

**University Council Cabinet Meeting Summary**  
**January 27, 2025**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**130 Burruss Hall and Zoom**

**Present:** Cyril Clarke (co-chair), Rachel Miles, Menah Pratt, Kim O'Rourke, April Myers, Laura Belmonte, Natalia Guerrero, Justin Lemkul, Evan Lavender-Smith, Janice Austin, LaTawnya Burleson, Kiera Schneiderman, and Ronnie Mondal

**Absent with Notice:** Amy Sebring

Dr. Clarke called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda.

### **2. Action/Decisions**

The Cabinet approved the February 3, 2025, University Council agenda.

The Cabinet voted to confirm that the following resolution proposals fall within the commission's charge:

- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25F– Resolution to Amend the Faculty Handbook to Include a Statement on Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom
- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25G– Resolution to Update the Faculty Senate Constitution
- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25H – Resolution to Codify the Faculty Reconciliation Process within the Faculty Affairs Office
- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25I – Resolution to Rename the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics
- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25K – Resolution to Amend the Faculty Handbook to Codify Interest – or Discipline-Based Faculty Associations (It was noted that if indeed there is an intention for any of these new faculty groups to engage in fundraising, they must adhere to Policy 12100: Policy on Coordination of Private Fundraising.

The Cabinet determined that the following resolution proposal should be discussed at the next Commission on Faculty Affairs meeting to determine whether it is purely an administrative matter (which would not require a CFA resolution) or includes a new policy consideration; it will be revisited by the Cabinet after the CFA discussion.

- CFA Resolution Proposal 2024-25J – Resolution to Integrate Chapter 12 into Other Chapters of the Faculty Handbook.

### **3. Discussion Items**

- There was a brief discussion of the resolution process for committees reporting to the University Council Cabinet.
- Potential changes to shared governance will be addressed at the next meeting.

### **4. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.