

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY GOVERNANCE
Annual Report for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Members for 2023-2024:

Agricultural Sciences: Sastry Jayanty
Health and Human Sciences: Brett Brown
Business: Gina Slejko
Engineering: Steven Reising, Chair
Liberal Arts: Leif Sorensen
Natural Resources: Troy Ocheltree (Fall 2023) and Sarah Hart (Spring 2024)
Natural Sciences: Anne Cleary
Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Roxann Karkhoff-Schweizer (Fall 2023)
and Claudia Gentry-Weeks (Spring 2024)
University Libraries: Michelle Wilde

The Committee on Faculty Governance met on Zoom on the following dates: 8/28/23, 10/2/23, 10/23/23, 11/27/23, 2/13/24, 2/27/24, 3/19/24, 4/2/24, and 4/30/24. During the first meeting of the academic year, the charge of the committee was discussed in detail. In addition to these committee meetings, the CoFG Chair met one-on-one with the Faculty Council Chair to discuss pertinent issues. The CoFG Chair attended most of the monthly Standing Committee Chairs Meetings led by the Faculty Council Chair. The CoFG Chair attended the Executive Committee Meeting on 3/19/24 to present a Code change motion to be added to the Faculty Council Meeting agenda, as well as to discuss timely issues. The committee also conducted a great deal of business through e-mail discussions and votes on nominations. At the last meeting of the academic year, CoFG elected Steven Reising (COE) as the Chair, and Brett Brown (CHHS) as the Vice-Chair, of CoFG for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The following Code change was considered by CoFG, and was approved by Faculty Council in April:

- Changes to Section C.2.3.1 of the Manual to change the name of the Department of Ethnic Studies to the Department of Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies. The rationale was that the Department of Ethnic Studies unanimously agreed to a name change after months of conversations and student feedback. The new name, “Department of Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies,” reflects student needs and interests, as well as faculty expertise. This name change also reflected their recent undergraduate curriculum revisions. By clearly articulating the Department’s expertise and strengths, the name change will help substantially with student recruitment and retention. The name change also reflects the department’s growth and its new identity as home to two disciplines, i.e., Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies. The name change will align with departments elsewhere that offer a combination of similar programs. The University of Alabama, for example, is home to a Department of Gender and Race Studies; American University has a Department of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies; and the University of Nevada houses the Department of Gender, Race, and Identity. The name change also lends strength to campus initiatives on race, inclusion, and diversity, as reflected in the University and College strategic plans. The name change will be an institutional asset and establish Colorado State University’s clear commitment to the study of Race, Gender, and Ethnic Studies.

CoFG took the following actions regarding elections:

- Conducted annual apportionment based on faculty counts in each College and the Libraries to determine changes in numbers of at-large representatives to be implemented during annual elections.
- Collected nominations and conducted elections for departmental and at-large representatives to Faculty Council.
- Collected nominations and conducted elections for members of Executive Committee.
- Made nominations and conducted elections for Faculty Council officers at the March meeting of Faculty Council.
- Made nominations for representatives of all Colleges and the Libraries to serve on Faculty Council Standing Committees.
- Made nominations for faculty representatives to serve on the University Benefits Committee.
- Made nominations for faculty representatives to serve on the university-wide Parking Services Committee.
- Made nominations for faculty representatives to serve on the Student Conduct Appeal and Academic Misconduct Review Committee.
- Made nominations and conducted elections for members of the Faculty Grievance Panel.
- Appointed substitutes for temporary vacancies on Faculty Council and its Standing Committees.