitted 5 days before the class/meeting
 - 2. If requesting a room request, also need to request media services separately

G. Other Reports

- a. HLC (co-chair of HLC)
 - i. Thanks to everyone for an excellent report and visit. Thank you to Dr. Roundtree for her work
 - ii. Will continue to work on data system to collect information readily and easily

H. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Campus Safety
 - i. Have contracted an outside agency for assessment, picking up materials, upgrade safety manuals, and be the point of contact around concerns. Agency started this week and will be in contact with relevant departments (e.g., Sciences, Art, Health Sciences, Pharmacy)
- b. Report: ad hoc committee on Faculty Mental Health and Morale

- i. Has established the committee's purpose and will be developing an assessment to measure variables

I. New Business

- a. Honors Convocation Announcement (S. Rowe)
 - i. Deadline is March 10
- b. Union negotiations ongoing: vote this week on whether Union has the ability to strike if needed. Email was sent

J. Adjournment 1:38

- a. Gomez moved to adjourn, Austin seconded > approved by unanimous consent