

Clayton State University Senate Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: August 25, 2025

Time Called to Order: 11:16 AM

Location: UC 260

Presiding Officer: Michael Lindsay, Chair

Senator Attendance

Present:

Arts & Sciences: Antoinette Miller, Eugene Ngezem, Michael Lindsay (Chair), Erica Gannon, David Peña

Business: Stacey Reynolds (Vice-Chair), Larry Menter, Anthony Hannah

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

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

Library: Adam Kubik, Erin Nagel

Absent:

Business: Kate Cotter-Reilly

Health: Crystal Marchant

General Attendance

Teams: Michael Lindsay, Mario Norman, Mya Richardson-Echols, Larry Menter, Marcia Bouyea, Nayab Hakim, Xueyu Cheng, Terri Summers, Kitty Deering, Joshua Meddaugh, Deborah Deckner Davis, Dennis Attick, Laura Herndon, Shuju Bai, Caroline Sheppard, Dr. Nae (Sherna' Phillips, Feechi Hall, Jonathan Harris, Hae Ryong Chung, Paul Melvin, Adel Novin, Stephen Burnett, Antoinette France-Harris, Melanie Poudevigne, Kimberly Campbell, Vivian Padin-Irizarry, Penelope Cliff, Elnora Farmer, Anthony Hannah, Kandice Fowlkes, Jennie Bergen, Christina Grange, David Pena, Dwayne Hooks, Martha Fairley, Erica Gannon, Kendolyn Smith, Ebrahim Khosravi, LaTrika Staples, Jeff Jacobs, Samuel Maddox, Ken Nguyen, Shannon Cochran, Andrea Allen, Elicia Collins, Ashlee Spearman, Karen Young, Shakyra Rivers, Naquilla Thomas, Elliot Krop, Lisa Smiley, Jada Mitchell, Sherna Phillips, Matthew Sansbury, Joie Hain, Mesa Davis, Arianne Adams, Latonia Alexander, Sheryne

Southard, David Murray-Stoker, Lindsay Chandler, Christopher Kodani, Stacey Reynolds, Sonya Gaither, Keith Miller, Antoinette Miller, Sara Harwood

In-Person: Appended to minutes

Note: Names of those in Teams and attending in-person are provided in both areas

Agenda

1. Introduction of Senators

- Roll call of Senators; attendance noted

2. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from May 12, 2025, were not provided in time and will be tabled until the next meeting on September 8, 2025.

3. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Georg Lewis, President (Report Appended)

- Enrollment Update: USG system-wide enrollment up 6%. CSU enrollment up 8.7% in credit hours. Breakdown: Distance Ed +10%, New students flat, Returning students, 1%, Graduate up.
- Budget Updates: \$1.5M for Harry S. Downs Center equipment, \$3.5M for Phase 3 of campus infrastructure. Anticipated additional \$850K in appropriations.
- USG introducing new performance funding formula (AY 24/25).
- Campus Updates: Housing moved to Business & Operations. Increased focus on grant writing. C-STEM received \$350K Google grant.
- Faculty Q&A: Questions on laptop donations, gym use, heating/cooling issues, and reporting system. President Lewis committed to follow-up on HVAC and club football concerns.

4. Remarks and Q&A – Dr. Jill Drake, Provost (Report Appended)

- AI Policy Development: USG requires AI policy by Oct. 1. AI Advisory Committee formed, led by Jim Pete and Martha Fairley.
- Policy & Accreditation: USG launching searchable policy system (Dec. 2025).
- Draft accreditation standards to be circulated; feedback due Sept. 16.
- New legal name verification policy required by USG, being worked on.
- Syllabus Posting: CORE and Education courses met deadlines.
 - All Spring 2026 syllabi must be posted online by Dec. 15.
 - Exploring alternative hosting platforms.
- Merit Pay Increases: \$100K allocated. Up to 15% of FT faculty and staff eligible, based on performance reviews.
- Discussion with Senators: Accreditation deadlines, grade submission deadlines, concerns about syllabus requirements, faculty privacy in vitae posting.

5. Discussion over President and Provost Senate Attendance

- Discussed pros and cons of altering attendance of President and Provost at senate meetings to once a month versus every bi-weekly meeting. Also discussed Provost attending every meeting and leaving after their report.
- Keeping current set up will allow continued direct access to administration
- Changing attendance would allow senate to conduct more business related to its areas of responsibility.
- No Decision was made as to attendance at this time.

6. Subcommittee Reports

Senate representatives in parentheses

- University Curriculum Committee: Met, modified timeline. (Smith, Peña)
- Academic Policy Committee: Have not met. (Ngezem, Miller)
- Faculty Affairs Committee: Have not met. (Burnette, Hannah)
- Student Affairs Committee: Have not met. (Cotter-Reilly, Gannon, Menter)
- Other Updates: Honors Council meeting Sept. 9; one additional senator needed (Smith).
- Graduate Affairs Committee requires two senators.

7. Midterm Period for Spring 2026

- Calendar Committee suggested moving midterm reporting to the week after Spring Break.
- Discussion held; Senate did not oppose shifting the official midterm reporting period to after Spring Break

8. Revised Language for President & Dean's Lists

- Clarification: certain courses do not prevent Dean's List eligibility but do not count toward GPA.
- Sent to Academic Policy Committee for review of new language.

8. Guest Presentation – Dr. Andre Clanton, Director of Student Conduct & Community Standards

- Distributed "Conduct Corner" handout.
- Emphasized conduct office as a resource, not just disciplinary.
- Recruiting faculty for University Hearing Panel and Sexual Misconduct Board.
- Discussed Laker Angels support team for faculty/staff.
- Willing to come present to classes

Motions & Votes

- None

Action Items

- May 12, 2025, minutes to be reviewed and approved at Sept. 8 meeting.

- President Lewis to follow up on HVAC concerns and club football facility access.
- Faculty Senate to review accreditation draft standards by Sept. 16.
- Academic Policy Committee to review revised language for President & Dean's Lists.
- Faculty representatives needed for Honors and Graduate Affairs Committee

Adjournment

Time Adjourned: 1:11 PM

Minutes Prepared by: David Peña - Secretary