

Capital Community College Senate

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:30pm Webex

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

1. Motion to approve 9/23 meeting minutes w/ edits

2. Senate Chair Opening

Kathy Herron and Cleo Rolle volunteered to serve as Co-Chairs of the College Senate this year. Senate unanimously approved.

2. Update from CEO Harris

CEO Harris had a conflict but shared via email that a posting for the interim academic dean will be posted shortly.

3. Update from Dean LaPierre-Dreger

Dean LaPierre-Dreger had a conflict but shared via email the Winter and Spring schedules are up and available for students to register. One other non-academic update is that a new webpage for the college has been launched.

4. Update from Dean Scappaticci

- Student Services is gearing up for Spring registration. Goal for Spring 2022 is 1204 FTE.
- Upcoming recruitment events include 11/9 Virtual Open House, 11/13 Enrollment Saturday
- Registration opens on Mon 11/1
- GPA advisors are working on students who have stopped-out as well as some of our most at-risk students
- Food pantry is up and running
- College is still in process of switching game room into a small fitness center. Next step – locker rooms.
- Almost 200 attendees at recent movie night, 30 students in Trail of Terror
- We are moving forward with the Winter Ball
- Recognize great work of Randall building out student activities

COVID UPDATES

- Dean Scappaticci sends out COVID updates every Friday morning
- Students who are not compliant with vaccination policy have holds placed on their accounts, as well as their IDs deactivated so they are flagged when passing through security
- These actions have reduced the number of non-compliant students
- Virtual Covid forum to be held on 11/4/21
- Dean Scappaticci is open to suggestions for what additional info can be shared in weekly updates

5. Call for Nominations - Open Senate seats

Senators discussed voting on any nominations received for open Senate seats at the next Senate meeting on 11/18. To date two self-nominations for PT Faculty/EA and Faculty have been received.

6. Nomination of Faculty/Staff for CCC Foundation

John McNamara requested the Senate make recommendation for a faculty/staff member to serve on the CCC Foundation.

7. Draft Senate Resolution for ITeach mandate

Seth presented the draft Senate Resolution on the iTeach mandate from Provost Rooke. The resolution challenges for mandate from Provost Rooke as a violation of shared governance and objects to both the rationale for the mandate, the implementation, and how it will negatively affect faculty currently undertaking AR work.

Senators discussed the resolution with multiple Senators advocating for the resolution and articulating that the mandate was poorly conceived. The resolution passed unanimously. Seth will make minor edits and resend to the Senate. Senate Chairs will forward the resolution to college and system managers.

8. Standing Committees

CAP – Bus & Tech department presented Course Revisions to CAD 112 & CAD 113. Course Revisions passed unanimously.

CTC – no report

College Affairs – CA is meeting at the beginning of next month. College employees can forward any agenda items to Barbara or Suzanne.

Diversity and Inclusion – D&I had lots of programming last month for Hispanic Heritage Month, thanks to everyone. Great programming, but not enough attendance. Committee is now working on Native American History Month activities.

A big initiative underway is Housing Grants for students. Dean Scappaticci is working on 150K grant for stabilizing housing insecure students in partnership with the Dept. of Housing. Also CHR is looking into hiring a PT person to help facilitate supporting housing-insecure students including support with rent payments. Senators mentioned the need make sure students are aware of these opportunities and Dean Scappaticci shared his office is doing so.

FSSD – no report

Planning and Review – Gerry shared nothing to report at the time. Next Planning & Review meeting is on 11/11

9. New Business

Seth Freeman shared that there is a protest at MxCC on Friday 10/29 at MxCC to protest Governor Lamont regarding the ongoing community college consolidation.

10. Old Business

Meeting Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Seth Freeman