

College Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 26th, 2017 @ 2:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

Seth Freeman (Chair)
Marie Basche
Stephanie Calhoun-Ward
John Christie
Sheryl Lee
Guillermo Muhlmann

John McNamara
Miah LaPierre-Dreger
Daniela Ragusa
Eileen Rhodes (recording)
Mary Jean Thornton

Guests in Attendance: President Wilfredo Nieves, Dean Doris Arrington, Mike Bies, Stephen Fagbemi, Andre Freeman, Jim Griffin, Ryan Pierson, Laura Reale-Foley

Meeting called to order at 2:35pm

1. Approval of agenda—Motion to approve with one added agenda item: to add Jeff Partridge to the Foundation Advisory Board (LaPierre-Dreger/Basche) unanimously approved.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting—Motion to approve (LaPierre-Dreger/Calhoun-Ward) unanimously approved.
3. Lobby Security Procedures Update—Jim Griffin was invited to the Senate meeting. Discussion occurred without him present, but he did arrive roughly ten minutes later to provide an update.
 - Marie Basche wanted to officially and publically commend Public Safety for their efforts in the ID procedures. It was mentioned that Public Safety has been very understaffed, but that a search is in process to hire another officer.
 - When Jim Griffin arrived he said that Public Safety is requiring all CCC students and employees to carry an ID at all times.
 - As part of the initiative, there are roped off areas and display signage.
 - There have been some issues, but overall the increased security has been very positive.
 - Calls to Security have decreased substantially.
 - There are 4 viable candidates for police officer, Jim is hopeful to have someone hired soon.
4. Diversity and Inclusion Committee—Proposed Revision of Bylaws
 - A suggestion was made by the committee to adjust the committee composition from 3 faculty, 5 ACRL/CLA to 50% Faculty, 50% ACL & Classified
 - Another suggestion made to include a goal that those serving on the committee must attend 50% of the meetings.
 - Concerns were raised about the 50% expectation is low and also inconsistent
 - After much discussion, there was a motion to delete the attendance language, and approve the 50% Faculty/50% ACL/CLA make-up in the revised bylaws (Muhlmann/Basche). Unanimously approved.
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - **CAP**—did not meet, no report.

- **Capital Technology Committee**—Guillermo Muhlmann reported that Josh Hummel is the new chair of the CTC
 - “Tech Talks” are in development—hope to coordinate with CFT
 - Insight training was mentioned as a possible topic for an upcoming faculty meeting
 - Dan Lewis, new Reference Librarian will poll the Library staff on technology needs
 - Josh Hummel mentioned the idea of a Music Tech Lab with a glass wall in between the classroom and recording studio
 - The Committee is hoping to find grant opportunities and apply to bring more technology to the college
 - There was a question posed about the focus of the Committee, the bylaws were displayed and reviewed. The main focus of the Committee is to “Review policies and procedures for hardware and software purchases for classroom use based on the academic needs of the programs”
- **College Affairs**—Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch reported that the next College Affairs meeting will take place on November 3rd
 - The Committee is working to compile a memory book for those who have passed away. There is a need to acknowledge the deaths of our colleagues and to share with the families
 - Discussion about College Affairs working directly with the Media Marketing Committee, and making it a subgroup or subcommittee of College Affairs. A question was brought up regarding reporting structure. Media Marketing (MM) is only tied to Jane Bronfman Suzanne and Seth will work on a proposal to make MM a subcommittee of College Affairs
 - A graduation speaker has been chosen—Hartford Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez
- **Diversity and Inclusion**—Sheryl Lee reported that there will be a public event called “Life After DACA” held here at CCC on November 15th. It is a free event and open to the public. Concerns brought up about undocumented people coming for the event and not having an ID to enter the college. Public Safety will be contacted to work on this issue.
- **Faculty, Staff and Student Development**—No updates
- **Planning and Review**—Andre Freeman reported that the Committee has not met since September. Next meeting November 1st.
 - Currently collecting Operational Plans/Reflections
 - Want to engage the college community in the spring in a more formal way. Will meet with Academic Advising Taskforce to work on increasing enrollment and retention

6. Students First Consolidation Proposal—

- CCGA—Senate Presidents from CCs, some want only resistance, some want resistance with suggestions, some only suggestions.
- Question asked if there is a consensus about the proposal from CCGA, and have they directed schools to speak in a common voice? Seth informed us that no, CCGA has only provided talking points
- November 20th is the deadline to provide comments/feedback to the BOR/CSCU office
- Motion to create our own statement from CCC Senate on consolidation plan (Basche/McNamara). Unanimous vote.
- November 7th 12noon—2:00pm, in person briefing to discuss the proposed consolidation plan for faculty and staff

- November 8th 11:00am to 12:30pm, Student Forum
 - Concerns about the consolidation plan include: we will lose our individual identities and the ability to tell our stories. Also, where are the cost savings? Where does the \$28 million come from
 - Regionalization was tried when Conrad Mallett was President and it did not work
 - Brainstorming session on concerns was conducted under the following headings: Mission, Organization/Structure, Curriculum, Implementation, Costs. See attached.
 - The Senate will meet on 11/2 at 2:00pm to generate questions to ask Mark Ojakian.
7. Foundation Advisory Board—John McNamara wanted to nominate Jeff Partridge as the Faculty representative (non-voting). He was also looking for an alternate. Marie Basche expressed interest in serving as the alternate. The Foundation will vote at their annual meeting.
- Motion to select a Faculty Rep and a College Senate Rep (Ragusa/Rhodes). Unanimously approved.
8. Old Business—
- Gala was a success—honored alumni and the Traveler’s Edge program. Suggestion to lower the ticket prices for staff. 50th anniversary events in the spring are planned (Emerita retirees, building a history wall, recognize individuals who’ve been a part of the college over the years

8. New Business—None

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Rhodes