



**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**  
**3:20pm – 4:50pm**  
**Tivoli 320 A, B & C**

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**AGENDA**

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- I.** Welcome!
- II.** Announcements (5 minutes)
- III.** Approval of Minutes: 05/08/2019, please see document: “Faculty Senate Minutes 2019.05.08” (5 minutes) **VOTE**
- IV.** Committee At-Large Elections: Budget (1), Diversity (1), General Studies (2), Rules (1); (10 minutes)
- V.** Additional Committee Openings (10 minutes)
- VI.** Update from Trustee Harder (10 minutes)
- VII.** Proposed Bylaws Update, first reading, please see document “Proposed Bylaws change for FS Rep on Grad Council,” Secretary Carnes (10 minutes)

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**MINUTES**

*to be approved 09/04/2019*

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**Attendees:** Ahrendt, Avery, Bagwell, Bailey, Balogh, Bernhardt, Bissell, Borrego, Bouwmeester, Brower, Cachanosky, Carnes, Cho, Colton, Conroy, Davie, Decker, Dickerson, ERickson, Evans, Ferrell, Flores, Flynn, Fry, Goodnick, Grevstad, Halley, Hernandez, Hill, Jacobs, Jia, Katz, Kiss, Komodore, Krizman, Lechuga, Macy, Makley, Maldonado, Martin, McGuire, McVicker, Meloche, Melvin, Mollenhauer, Morgan, Murphy, Nemece, Niemeyer, Ondracek-Peterson, Ortiz, Perez-Gomez, Poole, Richard, Rivas, Russell, Russo Garrido, Schaeffer Fry, Schelble, Schendel, Schmidt, Schuenemann, Shapland, Simmonds, Sinley, Spitler, Surman, Suter, Svonkin, Thangasamy, Thompson, Weiden, Weiss, Welch, Williams

**Guests:** BBeatty, EParmelee, VGolich

**I. Welcome and Announcements**

- A.)** Senate President Katia Campbell welcomed Senators back for another great year, and introduced Vice President Liz Goodnick, Secretary Bill Carnes and administrative assistant Maggie Thulson.
- B.)** Senator Svonkin, English, took the floor to lead a moment of silence for the recent loss of MSU Denver faculty members Dr. Gene Saxe (English) and Ms. Ellen Slatkin (History).
- C.)** President Davidson welcomed the faculty and acknowledged all the hard work that has gone in to helping increase enrollment for the fall. As of today, the university is only down

2.9% in enrollment, and the president has recommended to the Board a 3% raise for faculty and staff. She shared that retention and improving the transfer process will be major areas of focus this year. Several senators took the floor to share ideas for more faculty involvement in high school recruitment, and for expanding concurrent enrollment options. President Davidson encouraged faculty to vote on Proposition CC this fall, which would allow the state of Colorado to keep revenue over the TABOR cap. She closed by acknowledging Provost Golich's recent retirement announcement, and thanked for her 10 years of service to the university.

- D.) Senate President Campbell solicited representation for three university committees: a RTP/PTR Process Review Committee, led by Dr. Bill Henry; an SEM Retention Council, led by Lunden MacDonald; and an SEM Recruitment Council, led by Vaughn Toland. Interested participants should contact Ms. Thulson ([memerso9@msudenver.edu](mailto:memerso9@msudenver.edu)) and President Campbell ([kcampb28@msudenver.edu](mailto:kcampb28@msudenver.edu)) if interested.

**II. Approval of Minutes: 05/08/2019, please see document: "Faculty Senate Minutes 2019.05.08" (5 minutes) **VOTE****

**YES - 52**

**NO - 1**

**Abstain - 6**

**III. Committee At-Large Elections: Budget (1), Diversity (1), General Studies (3), Rules (1); (10 minutes)**

**a. Budget Committee (one open seat)**

Senator Murphy, chair of the committee, shared an overview of the Budget Committee responsibilities, which includes work with the University Budget Taskforce. Nominations were solicited from the floor. Senator Richard Russell volunteered. By acclamation, congratulations to Senator Russell.

**b. Faculty Diversity Committee (one open seat)**

Senator Borrego, chair of the committee shared an overview of the committee responsibilities, which includes work on the faculty climate survey. Senator Di Jai volunteered. By acclamation, congratulations to Senator Jai.

**c. General Studies Committee (three open seats)**

Senator Katz, chair of the committee shared an overview of the committee responsibilities, which includes reviewing general studies courses every seven years. Senator Christopher Meloche volunteered. By acclamation, congratulations to Senator Meloche.

**d. Rules Committee (one open seat)**

As the Rules Committee is in need of a chair, Secretary Carnes shared an overview of the committee responsibilities, which includes appointing a parliamentarian and reviewing the senate bylaws and constitution. There were no volunteers.

**IV. Additional Committee Openings (10 minutes)**

President Campbell introduced this year's Caucus Chairs, who will be working to fill the vacant seats on Senate committees. Several committees are still in need of chairs, and Senator Avery took the floor to solicit a volunteer to chair the Welfare Committee. Anyone interested can contact President Campbell ([kcampb28@msudenver.edu](mailto:kcampb28@msudenver.edu)) or Ms. Thulson ([memerso9@msudenver.edu](mailto:memerso9@msudenver.edu)).

**V. Proposed Bylaws Update, first reading, please see document "Proposed Bylaws change for FS Rep on Grad Council," Secretary Carnes (10 minutes)**

The proposed changes would create an Executive Committee position for the Faculty Senate Representative on the Graduate Council. This will help create a streamlined process for sharing information to bring to the full senate. A second reading and vote will take place at the September 4 Senate meeting.

**VI. Update from Trustee Harder (10 minutes)**

The Board of Trustees met over the summer to discuss the conceptual design and location for the new Health Institute building. They approved concept, which clears the way for the university to seek funding. As a result of recent air-conditioning outages on campus, senior leadership is looking into better mechanisms for addressing and sending communication about these issues.

**VII. Faculty Senate SharePoint Site update from Ms. Thulson**

Faculty Senate agendas, documents and minutes will now be housed on the Faculty Senate SharePoint site: <https://msudenver.sharepoint.com/sites/FacultySenate>.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn 4:34 p.m.**