



FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
3:20pm – 4:50pm
[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Minutes

Attendees: Allert, Avery, Bagwell, Balogh, Barcelo, Battson, Bernhardt, Brown, Buckley, Carnes, Castle, Cho, Clark, Colton, Conroy, Davie, Decker, Dickerson, DiPonio, Doe, MDrake, Duber-Smith, EchoHawk, Erickson, Evans, Fayman, Ferrell, Fleck Dillen, Flores, Flynn, Frisbee, Fry, Geinitz, Griffin, Hernandez, Hill, Huang, Huber, Hughes, Jeffers, Ji, Katz, Kendall, Kiss, Klimek, Kolts, Komodore, Konuk, Krentz, Krizman, Krueger, Lechuga, London, Macy, Maldonado, McGuire, Meloche, Merrill, Mollenhauer, Monsour, Murphy, Musimbi, Niemeyer, O'Hara, Ortiz, Padilla, Pak, Pantos, Poelman, Predki, Prestridge, Pytlinski, Ribble, Richard, Ritter, Russell, Russo, Sandoval, Schaeffer Fry, Schelble, Schepers, Schmidt, Schuenemann, Seedorf, Sell, Svonkin, Thompson, Trentin, Trujillo, Wanberg, Welch, Wright, Zukowski

Guests: EBuckland, CHardigree, BKelley, EParmelee, CPhare, SSchafer, WWong Howerton

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.**
- II. Guest of the Senate, Whei Wong-Howerton, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Brand, announced that Marketing and Communications is leading a Digital Transformation project and is looking for feedback from campus community members. A survey will be sent to Senators after the meeting, with questions structured to identify the best features of the website, aspects that cause inefficiency, and types of training that would be helpful for web authors. Please forward the survey to colleagues and submit feedback by the end of October.
- III. The [September 30, 2020 minutes](#) were approved by a majority vote.
- IV. **Announcements, President Campbell**
 - A.) Due to confusion at last week's meeting, President Campbell asked that once a vote has been called and the link is posted, comments on the floor and in the chat must be paused and Senators will have 30 seconds to vote. Amendments can be voted on when proposed, or Senators may make a motion to postpone the vote. A three-minute limit will be implemented for statements and Senator

Evans (Human Performance and Sport), chair of the Rules Committee, will help manage time.

- B.) A Senator is needed to serve on the Teaching Evaluation Task Force, tasked with reviewing the use of SRIs, how teaching is defined in the Handbook, standards for teaching, and types of data required in portfolios to evaluate it. Email [President Campbell](#) and [Ms. Thulson](#) if you are interested in serving.
- C.) A Senator needed for the Diversity Resolution Task Force, charged with generating recommendations for the operationalization and implementation of the recent [Faculty Senate Resolution on Ensuring a Diverse Faculty](#). Email [President Campbell](#) and [Ms. Thulson](#) if you are interested in serving.
- D.) The Metropolitan State Faculty Federation (MSFF) is hosting an open town hall on Thursday at 4 p.m. with a university budget presentation from George Middlemist, Associate Vice President for Administration/CFO. Information can be found on the [MSFF website](#).
- E.) Vice President Goodnick provided an update on the response to the State Student's Bill of rights which states that if a student takes a general studies (GS) class, it has to count for general studies. Previously at the institution, programs had specified GS requirements and a rule that students could not use courses having the same prefix as their major discipline to satisfy the GS requirements. As these policies are not allowed by the State, they were removed from the Catalog. However, the change hasn't been implemented because a course count policy is needed, identifying if a course can count for GS and for a student's major. Two proposals are in discussion: one which would allow for courses to count multiple times, and one which would give students a choice for how they want to count courses but may require additional course work. **Please fill out and send the [General Studies Survey](#), which outlines both proposals, to constituents by noon on October 20.** The feedback will help the Academic Policy and GS Committees draft a proposal to come before the Senate.

V. Parliamentary Procedure, Senator Evans

Senator Evans, Chair of the Rules Committee, presented a [Robert's Rules of Order "cheat sheet"](#) to assist in keeping meetings focused and on track. She highlighted the difference between main motions and subsidiary motions and the process for bringing a motion before the assembly. All comments and questions must be posed to the President, and individuals can only speak twice on the same question. Votes are counted for all members present and voting, with a majority vote used for most items. A vote of "abstain" is a vote that is casted; though it is not a vote of "yes" or "no," it can count against an amendment or motion that needs a majority vote to pass, thus rendering it a vote of "no." Senator Ribble (Mathematics and Statistics) asked about abstentions, as Senators can abstain by choosing not to vote at all, or by clicking "abstain," therefore casting a vote. Senator Evans will clarify the language in the cheat sheet document.

President Campbell encouraged Senators to vote, as it is part of the duties of the seat. Senator Svonkin (English) acknowledged that though votes can be postponed,

sometimes decisions need to be made on the floor. He suggested that amendments could be emailed out ahead of the meeting, so Senators have time review with their departments.

VI. [Faculty Senate Resolution on Election Day](#), second reading and vote, President Campbell

The resolution, written by Matt Jenkins (Art), has not been changed since the first reading. It requests that faculty honor and protect students' rights to vote by being lenient with assignments and attendance on election day, and not introducing "crucial course content," such as materials for a test, or content that could impact a student's grade negatively if missed.

Senator Evans motioned for a vote, which was seconded by Senator Krueger (Music).

Senator Svonkin asked about advocating for the university to formally make election day a holiday moving forward. Senator Meloche (Biology) noted that Colorado has a mail in ballot system, so students can vote before election day. Senator Russell replied that we want students to be informed voters and take time to research the items on the ballot. Senator Hughes (Communication Studies) added that Colorado has a great model for democracy and encouraged normalizing the voting practice, as many will be voting for the first time this year.

President Campbell called for a vote and **the resolution passed by a vote of 76 in favor, 9 against, and no abstentions.**

VII. Curriculum Update, Senator Trentin

Senator Trentin (Art), Co-Chair of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) announced the following FSCC approvals:

A.) Course modifications and redesignations:

- a. ARTH 1500 Art and Visual Literacy (General Studies)
- b. BVG 4850 Applied Brewing Operations (Senior Experience)
- c. ENG 2460 Children's Literature (General Studies)
- d. GEG 1300 Introduction to Human Geography (General Studies)
- e. GWS 1550 Introduction to Transgender Studies (General Studies)
- f. MKT 2010 Marketing Around the Globe (General Studies)
- g. PHI 1040 Introduction to Eastern Religions (General Studies)

B.) Discontinuations:

- a. Environmental Studies Minor
- b. Music Major, BA: Commercial Songwriting
- c. Music Major, BA: Music Industry Studies

C.) New Certificate in Public Relations

D.) The Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences was approved to split into two departments: the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and the Department of Computer Sciences.

Contact [Senator Trentin](#) with any questions.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.