

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, September 28th, 11:01 a.m.

Members present: Randall Gooden, Kathryn Pratt Russell, Debra Cody, Marcy Butler, Charlotte Swint, Reza Kheirandish, Laura Herndon, Craig Hill, Barbara Musolf, Adam Kubik, Kathryn Kemp, Junfeng Qu, Chris Pitsikoulis, Catherine Matos, Gail Barnes, Chris Raridan

Non-Members present: Tim Hynes, Kevin Demmitt, Chaogui Zhang, Lila Roberts

- I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes. The minutes for the meeting of September 14 were unanimously approved.

- II. A. Report of the President
President Hynes reported that Dr. Demmitt will be leading discussion about connecting our existing film and media program with the larger USG initiative, the Georgia Film Academy. The Board of Regents approved a budget request for state funding, limited to formula funding cost increases and maintenance and operation increases. The capital budget from the system included building projects for CSU. Also, the president shared details of the possible budget cuts in 2017, due to state formula funding cuts based on some declines in enrollment. The president will soon bring to the Senate an update report from Enrollment Management. In other news, a meeting of the staff will be called this Fall to ensure that staff opinions on university issues are heard. There will be requests for broad-based participation in university strategic planning. The president thanked all those who participated in the “top workplaces” celebration and the new science building dedication.
B. Provost’s Report
Provost Demmitt said that he will soon be giving the charge to the Committee on Development of CSU 1022, the first-year “Foundations” course. The committee will include community engagement initiatives and consider high-impact learning practices. The committee decided that it would aim to introduce a version of the course that would satisfy Core learning outcomes in Area B.
C. Graduate Affairs Committee from Chris Raridan.
The MAS (Master of Archival Studies) graduate program has reduced the program to 36 hours from 45 hours. Six graduate faculty applications came through and were approved: Andrea Allen, Lisa Holland-Davis, Abigail Kolb, Nichelle Gause, Stella Michael-Makri, and Scott Bailey. The committee discussed the Saudi Arabian government-affiliated cultural mission program that brings students to the U.S., giving them tuition and a stipend. Graduate studies at CSU needs to improve our marketing to this particular program. Fall enrollment for graduate students at CSU is about 245. The program is working on updating the graduate faculty database.
D. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. No report at this time.

- V. New Business.
- A. Motion to Approve Catalog Cleanup Changes to Information Technology Courses.
Dr. Kemp introduced the motion to approve the changes to the courses. Dr. Gooden called for approval, which was given unanimously.
- B. Discussion Item: Possible Action or Response by Senate in Light of Chancellor's Budget Cuts Requested for Fiscal Year 2017, from Kathryn Pratt Russell.
Dr. Pratt Russell called for discussion of a possible Senate statement about or response to projected budget cuts. This statement would be sent to the USG Faculty Council for their general meeting. President Hynes gave the Senate information about the details of state formula funding and the Chair of Finance John Brown's report that half of all USG institutions have experienced a decline in credit hours produced. After discussion, Dr. Pratt Russell said she would introduce a motion for a vote at the next Senate meeting.
- C. Discussion Item: Possible Change in Frequency of Senate Meetings from Bimonthly to Monthly, from Junfeng Qu.
Dr. Qu showed findings that most institutions in the USG system meet once monthly. After discussion, the varying opinions of the members suggested that the issue should be put to a vote at the next Senate meeting.
- C. DNN Software Issues.
Although guest speaker Justin Mays could not appear, Dr. Jill Lane answered some questions about the DNN software, and told the Senate that a vote on whether DNN should be continued or discontinued was split 50/50 among the CSU faculty who responded.
- VI. Dr Barbara Musolf moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Butler seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Randall Gooden, Chair of Faculty Senate
Kathryn Pratt Russell, Secretary