

Minutes for the 158th Meeting of the Faculty Senate

for Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm held in person & virtually.

Attendance:

Faculty Senate Members in Attendance:

Zaghloul Ahmed, David Allen, Neo Antoniadis, Jay Arena, Alyson Bardsley, Alan Benimoff, Cynthia Chris, David Curcio, Deborah DeSimone, Christine Flynn Saulnier, Valerie Forrestal, Ken Gold, Orit Gruber, Roshen Hendrickson, Susan Holak, Susan Imberman, Wilma Jones, Catherine Lavender, John Lawrence, Alfred Levine, Timothy Lynch, Lucas Marchante--Aragon, Jane Marcus-Delgado, Michael Paris, Michael Parrish, Lee Papa, Jonathan Peters, William Schreiber, Carles Sola Belda, Sarolta Takács, Susan Smith-Peter, Tom Tellefsen, George Vachadze, Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, John Verzani, George Wang, Simone Wegge, Siona Wilson, John Wing, Cindy Wong.

Guests In-Person:

Akram Alrahawan, Winsome Alston, Warrick Bell, Holly Block, Marta Cabral, Shannon Cammarano, Patricia Canale, Jasmine Cardona, Chang Hui Chen, Leanora Chiaruttini, Sharon Christian, Jessica Collura, Rafael Dela Dehesa, Nina DelGatto, Veronica DiMeglio, Aleks Dudek, Jennifer Durando, Stephen Ferst, Hernan Green, Patti Gross, Demany Higgs, Michael Ivany, Burnett Joiner, Patricia Kahn, Michael Lederhandler, Mark Lewental, Sharon Loverde, Susan Massara, Tara Mastrorilli Mohammad Moussa, Mary Murphy, Ralf Peetz, , Keith Pisons, David Pizzuto, Angelina Raio, Frank Salzillo, Alex Scott, Carlos Serrano, Suzy Shepardson, Amy Stempler, Bryan Taylor, Dante Tawfeeq, Robert Wallace, Shuqun Zhang.

Guests via Zoom

Comfort Asanbe, Michael Chiacchiero, Brian Farr, Tony Gallego, Julie Guerrero, Isabel Rechberg, Sarolta Takacs, George Wang, Mark White, Sarah Zelikowitz. Manuela Alongi, Cesare Barreca, Linda Conte, Danielle Dimitrov, Emmanuel Esperance Jr., Matthew Ganz, Stefanie Gardiner, Amila Goonawardena, Sheila Harris, Qiao Sheng-Hu, Linsy John, Michele Karpeles, Koby Kohulan, Tom Lauria, Charles Liu, Doriann Pieve-Hyland, Edward Patri, Janine Scotto, Erma Tacopino, Joyce Taylor.

- I. Approval the agenda.
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate of May 19, 2022.
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Committee Report: Appendix A

Question: Can the request for submissions of names and remembrances be given to the College Council, so that it can be expanded to include members of the community who are not just faculty?

Answer: That is an excellent idea, the College Council will have to consider that.

IV. Provost's Report : Appendix B

V. Reports of the Committees of the Faculty Senate

a. Admissions Committee – none

b. Curricular Committees – Chairs:

- i. General Education Committee –
- ii. Graduate Studies Committee –
- iii. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee –

Consent Agenda for Thursday, September 22, 2022

AIV. NEW COURSES

AIV.1 DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY: HST 268/568 HISTORY OF UKRAINE

AV. CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE:

AV.1 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY: PHT 710 CLINICAL RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Consent Agenda moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

c. Course & Standing Committee – none

d. Library Committee – none

e. Academic Research Committee – none

f. Academic Facilities Committee – none

g. Academic Freedom Committee – none

h. Academic Technology Committee – none

i. Faculty Personnel Policy Committee – none

VI. University Faculty Senate Report –

We met last Tuesday but did not have a quorum. However, we had an informational meeting with the Chancellor. People questioned the lecturer allocation, diversity and inclusion, but not the vaccine mandate.

Question: Are there any openings on the UFS?

Answer: Not any on the website, but there might be an opening or and there may be some alternates.

VII. Old Business – Report regarding the Policy on Absences for D2 Athletes.

This body asked the FSXC to address issues regarding this policy over the summer to meet the

June 1 deadline of the NCAA. There was a meeting with the FSXC, the Faculty Liaison Christine Flynn-Saulnier, the chair of Course & Standing Anat Niv-Solomon, and Assoc. Director of Athletics Erin Van Nostrand. The policy before you is what was submitted to the NCAA. We learned at this meeting that the NCAA did not need to approve our policy, but needed to know we had a policy.. We will put this on the agenda for discussion next time as to whether this should be a college-wide policy. Please submit any suggestions you have to your members of the Course & Standing or curricular committees.

VIII. New Business – none

IX. Adjournment. *Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously at 4:21 pm.*

APPENDIX A

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report September 22, 2022

On behalf of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, I would like to welcome everyone back to campus. While we realize that in-person meetings present significant challenges, we are happy to be with all of you and are looking forward to rebuilding our community together.

My brief comments today center on transitions and continuity. We would like to express our appreciation to our outgoing administrators, Provost Michael Parrish, Vice President Jennifer Borrero and Dean Michael Cavagnero. We are grateful for their hard work and leadership over the years, and especially during the pandemic. We know that there are a number of our other colleagues who have retired or moved on, and we wish you all the very best.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome our new Vice President of Student Affairs Michel Hodge, new Health Sciences Dean Michael Dreher, and our incoming Provost Michael Steiper, and Interim Dean of Science and Technology Ralf Peetz. This is an exciting time at CSI, with the arrival of our new administration, nineteen new faculty members, and opportunities to explore new modalities of teaching and learning. We face daunting challenges in enrollment and in our budget situation, but we are confident that the community will pull together – as it always has – and overcome these obstacles together.

We hope that our new administrators will redouble our efforts to support the rebuilding of our tenure track faculty, and especially providing incentives, motivation and recognition of faculty research and service.

My primary message in these remarks is to remind all of us of the importance of institutional memory. The faculty members on the Senate have literally centuries of experience in the profession and at CSI. We look forward to reconstituting and reinvigorating our committees and rededicating our efforts to collaborative leadership between our established governance structures and the administration.

We are grateful to Interim President Lynch for improving communication and transparency on campus. We look forward to working with new and old members of the faculty and urge you to get involved in all of the committees and bodies that make our shared governance possible. Please consult the Faculty Senate and College Council websites to see how you can become more involved in shaping the future of CSI.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Marcus-Delgado

APPENDIX B

Provost's Report September 22, 2022

Good Afternoon. It is a pleasure to see this group in person after nearly 3 years of COVID.

I want to thank the Year of Willowbrook and Willowbrook Mile committees for their work, particularly over the last year, that culminated in the wonderful ribbon cutting event last Saturday which was attended by over 300 people including many residents of the Willowbrook School and their families, many others involved in the efforts to close the school, along with many Staten Island, NYC, state, and federal government representatives. The Willowbrook Mile is an important and very well conceived testament to the history of our campus and the impact that the closure of the school had on Staten Island and the national Developmental Disability community. Thanks to Catherine Lavender, Nora Santiago, and the rest of the many people who lent their time and talents to this effort.

I would like to provide updates on several administrative and faculty changes that occurred since we last met.

At the beginning of August, Dr. Michael Dreher joined us as Interim Dean of the School of Health Sciences. Effective fall semester he is also serving as Acting Chair of the Department of Nursing.

Earlier this month, Michael Cavagnero left his position at CSI to return to NSF, where he has a very exciting position as director of all of the agency's High Energy Physics Institutes. Ralf Peetz has been appointed Interim Dean in addition to his duties as Associate Provost, although some of his previous portfolio has moved under the Provost and other parts of it are now under the Division of Student Affairs.

Juline Robinson, who had assumed the role of Interim Registrar early in 2022, has moved to the CUNY Registrar's Office to become director of Records and Compliance for the system. Pat Canale, who has served as registrar at St. John's, Queensborough, and Pace, was gracious enough to step in on an interim basis while we search for a permanent registrar. We are currently interviewing finalists for that position, and hope to have that search finalized next week.

CUNY has provided CSI with 37 lecturer lines for 2022 and 2023, with the intention of increasing diversity of our permanent faculty, addressing equity gaps in gatekeeper courses, and introducing innovative pedagogy into those courses. This fall, we welcomed 19 of these new colleagues, along with two new assistant professors. Our new colleagues are the following:

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| Lorenza | Colonna | Lecturer | English |
| Lewis | Dimmick | Lecturer | English |
| Melanie | McNulty | Lecturer | English |
| Sean | Thatcher | Lecturer | Engineering and Env Science |
| Sasanthi | Peiris | Lecturer Doct Sch | Engineering and Env Science |
| Emma | Johnson | Lecturer | Media Culture |
| Natalie | Batman- Ratyosyan | Lecturer Doct Sch | Psychology |
| Aris | Efting | Lecturer Doct Sch | Biology |
| Ann | Etsey | Lecturer Doct Sch | Biology |
| Faiza | Peetz | Lecturer Doct Sch | Biology |
| Muhammad | Zia | Lecturer Doct Sch | Biology |
| Kalani | Hettiarachchilage | Lecturer Doct Sch | Physics and Astronomy |
| Freda | Li | Lecturer Doct Sch | Mathematics |
| Wenjuan | Colonna | Lecturer Doct Sch | Mathematics |
| Joseph | Quinn | Lecturer Doct Sch | Mathematics |
| Christopher | Santiago | Lecturer Doct Sch | Sociology and Anthropology |
| Robert | Allen | Lecturer Doct Sch | Marketing |
| Jong Gyu | Park | Assistant Professor | Management |
| An-Yun | Yeh | Assistant Professor | Nursing |

I am pleased to report that Physics and Astronomy professor Li Ge, along with several colleagues, just had a paper, Hyperdimensional Laser Molecules, accepted for publication in Nature, one of the two premier weekly science journals.

I also learned yesterday that the School of Education will be hosting the New York State Foundations of Education Association National meeting next spring on our campus.

As most of you know, I will be retiring from the College at the end of the month.. I'm not sure what is next for me, but Karen and I are probably moving back west in a few months. In the meantime, I have been working to wrap things up, and to help onboard incoming interim Provost Michael Steiper, who will start October 3. I would like to thank my colleagues and friends for your support and hard work over the last four years, and I hope to see many of you at the reception after this meeting.