

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

Recorded Attendees

Senate Members: Randall Gooden (Chair), Kathryn Pratt-Russell (Vice Chair), Seth Shaw (Secretary), Gail Barnes, Marcy Butler (additionally proxy for Debra J. Cody), Craig Hill (additionally serving proxy for John Mascaritolo and Keith Miller), Eugene Ngezem, Junfeng Qu, Muhammad Rahman, Kendolyn Smith, Meri Beth Stegall, Mark Watson, and David Williams.

Guests: Kevin Demmitt and Tim Hynes.

Minutes

- I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - a. January 11, 2017 Minutes approved with no objection
 - b. January 23, 2017 Minutes approved with no objection
- II. Reports of the President and Provost
 - a. President's Report
 - i. See appendix A for prepared comments
 - ii. Questions: Williams followed up an inquiry from a previous meeting about the amount of money the university makes from allowing film productions on campus. The President apologized for not following-up and promised to do so.
 - b. Provost's Report
 - i. See appendix B for provided notes. Ad Astra, the company that provides Clayton's room scheduling software, reports that Clayton is in the top 22 percentile for efficient space usage.
 - ii. Questions: Pratt-Russell was having conversations with Bill Gruska about a parallel All-Faculty email lists in response to the draft communications policy discussed at the Senate meeting on January 23rd. Those communications have stalled. What is the status of the issue? The Provost responded that the committee has received good feedback but encouraged the Senate to follow-up with Martiza Ferreira. Gooden noted that the feedback deadline for the Senate has passed. The President responded that feedback should still be welcome.
- III. Reports of Special Committees
- IV. Special Orders
- V. Unfinished Business and General Orders
- VI. New Business¹
 - a. Motion to Approve Modification of BIOL 4160, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 2016. *Williams moved, no discussion, the motion was carried.*

¹ J. Celeste Walley-Jean sent votes to the chair via email prior to the meeting and are included in this accounting.

- b. Motion to Approve Deactivation of OFFC 4098, 4800 and 3810, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 2016. *Stegall moved, no discussion, the motion was carried.*
 - c. Motion to Approve Curriculum Change for ENGL 4800, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 2016. *Butler moved, no discussion, the motion was carried.*
 - d. Motion to Approve Creation of ENGL 4015, 3230 and 3750, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 2016. *Smith moved, no discussion, the motion was carried.*
 - e. Motion to Approve Changes to the BAS Administrative Management Major, As Approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on December 2016. *Rahman moved, no discussion, the motion was carried.*
- VII. Motion to adjourn by Rahman. Adjourned at 11:20 am.

Appendix A
President Hynes' Prepared Report

President's Report

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- **The need to be constantly intentional in learning** our strategic plan as well as other campus discussions have highlighted the value of liberal arts learning. We have also highlighted the requirement for us to evaluate the success of such student learning, and the required assistance to students by us to enable them to articulate those learned abilities. The attached essay provides one framework for adapting to an exciting but often daunting changing environment for higher education. But as the author observes: “The hallmarks of a liberal education — building an ethical foundation that values the well-being of others, strengthening the mental muscles that allow you to acquire new knowledge quickly, and developing the skills to apply it effectively in rapidly shifting contexts — are not luxuries but necessities for preparing professionals for the coming transformation of knowledge work to relationship work.” <http://www.chronicle.com/article/How-Robots-Will-Save-Liberal/239113>
- **Budget issues** the planning and budget advisory council meets Friday. That session will review current fiscal year budget issues, including estimates of available one time dollars and discussion of use of such funds prior to June 30, 2017. There will also be review of issues in anticipation of the 2018 FY budget, which at this point includes a state allocation for 2% average salary increase for faculty and staff, and some dollars to support projected increases in health care costs beginning January 2018. The state budget currently includes \$6.9 million to support the next stage of the Academic Core upgrades. The minutes of that meeting will be shared early next week—Dr. Gooden serves on the planning and budget advisory committee.
- **Athletics** the highest number in campus history, 75 student athletes exceed 3.0 GPA Fall semester, including a likely academic all American basketball student athlete, whose 4.0 in our MBA program is one manifestation of real progress in academic support and culture at CSU.
- **Legislative session** there are several matters before the general assembly that continue to be of interest to our campus and others within the university system of Georgia. There are several versions of Campus Carry that have been advanced in the Georgia House of Representatives. Legislation aiming to require campus events potentially subject to felony charges must be initiated in the local criminal jurisdiction has also received considerable public attention <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/51> we will continue to follow this legislation. There is also legislation (Chancellor Wrigley spoke on this bill last week) that would limit the ability of the Board of Regents to increase tuition beyond average rate of inflation without legislative approval. <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/229>
- **Questions, and thanks for your continued good work**

Appendix B
Provost Demmitt's Report Notes

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Recent Wins

Ad Astra we are in top 22 percentile

BOR moving towards professional advising model

- Changing AA handbook and replacing faculty with advisor

All institutions must have a fee committee

- Our course fee that is run by faculty was seen as a model by other institutions

PACE presentation