

Minutes of the 167th Meeting of the Faculty Senate

Thursday, October 26th, 2023 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in person & virtually.

Faculty Senate (FS) Members in Attendance:

Zaghloul Ahmed, Neo Antoniadis, Comfort Asanbe, Alan Benimoff, Heidi Bertels, Jason Bishop, Cynthia Chris, Katie Cumiskey, David Curcio, Valerie Forrestal, Kenneth Gold, Orit Gruber, Susan Holak, Burnett Joiner, Wilma Jones, Sylvia Kahan, Catherine Lavender, Sharon Loverde, Timothy Lynch, Lisa Manne, Natalia Pankratova, Lee Papa, Jonathan Peters, Greg Philips, Sarah Pollack, Susan Smith-Peter, Carles Sola Belda, Michael Steiper, Sarolta Takacs, Thomas Tellefsen, Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, John Verzani, George Wang, Simone Wegge, Siona Wilson, John Wing, Cindy Wong, Mark Zdziarski.

FS Members Via Zoom:

Vandana Chaudhry, Deborah DeSimone, Rosane Gertner, Yumei Huo, Alfred Levine, Don Selby, Mark White, Sarah Zelikovitz.

Guests In-Person:

Winsome Alston, Chrisanthi Anastopolou, Michael Anderson, Karen Arca-Contreras, Michael Batson, Warrick Bell, Susan Brillhart, Stefan Charles-Pierre, Thomas Chen, Sharon Christian, Jessica Collura, Brian Cortijo, Danna Curio, Nina DelGatto, Aleks Dudek, Jennifer Durando, Emmanuel Esperance, Katrina Fama, Stephen Ferst, Hernan Green, Neila Green, Anusha Harris, Sheila Harris, Marianne Jeffreys, Patricia Kahn, Michael Lederhandler, Michael Levitas, Mark Lewental, Jennifer Macchiarola, Susan Massara, Tara Mastroilli, Mohammad Moussa, Ralf Peetz, Leonardo Pignataro, Keith Pisons, Carlos Serrano, Alexander Scott, Suzy Shepardson, Chang Hui Shen, Jessica Stein, Amy Stempler, Brenda Valentin, Rosemary Vitale, Jonathan Wesley.

Guests via Zoom:

Manuela Alongi, Vincenza Albarano, Cesar Arena-Mena, Alyson Bardsley, Maria Bellamy, Marta Cabral, Barbara Cohen, Christine Cohen, Linda Conte, Brian Cotijo, Celeste Del Maestro, Rafael de la Dehesa, Veronica DiMeglio, Danielle Dimitrov, Clarisse Domingo, Jennifer Durando, Maryann Feola, Catherine Ferrara, James Hamilton, Novina Hermoso, Elias Hollander, Doriann Hyland, Jane Kisto, Michele Karpeles, Koby Kohulan, Lisa Korchma, Lynne Lacomis, Thomas Lauria, Eileen Parathyras, Caterina Scrimbolo, Jannine Scotto, Byron Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Ezra Vario, Shuqun Zhang

Meeting called to order at 2:34pm by Chair Susan Smith-Peter.

- I. Approval the agenda.
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate of September 21st,

2023.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Report: Appendix A.

IV. Provost's Report : Appendix B.

V. Reports of the Committees of the Faculty Senate-

- a. **Course & Standing** – met for the first time this academic year, re-elected chair Anat Niv-Solomon, and discussed putting together a survey for faculty and students with the purpose of reviewing and revising the CSI policy on academic integrity, in light of recent technological advances involving generative AI

Question from Body asking for list of members of COACHE committee, who are as follows:

- Miguel Aragon, Associate Professor, Performing and Creative Arts
 - Sharon Loverde, Professor, Chemistry
 - Tara Mastroilli, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, CSI COACHE liaison
 - Ananya Mukherjea, Associate Professor Sociology and Anthropology
 - Bethany Rogers, Professor, Educational Studies
 - Amy Stempler, Chief Librarian, Library
 - Tom Volscho, Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology
 - Bryan Weber, Associate Professor, Economics
 - An-Yun (Emily) Yeh, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- b. **Library** – Assoc. Dean Amy Stempler announced new (or re-acquired) resources: Newsbank, featuring the Staten Island Advance and the Star Ledger (<http://csi.ezproxy.cuny.edu/login?url=https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/easy-search?p=NewsBank>), and Archives Unbound from Gale Primary Sources Collection (http://csi.ezproxy.cuny.edu/login?url=https://go.gale.com/ps/exploreCollections?userGroupName=cuny_statenisle&prodId=GDSC&sid=bookmark-GDSC).
 - c. **Academic Technology** – Chair Marta Cabral called for members (the only departments currently represented are English, Engineering & Environmental Science, Education, and Economics/Business. Discussion on migration from Blackboard to Brightspace D2L (should be mostly automatic). Reminder that the college has hyflex rooms available, contact OIT for with questions and for training.

Question about whether the school's various technology and academic integrity committees (across both College Council and Faculty Senate) can work together on the generative AI and academic integrity. Suggestion noted.

Question about Brightspace information session and course migration. Wilma Jones clarifies that CSI will migrate in Fall 2024 and go live in Spring 2025, but Blackboard content will still be available after launch. Patricia Kahn assures the Body that OIT is listening to faculty concerns about migration and customization and will be taking them into consideration. Comment from Provost Steiper about schools in the earlier migration waves may end up solving some of the issues before CSI even begins.

Consent Agenda for October 26th, 2023

AIII. DEGREE CHANGES

AIV. NEW COURSES

AV. CHANGES IN EXISTING OCURSES

Undergraduate-

1. Department of Psychology
 - a. Change in existing course PSY 333 Experimental Psychology: Learning & Behavior
2. American Studies Program
 - a. Change in existing degree: American Studies BA
 - b. Change in existing minor: American Studies
3. Department of Biology
 - a. Change in existing degree: Medical Laboratory Science (BS)
4. Department of Engineering and Environmental Science
 - a. Change in existing course: ENS 415 Network Systems Engineering
 - b. Change in existing course: ENS 436 Machines and Energy Systems
 - c. Change in existing course: ENS 459 Applied Mechanics Laboratory
5. Department of Nursing
 - a. Change in existing course: NRS 410 Community Health Nursing
 - b. Change in existing course: NRS 411 Leadership and Management in Nursing
 - c. Change in existing course: NRS 423 Issues in Health Care and Professional Nursing
6. Department of Accounting & Finance
 - a. Change in existing course: FNC 511 Blockchain Technologies: From Bitcoin to Hyperledger

Graduate-

1. Addition of Satisfactory Progress (SP) grade to the Doctoral Grading Table
2. Department of Engineering & Environmental Science
 - a. Change in existing course: ELE 636 Electrical Machines in Energy Systems
3. Department of Curriculum & Instruction
 - a. Change in existing degree and application for distance education: TESOL MSED
4. Department of Physical Therapy
 - a. Change in existing course: PHT 806 Clinical Affiliation I
 - b. Change in existing course: PHT 886 Clinical Affiliation II

- c. Change in existing course: PHT 889 Clinical Affiliation III
- d. Change in existing course: PHT 890 Clinical Affiliation IV

Question of order raised as to whether someone from each department represented in the Consent Agenda should be present. Point of history raised to say Faculty Senate usually does not require departmental representation unless something has been removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately. Since that is not the case, vote proceeds.

Consent agenda moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- VI. University Faculty Senate Report –
John Verzani delivers report from UFS Plenary with CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodríguez, including unanswered question from a CSI professor about cutting small programs and need for freedom of expression policy that has been argued for since 2016. Concerns that ALL online classes will be required to use new LMS, raising issues of technological decay and academic freedom.
- VII. Old Business –
- VIII. New Business –

Announcements: Upcoming events:

Poster Opening for Ukraine

CSI History Professor Susan Smith-Peter will give a talk at 5:30pm on the international collaboration that led to the posters and the work of the World War Two Museum in documenting today's war. A reception will take place earlier, at 4:30pm, on the second floor of 1P. All are welcome.

<https://www.csi.cuny.edu/poster-opening-ukraine>

Jason Simon: Request Lines Are Open (Remix)

Join us for a multimedia installation by Professor Emeritus Jason Simon, with sound, photography, sculpture, and video to explore his relationship as a listener with a soul and funk show on an upstate radio station—and the deejay's relationship with the members of her listening audience incarcerated in local prisons.

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 2, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday, Noon-4:00pm

<https://www.csi.cuny.edu/campus-life/csi-buildings/art-gallery-csi>

- IX. Adjournment. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously at 3:20 pm

Appendix A - Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report for 10/26/23

The FSXC had a productive meeting with the provost and other members of the administration on October 10. After a round of introductions, we discussed CUNY Online, which is a project by Wendy Hensel, Executive Vice Chancellor. CUNY Online provides asynchronous only programs at the undergrad and graduate level. Since the initiative came from CUNY Central and asynchronous-only learning has not been discussed through faculty governance, the provost agreed that such programs should go through the governance process. He directed Susan Holak, the dean of business, to submit their CUNY Online program through governance, as there needs to be discussion of the specificities of asynchronous-only programs rather than treating it as the same program. Later on, there was a discussion of which bodies to submit it to and it agreed that these would include IPC, Graduate Studies Committee and Faculty Senate.

We also discussed the need for a chair of nursing elected from within the department or hired for that position. The provost agreed that it is important to have a faculty member as chair and there was a discussion about how the administration is improving the job ad in order to receive more candidates for a chair of nursing.

We expressed our interest in hearing the president's vision for the college and how it includes faculty research. We were glad to hear that the provost noted that research had become more prominent in the new strategic plan, as it is a crucial aspect to the life of the college and part of the larger social role of the college in the community.

There was a useful discussion about the Dolphin Awards in which we discussed ideas for how to encourage more faculty to apply, including possibly having reserved parking for awardees. It was agreed to start the process earlier, that the provost's office would take a coordinating role and that suggestions for improvement from the 2019 minutes should be consulted.

To increase connection with the community, we suggested a Provost's Lecture Series, in which the provost could invite speakers of his choosing of interest to the larger Staten Island community. Ideally, we imagined an Inside the Actors' Studio setup. The provost expressed his interest.

Appendix B – Provost’s Report for October 26th

Thank you for your attention to preparing your Spring schedules and courses and working to advise our student so that they are prepared to either graduate or continue their education with us this Spring. I’ll note that we are advising slightly ahead of schedule and I encourage you to keep up the good work—and we are fortunate to have more students to advise this year.

Renaming of the Faculty Center for Professional Development to the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development. Thank you Wilma Jones and the steering committee for your leadership and vision. Open house and continued programming.

Please allow me to share that our COACHE committee has just reactivated for this year, when they will be reviewing our survey results, sharing the findings out with the community, and working to issue recommendations to campus. We are listening. I am dedicated to ensuring that CSI is an environment where faculty can thrive, feel welcome, build an excellent career, and serve our mission. Please be on the lookout for messages about this. Associate Provost for Faculty Success role.

Faculty Accolades –

For DST I would first like to acknowledge Ralf Peetz and the new Dean of DST, no longer serving in an interim role. As a longstanding member of our faculty and administration, and with his dedication to our mission, Ralf was an outstanding choice. We wish you all the best for your continued success in this role.

DST faculty have a number of accolades.

Li Ge, was elected to be a Fellow of Optica, formerly Optical Society of America, in recognition for his work in physics.

Cesar Arenas-Mena recently had his work on transcriptional regulatory elements in sea urchins published in Genetics

As lead author on team of 6 CSI researchers, Greg Phillips just published an article in Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology on the role of protocadherins in cell-cell interactions of neurons.

Chang-Hui Shen’s book Diagnostic Molecular Biology was just published in its second edition by Elsevier.

Jimmie Fata Developed a publicly available web app called OncoDigger which allows cancer researchers, cancer advocates, oncologists and the general public to use machine learning and natural language processing algorithms to mine information from millions of pubmed cancer-related abstracts

Faiza Peetz - Invited to CUNY Panel "Building a Career as a CUNY Faculty Member" at the CUNY New Faculty Welcome Conference

Richard Veit and Lisa Manne co-presented a seminar on the migratory behavior of birds and survey reports from a trip to Antarctica. This is reporting on the work on major NSF grants and their next trip is in 2024 and students are welcome.

Alexander Zaitsez was awarded a grant to study Fluorescent Nanodiamonds for Imaging and Diagnostics.

In Humanities and Social Sciences:

Dean Sarolta Takacs was selected to participate in Fulbright National Screening Committee for Turkey/Cyprus/Greece.

Cindy Wong's new publication co-written with Gary McDonogh, "Festivals, finance and global cultural intermediaries: co-production and the shaping of 'East Asian cinema'" will appear In Cultural Intermediaries in East Asian Film Industries

Saadia Toor's article on student debt and racial capitalism was accepted in the Journal of Business Ethics, a Tier 1 Management Studies journal. Toor also was consultant on film that is soon due to be released on a major Indian streaming platform and television channel.

Jean Halley and colleagues did an interview on [Faculti.net](https://www.faculti.net) about their second edition of Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race (Rowman and Littlefield, 2022)

Christopher Santiago co-edited an upcoming issue of Anthropology of Consciousness with Melinda Kiefer. They also curated an exhibition of the work in the journal through ChaShaMa in Manhattan and they were awarded an art residency at ChaNorth in Pine Plains N.Y.

Don Selby Has the following two publications coming out this fall, one on "Buddhism, Kingship and Coups:" to appear in Buddhism, Law and Society 8. The other is a review of Border Humanitarians: which will appear in Human Rights Quarterly

Grace Cho Tastes Like War was translated into Korean and published by Geulhangari, published a piece in the Nation on On the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Grace was the convocation keynote speaker at Ramapo College of New Jersey and in residency at Yaddo this summer.

Thomas Volscho published a co-authored article in People Magazine, titled "Years before Firing from University Job, Idaho Suspect Bryan Kohberger Was Problematic 'Fish Cutter' Employee."

Miguel Aragon had work included in PRINT +: Sameness and Otherness in Contemporary Printmedia, at the William Rolland Gallery of Fine Art & Kwan Fong Gallery; California Lutheran University Thousand Oaks, CA. He also gave a public lecture at Syracuse University as part of their Visiting Artist Lecture Series.

Sylvia Kahan published a review of Katharine Ellis' French Musical Life: Local Dynamics in the Century to World War II In Journal of the American Musicological Society. Sylvia will be giving a paper, "Between Human and Machine: Falla's El retablo de Maese Pedro," at the Annual Meeting of the American Musicological Society in Denver.

Beth Livensperger's solo exhibition, Sundial, opens today (Oct 26) at Vassar College

Beatrix Reinhardt was a visiting artist at Monroe County Community College, Monroe MI (Oct 8-11) where she had a solo exhibition, ran a workshop, presented a public lecture, and had permanent public installation of her work!

Beatrix Reinhardt also participated in a group show, Alive!!!!, Artist Abbey Gallery, Truth or Consequences, NM, Oct 1 – 20.

George Emilio Sanchez spoke at the "Unsettling Precedent: 200 Years of the Discovery Doctrine" Conference at Michigan State University

This month the Board of Trustees of the Parrish Museum in Water Mill, NY approved the acquisition of 3 bronze and glass sculptures by Marianne Weil to be included in their permanent collection.

In the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff School of Business

Seokyoung Hwang had a paper on auditing accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting at Rutgers University

Lauren Bock Mullins and coauthors paper "Who Benefits from Work-life Programs? Gender and Race Implications of OPM's Federal Work-life Survey," was accepted by Public Administration Review.

George Wang recently co-authored "Yes Logo - Uncovering the Recipes of Branding Success in the World's Largest Consumer Market," a book published by Springer

Bryan Weber was an invited speaker at the 5th Asia Conference on Business and Economics and he coauthored a paper titled Risk Management: Anticipating and Reacting in StarCraft in the Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment.

In Health Sciences

I am thrilled to announce that our dept of Nursing received an 8-yr accreditation from ACEN for their AAS, MS, and Post-Master Certificate programs. This is the first time in history that this department received 8—yr reaccreditations. I'd also like to note that the Department continues to produce top scores on their licensure exams. We are tied for 3rd in CUNY among the 11 Nursing Programs and we are ahead of local privates NYU and Wagner.

In SOE

Dr. Deirdre Armitage led a small team of SOE faculty in gaining New York State Department of Education approval for the Childhood Residency Program, which allows the SOE to offer a 15 month, clinical intensive apprenticeship leading to initial certification and to participate in NYC Department of Education grants and other funding initiatives.

Dr. Judit Kerekes was recently 1 of 5 worldwide recipients of the prestigious Friends of Hungary Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations in the international Hungarian community who have invested significant time and effort in strengthening the Hungarian diaspora.

Bethany Rogers Review of Integrations: The Struggle for Racial Equality and Civic Renewal, by Lawrence Blum and Zoe Burkholder, appeared in the Journal of African American History.