

Capital Community College Senate

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 2:30pm via Webex

Attendance: Sabrina Adams-Roberts, Bharat Bhushan, Michael Bies, Lisa Braverman, Antoinette Brim-Bell, Donna Brown-Roberts, Stephanie Calhoun-Ward, Jane Carey, Linda Cocchiola, Paul Creech, Odile Dilone, Seth Freeman, Barbara Grenzinski, Hannah Gregory, Kathy Herron, Ira Hessmer, Brian Keiser, Lorraine Lee, Mike Ligon, Margaret Malaspina, Gerry Murphy, Stephen Roberts, Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch, Krystal Rodriguez, Cleo Rolle, Jason Scappaticci, Joel White, Gwen Whitham, Carmen Yiamouyiannis, Carl Guerriere

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes.
3. Introduction of Senators - Paul Creech (part-time employee) and Ricardo Martinez (faculty).
4. Update from CEO Harris – Dr. Harris Spoke of the housing instability that students are facing and how it impedes their ability to complete a semester or a year. He also spoke of the Thanksgiving Drive and the distribution of food for the drive. The spirit of giving, knowing how great the need is and the student response to the need can become a testament to the college community. Dr. Harris reminded us of the CCC's Mix and Mingle end of the semester event on December 17th at the City Steam Café. Kathy asked about the Professional Development Applications and the deadline.
5. Update from Dean LaPierre-Dreger – Shared information with Cleo to share with us regarding updates about the success of the Enrollment in a Day Program event on November 13. The next event is on Sat. Jan 8th 9 - 12pm virtually. There is also an open house on December 9th from 4 – 6pm virtually. Anyone interested in either of these events should contact Marsha Ball-Davis. Advisors have been appointed that were funded through the Pathways Project for additional positions. They're expected to be filled by the first of the year. Grant is in its second year. Annual report to be generated after January 1st. Any questions about the grant should be brought to Brian Keiser. Faculty award nominations are due by January 21st. Office changes for some advisors will be made. Contact Dean LaPierre-Dreger for more information on this.

6. Governance Reports:

- Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee – No items to report this year to the senate.

- Faculty, Staff and Student Development Committee – A professional day is in the process of being planned. The committee is waiting on a date from Dr. Harris to have this event. The committee is also working a theme and plan for this event. Next meeting on December 2nd.

- Capital Technology Committee – Multiple departments were facing several IT issues: Student login issues reported by Continuing Education. The ASC faced issues with how the ID procedure was being implemented. Nursing - New application with student filming and work done behind the scenes between the Board of Regents IT and the Regional IT. They asked about any plans for replacing desktops for laptops. Dr. Harris later announced that the laptops are in for all FT employees.

- Planning and Review Committee – Current Strategic Plan approved in May 2019 expires in May 2022. It was determined that producing a whole new plan would be unproductive since the one college will be formed in 2023. So it was decided that the current plan with a few added updates would be implemented. The committee is also losing more members. Another meeting will take place next month. Anyone who is interested in viewing the plan or joining the committee (whether in the Senate or not) would be welcome.

- Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Grant was submitted to the Hartford Foundation. A response will be received by the end of the year. The committee is starting a “soft opening” of the housing grant as well. Currently testing the process with students. Students can come from a variety of entry points to

fill out the form. Form goes to the Department of Housing and other community resources. Committee is looking to serve anywhere from 15 to 30 students and for a variety of periods of time to stay in housing. Kathy promoted the Common Read book.

- College Affairs Committee – Currently looking for recommendations on graduation speakers. About 4 or 5 suggestions have been made so far. Any other suggestions from faculty would be welcome.
7. Old Business – Kathy announced that the Senate approved iTeach resolution was sent to Dr. Harris, Dr. LaPierre-Dreger and the Interim Provost Michael Rooke.
 8. New business – Cleo announced a new representative, Merilee Roussat, for the foundation. Seth announced the Save Our Community Colleges rally at the governor’s mansion on Saturday, December 4th at 12:00pm. All union members are encouraged to attend.
 9. Adjourn – Respectfully at 3:10pm

Ricardo Martinez