

Metropolitan State University

CCSPA IFO Faculty Association (FA) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024 **Time:** 10:30am-12:30pm **Location:** Zoom

Convener: Crystal Fashant (acting convener)

Recorder: Crystal Fashant

Present: Crystal Fashant, Jessica Blaxton, C. Scott Cooper, Megan Brown, Susan Hilal, Kevin Spading, Sonia Davila-Williams, James Densley, Gary Starr, Jessica Blaxton, Roberta Gibbons, Rob Wilson, Dharshini Goonetilleke, August Hoffman, Robert Wilson.

To aid in council packet formation, please indicate when a topic was discussed, and no motion was made so that we can differentiate these from topics which were not discussed (or not discussed adequately) due to lack of time.

Topic	Action
I. CCSPA-IFO FA Meeting	
II. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:38am
III. FA President's Report	
V. Action Items	
E. Council Reps	CCSPA supports Gary Starr for AIPQIC and Susan Hilal for Community Engagement Council. Motion carries.
VII. New Business	
A. Appointing Volunteers (Assistant Provost, Assessment Comm., etc.)	CCSPA supports volunteers #1-4, under the condition that the CF Caucus will self-select their rep under 3f. Motion Carries.
C. CNHS Computer Labs	CCSPA supports the CNHS motion to increase computer classrooms. Motion Carries.
D. Program Approvals (CLA)	CCSPA supports the Social Science Department in their conversion from six tracks to five majors. Motion Carries.
E. CLA Motion, PAR	CCSPA Motion: Review of the PAR process is ongoing, and this motion is unnecessary. Motion Carries.

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<p>G. Motion from Exec. #1</p>	<p><u>CCSPA Motion:</u> We support Motion from Exec. #1. Motion Carries.</p> <p><u>CCSPA Comments:</u> If the Advising & Student Issues Committee sunsets, then another committee will need to take ownership of the Outstanding Student Awards. In addition, we think it would be wise to view this sunseting of committees as a trial only. There may be other unintended consequences that come to light.</p>
<p>H. Motion from Exec. #2</p>	<p><u>CCSPA Sense of the Body:</u> In theory, we support a reduction of seats on committees, but further discussion is needed. For example, this could impact new faculty, who are trying to establish a presence at our university. Perhaps other ideas can be considered, such as “first preference” could go to each college, and then if that doesn’t fill, it would go to at-large access? Or, written to be “no more than one rep from each college” versus two? These ideas may not explicitly reduce the number of open committee seats, but it could possibly help reduce pressure on smaller colleges to fill a disproportionate number of seats.</p>
<p>I. Motion from Exec. #3</p>	<p><u>CCSPA Sense of the Body:</u> We would prefer to see these expectations clarified in the job descriptions for these positions rather than appearing in a new section about removal from office. This would help foster a culture of onboarding/mentorship which may be more effective. For example, expectations such as “you will need to find an alternate if you are unable to attend a meeting” would be important to clarify explicitly and at the beginning of someone’s term of service.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourns at 12:25pm</p>