

College Senate Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Senators in Attendance: Marie Basche, Stephanie Calhoun-Ward, Seth Freeman, Miah LaPierre-Dreger, Shery Lee, Daniela Ragusa, Mary Jean Thornton

Guests in Attendance: President Wilfredo Nieves, Paul Creech, Carl Guerriere, Marlene Hageman, Joshua Hummel, Ruth Krems, Michael Ligon, Margaret Malaspina, Lilliam Martinez, Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch, John Thomas, Rosemary Tyrell, Eric Vargas

1. Meeting called to order at 2:30pm with both the previous meeting's minutes and today's agenda adopted with the following corrections of the April 26, 2018 Senate meeting and approved.

Marie Basche – correction on item #6 – Black male profiling cases on campus

- # of reported black male profiling cases here on campus. Dean Primus spoke with 1 student about the details of his situation but could not reach the student for further follow up after the initial conversation.

Miah LaPierre-Dreger

- Grammatical error corrections in the minutes.

Seth Freeman – correction on CAP/CTC for the Catalog

- Update the information that should reflect the agenda's and minutes of the 2017/2018 academic year on the Web.

2. Standing Committee Reports

CAP

- Mike Ligon
 - New course introduced – Intro. To Digital Graphics (Bus. & Tech.)
 - Required for CIS: Web Publishing majors
 - Replaces existing Web Graphics course
 - ALL members of the department were encouraged to give input
 - Questions were brought up about the level of the course; will the course satisfy the elective needed for students to transfer
 - Course does satisfy the Fine Arts elective

- Miah LaPierre-Dreger made a motion to approve, was second
- Mike Ligon
 - New course introduced – Advance JAVA Programming II (Bus. & Tech.)
 - Satisfied TAP pathways requirements
- Marie Basche – motion to approve, was second
- Mike Ligon
 - New course re-introduced - Arts and Entertainment Management (Hum. - Music Industry)
 - Josh Hummel overview that this is a renewal of a previously introduced course
 - Course will be offered in the Spring, 2019 semester
- Marie Basche – motion to approve, was second
- Mike Ligon
 - Revision of the Ethic Art in the USA course
 - Mapped to TAP requirements.
- Eileen Rhodes – motion to approve, was second
- Mike Ligon
 - New Course – Integrated Skills - (Hum. - ESL), which is an elective option for this program. Carl mentioned that he strongly advises students to take. Carl gives detail on the levels of learning and students progression through the levels.
- Mike Ligon – motion to approve, was second

Capital Technology Report

- Joshua Hummel
 - Marlon Fudge has expressed a challenge on keeping the college Catalog up to date
 - Josh spoke about the conversation on who would have oversight on scheduling the 21st. Century classrooms.
 - Roger Ferraro attended his final CTC meeting. Stephanie Calhoun-Ward had been filling in but had not for most of the semester. There had not been any consistent IT representation prior to this meeting.

College Affairs Report

- Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch
 - Focus is/has been building up to graduation
 - Spoke with Dean Arrington for the final decision on who will be the Invocation Speaker. Cannot provide a name for this report.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Sheryl Lee

- Capital has been and is continuing to apply for the HEAD (Hispanic Serving Institution) membership
- Planning for Hispanic Heritage month
- Marlene Hageman
 - Reported on Professional Day – Friday, Sept 28, 1-4 p.m.
 - Did not have a specific title currently.

Planning and Review

- Andre Freeman provided documentation and timeline
- Andre Freeman provided a rough draft of the 3-year plan. The final plan will be delivered over the summer. The timeline will be incorporated into the draft.
- Strategic Plan pillars currently supporting the 3-year plan successfully.
- Senate would like feed back on the following items for the Strategic Plan:
 - Performance measures
 - Alignment for success
 - Factors w/ Dr. Harris' input
 - College input

3. Election Results

- Eileen Rhodes and Marie Basche compiled and prepared the voting numbers.
- Several self-nominations for the Diversity and Inclusion committee. Dr. Nieves stated the he will be involved with assigning members to this committee and pass on to Seth.
- Seth Freeman will send out results to the college community.
- There were questions about p/t member's involvement on the senate – Part timers are welcome to the monthly meetings but cannot be elected officials.

4. Meeting with members of the Senate, President Ojakian and Dr. Harris

There was an initial meeting overview with the Senate body:

- President Ojakian
 - Where Pres. Ojakian would like Capital's expectations under Dr. Harris' leadership to be.
 - Where Dr. Harris' expectations will be for Capital.
 - One of Dr. Harris' first assignments will be to choose and assign an Interim Academic Dean.
- Paul Creech stated that this meeting should have been publicized open to the college community, not in a closed session. There should have been more transparency for this meeting. Discussion about the topics. There should have been minutes taken during this closed session meeting, there was not. Process was flawed.
- Marlene Hageman strongly echoed Paul's sentiments.

- Marie Basche – a public meeting with Pres. Ojakian would have been less effective.
- Lilliam Martinez – also echoed the sentiments about transparency, results (minutes) of the meeting, was the meeting beneficial and covering all aspects/questions that the college community might have? Was the meeting following the laws of the Senate?
- Carl Guerriere echoed the sentiments of transparency, democracy, efficiency not always effective.
- Ruth Krems – Historically has the Senate given feedback to the college community? - Seth Freeman responded that yes, through the minutes. Seth also stated that concerns and results of this meeting could have been better with communication.

5. Students First Consolidation Updates

- Dr. Nieves will be sharing w/Dr. Harris memos from Norwalk and Three Rivers statements pertaining to the consolidation plan for/against.
- Mary Jean Thornton – should the Senate support or not the statements from Norwalk and Three Rivers?
- Seth mentioned that Pres. Ojakian was supportive to Capital with the transition from Dr. Nieves' to Dr. Harris leadership.
- Eileen Rhodes – feels uncertain to place support of either document.
- John Christie – there are 2 very different factions about both documents; uncertain about either supporting argument.
- Carl Guerriere stated that with a new incoming Governor, the Students First Consolidation may be scrapped.
- Dr. Nieves stated the BOARD of Regents will need to know from President Ojakian's decision to move forward with the completed document.
- Stephanie Calhoun-Ward – asked about the accreditation process if the plan were to be approved by the board. If not approved, will we then go back to where we are currently operating.

6. Old Business – none

7. New Business –

- Transition of Dr. Harris

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Calhoun-Ward