

Clayton State University Senate Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2026

Time Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Location: UC 260

Presiding Officer: Dr. Michael Lindsay, Chair

Senator Attendance

Present:

Arts & Sciences: Antoinette Miller, Michael Lindsay (Chair), David Peña

Business: Stacey Reynolds (Vice-Chair), Anthony Hannah, Christie Burton, Kate Cotter-Reilly

Health: Hae Ryong "Harry" Chung, Kendolyn Smith, Kimberly Campbell

STEM: Ken Nguyen, Caroline Sheppard, Vivian Padin-Irizarry, Stephen Burnett, David Williams

Library: Adam Kubik, Erin Nagel

Absent:

Arts & Sciences: Erica Gannon, Eugene Ngezem

Health: Crystal Marchant

General Attendance

Teams: Arianne Adams, Latasha Adams, Dennis Attick, Eric Bridges, Stephen Burnett, Christie Burton, Kimberly Campbell, Lindsay Chandler, Xueyu Cheng, Kate Cotter-Reilly, Shirnelle Council, Mesa Davis, Takeem Dean, Kitty Deering, Martha Fairley, Elnora Farmer, Kandice Fowlkes, Antoinette France-Harris, Michelle Furlong, Nichelle Gause, Pinar Gurkas, Joie Hain, Nayab Hakim, Feechi Hall, Anthony Hannah, Jonathan Harris, John Keener, Reza Kheirandish, Christopher Kodani, Adam Kubik, Mary Lamb, Marcia Laurer, Michael Lindsay, Arietha Lockhart, Samuel Maddox, Antoinette Miller, Keith Miller, Jada Mitchell, Karrina Moen, David Murray-Stoker, Erin Nagel, Michelle Nelson, Ken Nguyen, Vivian Padin-Irizarry, David Pena, James Pete, Sherna Phillips, Melanie Poudevigne, Stacey Reynolds, Shakyra Rivers, Hae Ryong, Monay Sanders, Matthew Sansbury, Caroline Sheppard, Lisa Smiley,

Kendolyn Smith, Randall Snell, Sheryne Southard, Shontelle Thrash, Jeanette Walley-Jean, Carol White, David Williams

Note: Names of those in Teams and attending in-person are provided in both areas. In person attendance sheet attached.

Agenda

1. Introduction of Senators

- a. Attendance taken, quorum reached
- b. Chair remarked on the successful graduation

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes approved

3. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Georj Lewis, President

- a. ITS - Jim Pete
 - i. CSU AI policy officially adopted 5/5/2026
 - ii. Google Education Fundamentals live for students 5/26/26
- b. Commencement
 - i. Great success. Down to almost the minute.
 - ii. 122 faculty attended
 - iii. 450 students commenced
 - iv. Thanks to all the faculty for their participation and for making graduation a success

4. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Jill Drake, Provost

- a. No report; information given at the Faculty meeting the previous week

5. Standing Committee Reports

- a. University Curriculum Committee
 - i. Sen. Miller moves to approve as courses as submitted; Steve Burnette seconds
 - 1. Pass unanimously
 - ii. UCC Gen Ed Permanent Sub-Committee
 - 1. Discussion over establishing the committee and it's structure follows
 - 2. Concerns about representation and ability of faculty to appeal decisions.
 - 3. Clarification was given that the committee would only have the power to recommend the UCC act on a proposal in a particular way
 - 4. Permanent standing committee was proposed because of the specialized training involved in working with IMPACTs

5. Dr. Walley-Jean - Asks for clarification about the process of committee formation. Then asks if an ad-hoc advisory committee structure is an option.
 - a. Dr. Carol White - the need for a permanent and trained committee is necessary given the delay that can happen if a committee needs to be formed each time.
6. UCC may need to move forward with an ad-hoc committee for now and develop the permanent committee at a later time
7. Dr. Miller notes it may be appropriate for the UCC to handle internally until such time as the numbers of submissions increases to justify such a committee.
8. It may be advisable to reconsider the By-Laws requirements on committee formation
- iii. Matter left for UCC to create
- b. Academic Policy Committee
 - i. Vote on Revised Academic Complaint Policy
 1. Discussion - Dr. Miller briefly recaps work
 2. Dr. Miller Moves to approve; Dr. Hannah seconds
 - a. Vote passes 13-2
 - b. Nay - Sen. David Williams; Sen. Ken Nguyen
 - ii. Discussion and Possible vote on the Prior Learning Assessment Policy Recommendation
 1. Dr. Miller discusses the work and purpose of the changes to the PLA policy, including aligning with USG policy
 2. Sen. Peña asks where it will be posted
 - a. In the policy handbook and in the registrar's website
 3. The policy clarifies which tests will be accepted. Part of this is moving the policy from the process, which is robust and involves departments and disciplines. We are not obligated to accept credits that do not match the USG criteria.
 4. Questions about phrasing "committed to award credit" and noting students are required to achieve certain numbers.
 5. This will still be a case by case basis. A test may be accepted but does not note where it will go in the curriculum. Departments still decide on credit.
 6. The university accepts tests the USG notes are "good," and the University will determine where and how these credits are decided and provided
 7. Discussion on concerns about the phrase "committed to award credit..."

- a. Evaluate provided as an option to clarify but the committed to award phrasing is noted as being in line with the charge and other policy.
 - b. Sen. Williams proposes change - CLSU is committed to evaluate awarding credit to students for all standardized tests that are recognized by USG and endorsed by the discipline corresponding departments. The credit can be awarded to the student whether the course corresponding to the examination topic exists in the CLSU catalog or not. For that credit to count towards the student's progress towards a specific degree, an appropriate course equivalence must be established by the corresponding department/program.
- iii. Antoinette moves to close discussion Second by Vice-Chair
 - 1. Discussion closed unanimously
- iv. Antionette moves, Sen. Burton seconds to approve policy as amended
 - 1. Passes without objection
- c. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - i. Feedback requested by APC and SAC was provided
 - ii. Remarks given on the wonderful experience at commencement
- d. Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Received Code F and will pass on to Senate in Fall
 - ii. Will be working on Student Conduct Code
 - 1. Fall 2026 will be working on this and orienting faculty on the updates
 - iii. Dr. Walley-Jean notes her appreciation for the hard work of the FAC and SAC, and all of the committees, on the work they have been doing on updating policies. The work will enhance the space for students to do what they need while also protecting faculty
- e. Graduate Affairs Committee
 - i. Had a meeting scheduled for today but grading is occurring, will meet in fall
 - ii. Updating graduating criteria and it was sent out

6. Chair Remarks

- a. Chair makes remarks congratulating the work of the senate and thanking them for their hard work.

7. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary

- a. Discussion over senate membership and clarification of terms. Determined only a single senator will be new for the 2026-2027 term.
- b. There was an issue in communicating winners of elections, as well as misprints in the election document. The issue discussed here is whether a vote can be held if the new senator is not present.
- c. Decision was made to call a special Faculty Senate meeting to hold elections to ensure the attendance of the new senator
 - i. Will be for Thursday May 14th at 11:15 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Time Adjourned: 12:22 PM

Minutes Prepared by: Dr. David Peña - Secretary