

College Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept, 27, 2018

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Senators in Attendance: M. Basche, J. Christie, S. Freeman (chair), S. Lee, M. Proulx, J. Thomas, C. Yiamouyiannis, J. McNamara, A. Lemire, Mary Joan Forstbauer

Guests: D. Harris (CEO), M. LaPierre-Dreger, S. Fagbemi, J. Hummel, J. Ricardo, M. Mercado, S. Rocco-Foertsch, R. Pierson, Kathy Herron

Chair called meeting to order at 2:33

2. Election of Chair: Nominations were taken for chair. The two candidates (Seth Freeman and Carmen Yiamouyiannis) agreed to co-chair the Senate, alternating meeting chair responsibilities.

Senate vote to approve chair. M/S/A – one abstention

3. Motion to approve the Agenda M/S/A

4. Motion to approve the minutes of May 22nd with amendments, corrections. M/S/A – one abstention

5. CEO D. Harris informed the group of numerous BOR changes and intentions among which were:

- a) There are two vacant positions on the board following at least one retirement
- b) The board is searching for a new fiscal officer and other positions
- c) The BOR is searching for a three Regional Presidents for the newly created three regions.
- d) There will be a regional advising committee through which faculty and staff will have input as to who is elected to the President positions.
- e) faculty representatives for ATD are needed and this is the last year individual colleges will pay the Achieving the Dream annual fees.
- f) A hiring freeze is still in effect and justifications still need to be submitted for new hires

6. Hispanic Heritage Month

Senate discussed the support of faculty and staff for the series of events going on this month. J. Ricardo made a case for an increase in financial support for HHM. It was pointed out that there is no "line item" for the month in the Student Services budget as there is for other cultural events held during the academic year. It was expressed that there needs to be more cohesive and extensive leadership for the planning of HHM activities since the events occur very early in the new semester before faculty and staff have sufficient time to prepare.

D. Harris expressed a need to sync academic classes with the cultural months and better organizing of funding requests. Donations could be earmarked for such specific events which might increase individual contributions.

7. Committee Reports

a) **CAP:** Senate Chair S. Freeman gave the CAP report (filling in for M. Ligon: CAP Chair).

CAP approved several Pre-requisite and Co-requisite changes.

Motions made to approve changes: M/S/A

b) **Planning and Review:** No report yet this semester

c) **Capital Tech Com.** J. Hummel reported that R. Pierson will handle scheduling of Smart Classrooms as well on various upgrades made to the 10th floor lab and the library.

d) **Diversity and Inclusion:** S. Lee reported on HHM issues and the need to wait on budgets before determining plans for the semester.

e) **FSSD:** M. Lawson reported on the plan for meeting to be held Friday, Sept, 28th in the auditorium. He raised several issues to which the Senate will return;

The scheduling of the Professional Day during the Fall when previously (according to contracts) had always been held in the Spring.

The need for FSSD to work in conjunction with other parts of the college (The Center for Teaching, the Cultural Committee, the Wellness Committee and the Advising Committee) for coordination and cooperation, especially financial cooperation. There was some discussion that the recent memo for this fall's professional day was mistakenly directed to faculty only and should have more clearly directly to faculty and staff.

8. General Education Core Curriculum:

There was a general discussion of the proposed Gen. Ed. Core Curriculum introduced by J. Christie (CCC rep on the Working Task Force which met over the Summer).

E. Rhodes (rep for the Consolidation Committee) relayed through the chair that there is a need for more CCC faculty on the Committee. The membership on this committee needs to be clarified so that effective elections / selections of interested CCC faculty can participate in the future as there is a lack of CCC representation presently. D. Harris will follow up on this.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

J. McNamara reported that the Foundation board has six new members, increased energy and is expecting to widen its role in fund raising and supporting the college. J. Partridge has stepped down as faculty representative on the board though he will continue to work with Foundation

work groups. M. Basche will continue to serve as CCC representative and the college needs to solicit another faculty member to commit to actively serving on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Christie, Ph.D