

## College Senate Minutes

February 24, 2022

**Attendance:** Bharat Bhushan, Antoinette Brim-Bell, John Christie, Paul Creech, Barbara Grenzinski, Kathy Herron, Lorraine Lee, Margaret Malaspina, Bruce Miller, Gerry Murphy, Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch, Cleo Rolle, Amy Lemire, Daniela Ragusa, Duncan Harris, Ryan Pierson, Mike Proulx, Lilliam Martinez, Ricardo Martinez, Jenny Wang, Kevin Lamkins, Carl Guerriere, Carmen Yiamouyiannis

Approval of the Agenda – M/S/A grammatical with changes

Approval of the Minutes – M/S/A

CCC/BOR Update – CEO Harris

- If anyone is directly impacted by the new organizational charts, please contact CEO Harris or your department head. There are webinars that will be offered for each department/area so please note you will have an opportunity to attend a webinar.
- Foundation is a fundraising board. There will be a retreat Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The search committee for the dean of campus operations has closed. There are 20 applicants. This search needed to be reopened as there were no strong candidates.
- The search for the Financial Services Assistant is closed and there are strong candidates.
- Officer Joel White has been offered the position of Master Sergeant.
- Exciting projects:
  - Guardian space is being redone; meeting with architects at this time as we are bringing a sim lab for manufacturing to campus.
  - Parkville Innovation Project with the City of Hartford. Highly competitive and CCC is hoping to be a part of the proposal.
  - Rockwell Automation met with CCC regarding a proposal for manufacturing.
  - Morehouse College – Monday CCC will be signing an articulation agreement.
  - Snow day for tomorrow's inclement weather. Professional Day will be moved to another date. TBD.

Interim Dean of Academics/Student Services – Michael Proulx

- 70% of course are currently online for the spring semester. For fall the goal is to have 70% in-house and only 30% online.
- SSWG – ATD met to discuss goals and strategies help with the graduation rate. ATD is visiting in April.
- Commencement speaker is not yet chosen. We should know in a couple of weeks who our speaker is and confirm if the Yard Goats Stadium will be used for graduation.

Governance Reports

Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee – Two curriculum items were presented to Senate. New International Short Story Course and a Bio Tech program change (math requirement changes to MAT 172). Both were M/S/A.

Paul Creech discussed the consent agenda and all were in favor of using the consent agenda when CAP presents multiple courses to Senate. M/S/Unanimous.

Faculty, Staff, and Student Development Committee – no report

Capital Technology Committee – no report

Planning and Review Committee – committee met and reviewed the current plan. Identified items and language needing revision. Added EDI to the plan. A draft will be submitted to CEO Harris and Dean Proulx for review and be sent to the Senate.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee –

- C. Guerriere reported that his position was approved. The EDI center will be hiring a navigator and Wellness counselor.
  - A grant proposal was submitted to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.
  - A support directory was distributed on campus and will be posted on our college webpage.
  - More EDI activities will come.

College Affairs Committee –

- S. Rocco Foertsch reported that there are 7-8 graduation speakers being considered. Graduation is May 26<sup>th</sup>, confirmation of venue is coming.
  - CEO Harris would like a recommendation of a person who can be given an honorary degree. Please submit nominations to J Scappaticci and D. Harris.
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Old Business – none

New Business – Senate membership has been confirmed.

Kathy Herron - CT Mathematics Advisory Council update:

-ACME (Alignment & Completion of Mathematics and English) was approved by the BOR in May 2021. The overall goal of ACME is to maximize the probability that each student will enter and complete gateway, college-level, transferable coursework in English & Mathematics within one year or 24 credits of initial enrollment. It contains system-wide policies on curriculum, placement, professional development, among other items.

-CMAC (CT Mathematics Advisory Council) is a system-wide group made up of math faculty from the 12 CC's, 4 CSU's and UCONN and meets monthly to discuss math issues. We have been working on developing curriculum for the one college. Thus far, CMAC has approved a revised TAP Math Studies Pathway and all of the math courses that are in that pathway. The APRC has

approved this pathway and the courses within it. We are currently working on developing gateway college-level transferable courses including quantitative reasoning, 2 statistics courses and a college algebra. These will be courses required for future QR, Statistics & STEM pathways. Other pathways will be developed by 2025.

-CMAC has requested and received some data comparing math success rates for the past 3 semesters as some colleges are using high school gpa as the sole placement measure. The success rates using this new placement policy are lower than prior to using this policy. CMAC is considering recommending a more comprehensive placement policy that uses multiple measures (high school gpa, SAT scores, placement test, high school math courses, etc).

-CMAC is also considering recommending that the system offer optional stand-alone courses for those students who might not succeed with the new model of only an optional co-requisite.

-Finally, CMAC is also collecting information on courses that colleges would like to remain in the one college as a unique course for their college.

Kevin Lamkins – Accelerating Completion in Math and English update:

- ACME team has developed template for the gateway ENG 101 course
- Supports are still to be determined, and how many options
- Template will be shared with departments, CCET, and others for feedback
- PD workshops are planned, one happening tomorrow
- Cohort or comingled options being considered
- Role of faculty in supports not known at this time, e.g. if supports would be run by faculty, counted toward faculty load
- Team supports instructor autonomy in delivery

Adjourned at 3:30p.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Lemire