

**Approved @ FEB 4, 2019, Faculty Senate Meeting**

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Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 17

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Members Present:**

COLS (9)	COA (5)	COBCS (4)	COEHP (5)	Library (2)
Samuel Abegaz (20) Rajeev Dabke (19) Jennifer Newbrey (20) Eliot Rendleman (21) Diana Riser (19) Richard Stephens (21) Rosa Williams (20) Alternate Senator: Eugen Ionascu	Natalie Higgins (20) Chris McCollough (19) James Ogburn (19) Alternate Senator: Nicholas McMillan	Phillip Bryant (21) Rania Hodhod (21) Tesa Leonce (19) Laurence Marsh (19)	Sherika Derico (19) Vanessa Hicks (21) Saoussan Maarouf (21) Ellen Martin (19) Alternate Senator: Alicia Bryan	Paul Luft (20) David Owings (21)

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Markwood, Dr. Bordelon

Members Absent with notice: Andrew Puckett (19), Ryan Lynch (21), Stephanie Patterson (21), Joseph Girard (21), Heather McKeen (21)

Members Absent without notice: n/a

- I. Call to order 10:02
- II. President's comments and announcements - Chris Markwood
  - A. Described Georgia Chambers visit, heard elected leaders about expectations about high tech prospects; economy of GA to invest in makers, growers, doers, etc. and connected to create you slogan/movement, we are well positioned; governor's budget preview, historic K-12 pay raise, we'll see for state employees, not included in teachers' raise discussion; funding request on the agenda to legislators; Columbus requesting \$10 million for medical school; relates to our potential doctoral programs in health professions; announcements of Tower Day and AVP for enrollment management Sally McMullen beginning; dean search for College of the Arts; search for associate provost of faculty affairs and innovation; holiday campus closures, limited access for students, open access for faculty and staff;
- III. Provost's comments and announcements – Deborah Bordelon AUDIO LOST
  - A. review of week's events of presentations and faculty and staff development; announcements of remaining activities during welcome week; Georgia Tech opportunity for students to present inventions/innovative ideas in a "shark tank" format competition;

- IV. Executive Officer's comments and announcements – Chris McCollough
  - A. Change in venue schedule ahead (see documents in meeting packet).
  - B. Web site updates under way.
  - C. Committees engaged in bylaw and charge development/review.
- V. Approval of Faculty Senate December Meeting Minutes - Eliot Rendleman Laurence Marsh, Ogburn. Minutes approved unanimously by a majority of the senate members.
- VI. Staff Council Report – Lashica Thomas Postponed until next meeting
- VII. Student Government Association Report – Winston Black Postponed until next meeting
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports\*
  - A. Student Evaluation Committee - Megan Hallissey Described recommended changes to the student course evaluation; provost comments on proposal and highlight of use in tenure and promotion, Samuel Abegaz posed questions about the policy proposal; Ellen Martin is this a university issue, or a college issue, or a department standards of excellence issue, doesn't seem like a university issue, maybe provost should review since that's where the standards of excellence reside; Brian Tyo challenges chairs who might be violating policy; Brian Schwartz asks about the policy at the university level; Brian S and Brian T investigate and debate the meaning of the university policy; discussion ensued that attempted to tease out the implications of the university policy and how the proposed policy would intervene; James Ogburn echoed provost's ideas and offers support of changes; XO reviewed the discussion topics; Brian Tyo shares various ways university outlines how the chair can approach evaluation of teaching effectiveness; Brian Schwartz makes recommendation to add to current policy; Ellen Roberts reviewed process of developing the previous T&P policy, and offered support if the policy is asking for clarification and disagreed with policy change if it's an entirely new policy, offered "In support of existing policy....."; Phillip Bryant can college's align standards to university level, could we make a motion to recommend college's review their standards of excellence; Susan Hrach highlights problem with practice and not necessarily any level of policy, whether uni, college, or department. Phillip Bryant supports Susan's recommendation; XO summarized current status conversation; XO offered direction for Student Evaluation Committee; Tesa Leonce suggests we involve students to inform students on how to use course evaluations; Ellen Roberts invitation for Student Eval cmte to join Distance Learning cmte to continue developing the student evaluation; Diana Riser shared her critique of the professional development approach and supports clarification of current policy; Rosa Williams offers support of policy refinement; James Ogburn asked for clarification of what is being recommended; President offers perspective about substance and process issue; Ellen Martin recommends FS makes recommendation to Colleges to address the problem in the bylaws; Motion submitted by Dr Bryant 00:26;00;00; Ellen Martin table the motion to write one up and present it at Feb 4; XO asks cmte to reconvene (March 3) to craft new proposal/motion that is a holistic approach to teaching evaluation and course

evaluation; Brian Schwartz request a timeline and reporting schedule; Brian Tyo described the urgency of the a short timeline with APRs coming up; Richard Stevens asked about the uni level of policy; Jennifer Newbrey pointed out it needs to be annual, the faculty development; Hallissey described problem with questionnaire/ survey that emphasizes personality and problems with defining creativity; Hallissey reviewed evaluation form changes; Jennifer Newbrey, Ellen Martin, James Ogburn, Phillip Bryant, Katie Hughes, Rajeev Dabke challenged some of the language of the proposed form. XO recommended charge moving forward toward March and fall

- B. Senate Budget Committee - Ellen Martin have not met;
  - C. Committee on Committees - Laurence Marsh updating cmte member website; bylaw templates sent; announce who's reporting
- IX. Action Item(s) for the Senate
- A. Nominees - Academic Master Plan Committee (1 per unit from Senate) Dr. Bordelon described the goals/objectives of the academic master plan cmte; the cmte will examine current and new programs and make recommendations; large committee; James Ogburn asked about meeting frequency, virtual vs physical attendance; Ellen Martin asked what's the term appointment; provost replied 2-year terms; details of the composition and procedure for selection will be worked out.
- X. New Business
- A. Title IX Updates Circular (for review and preliminary Q&A) - Lauren Jones President offered perspective and context related to changes by Sec. of Education, Betsy DeVos
  - B. Craig Burgess reviewed what's on <https://generalcounsel.columbusstate.edu/policies-under-consideration.php> ;
- XI. Other Items

\*Senate Committees are asked to present a report on a schedule each month. Unless noted as a presentation to Senate, each chair has submitted a report for advanced review, and will be in attendance for questions from the Senate and others in attendance. All reports and materials will be submitted 3 business days prior to meeting to allow for substantive review.