

**President's Council Minutes
November 29, 2017, 2:00p.m.
Prepared by: Jackie Hogan**

Attendees: Meghan Hughes, Alix Ogden, Jackie Hogan, Greg LaPointe, Robyn Greene, Ron Shertz, Michael Cunningham, Patrick Stone, Jaime Nash, Julian Alssid, Ray Kilduff, Ruth Sullivan, Elizabeth Canning, Leslie Florio, Zdenko Juskuv (Z), Doug Flor, Jeanne McColl, Hilary Jansson, Tracy Karazinski, Sean Collins, Rosemary Costigan, Beverly Wiley, Izabel DeAraujo, and Ron Cavallaro.

President's Remarks:

- Meghan welcomed everyone including the newest member Zdenko Juskuv, Adjunct Faculty Union President and asked him to introduce himself.
- Meghan announced that the FY'19 budget passed the Council on Postsecondary Education on Wednesday, Nov. 22. She shared some budget details.
 - Five-year funding system plan builds in performance-based funding as well as base funding and tuition/fee rates. This is the first time using this funding mechanism for all higher education institutions,
 - Budget consists of \$113M of which 5.3% is tuition and state appropriation of 2%.
- Meghan reminded the Council that the budget would now go to the Governor.

Review of Minutes (previously distributed):

- Meghan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes dated 9/27/17. There was none. Alix made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Greg; no abstentions, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Academic Assessment Policy — Rosemary Costigan

- Each department will be asked to provide a course or courses within their department that uses strategies and techniques designed to raise student awareness of the role of assumptions in critical thinking and problem solving.
- This is a multi-state collaboration with Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
- Hilary made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Alix; no abstentions, Academic Assessment Policy unanimously passes.
- Rosemary shared that Kate Dunnigan is retiring and Leslie Kilgore will serve as department chair. In addition, Mazin Adam will chair the art department.
- Rosemary announced that she recently received a letter stating that the Physical Therapy Assistant program has again received accreditation. She thanked Kim Crealey Rouillier for her assistance provided with the CAPTE review.

Prior Learning Credit Award Fees— Rosemary Costigan

- Rosemary explained that with this policy, the college recognizes the value of prior learning experiences. If this policy is approved, the \$25 fee for active duty military personnel and veterans will be waived. In addition, the \$30 administration fee for CLEP/DSST/UExcel examinations will be waived.
- Bev made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Hilary; one abstention from Doug Flor who asked if the policy had been shared with the department chairs. Rosemary confirmed it had. Rosemary asked for a vote to move this to the president. Prior Learning Credit Award Fees unanimously approved.

Workforce Development Update – Julian Alssid

- Cody Fino is a CCRI graduate has been hired as the Westerly Center Coordinator.
- The Director of Adult Education and Literary Services position is close to being filled and the Director of Transportation position should be posted next year.
- Julian shared that RI won Infosys which was great for the state and CCRI: Meghan added the CEO for Infosys commented that CCRI was a huge part of the decision to come to RI..

Changes to the Student Handbook– Sara Enright

- Sara thanked Michael and Elizabeth for their work on the student handbook.
- Michael reiterated that the changes are highlighted on what was sent out earlier and reflect updates consistent with the local and federal laws,
- Tracy made a motion to approve; it was seconded by Sara, no abstentions, Student Handbook changes unanimously approved.

Administrative Updates – Alix Ogden

- Alix mentioned the great hall is on schedule with the Warwick Renewal upgrades.
- College Police are in the process of moving to the new location on the second floor.
- Patrick and his team are creating messages for the large TV and hallway kiosks.
- Strategic Plan Committee meets next week. Purpose is to endorse the implementation plan.

Newport County Campus Update – Robyn Greene

- NCC students are seen helping other students with encouraging words to stay strong.
- In December, Julian, Jamie and Robyn are meeting with NUWC to discuss how we could work together in our cyber security program. The Cisco lab will be ready to in the spring to augment the already existing cyber classroom.

Liston and Flanagan Campus Updates – Ron Schertz

- Feedback from students was positive when faculty encourage them to register early. We asked faculty to support early registration and they helped us get the message out.
- Ron mentioned incidences continue at the Liston campus. Primarily security issues. He thanked Sean and his team for handling them with compassion and sensitivity.

President’s Remarks (con’t):

- Meghan concluded with reminding everyone of the holiday coffee hours at each campus next week.
- The next council meeting on January 24. A notification will go out prior to the meeting.