

College Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 15, 2018 2:30pm in PCR

Members Present: Sabrina Adams-Roberts, Marie Basche, John Christie, Mary Joan Forstbauer, Seth Freeman, Michael Kriscenski, Amy Lemire, Marisol Malave, John McNamara, Mike Proulx, John Thomas, Carmen Yiamouyiannis

Guests: Gregg Gorneault, Kathy Herron, Josh Hummel, Argelio Marrero, Lilliam Martinez, Gerry Murphy, Ryan Pierson, Michelle White

Meeting started at 2:40pm

Items Discussed:

1. Meeting Agenda approved

2. October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes approved

3. Legislative Issues – John McNamara

Member discussed how Gov-elect Lamont expressed support for free community college tuition for in-state residents, and that he would seek to find efficiencies within the system while keeping all 12 community colleges open. John M. shared a list of the new area legislators.

4. Course withdrawal form/policy – Gregg Gorneault and Argelio Marrero

Greg and Argelio shared how the change to the student withdrawal procedures originated from the SEMC meeting in September and was designed to address retention issues. Specifically the problem of approximately 40% Fall-to-Fall retention, and 60% Fall-Spring retention. The new withdrawal form was sent to Academic Departments for review/feedback and then subsequently discussed at CAP. Some concerns from faculty were raised regarding the list of reasons students can choose when completing the form. Argelio explained that the reasons portion of the form was included to collect data on why students are withdrawing. The reason portion is optional, however. The new withdrawal form was approved at the last CAP meeting.

Argelio also shared that the withdrawal period will be extended this semester to alleviate any concerns/confusion or difficulty for students in withdrawing this Fall semester.

Senate members reiterated the importance that future policy changes are brought to appropriate College governance bodies before implementation.

After discussion, Senate voted to approve the new withdrawal form.

5. Ad hoc committee recommendations regarding Senate bylaws

Tabled for future meeting

6. Senate forum dates and ideas

Tabled for future meeting

7. Late date to start classes – departmental feedback

Departments had varied feedback on the challenges/successes of late start courses. Some departments suggested looking at the success data more closely before any recommendations should be made. Members discussed the importance of advising students appropriately to identify whom may be better able to succeed in a late start course. A question was raised if late start classes can end at a later date.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

a) CAP

- Senate approved Program Revision to Music Industry A.S. degree
- Senate approved new CSC course Mobile Computer Science Principles

b) CTC - no report

c) College Affairs – no report

d) FSSD

Marcus and Carmen will meet regarding Professional Day.

e) Planning and Review

Gerry Murphy was elected new Chair of Planning and Review Cmte. Committee is working with Dr. Harris to review draft of most recent 2019-2022 Strategic Plan and determine next steps.

f) Diversity and Inclusion – no report

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 (early due to early College dismissal)

Respectfully submitted by Seth Freeman