

**CCRI FACULTY SENATE**

Friday, January 31, 2025

9:00 am ET – 10:30 am ET in person

KN 4090 Warwick campus

Public Speaking period preceding gavel 8:50 am– 9:00 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 9:00 a.m.
   * Roll Call
   * 29 Senators present
   * 14 Senators absent
   * A quorum is established
2. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** of December 13, 2024 meeting
   * Motion to accept: Senator Stewart
   * Second: Senator LeVasseur
   * Discussion: None
   * All in favor except for 2 abstentions, no opposition
   * Minutes approved
3. **REPORT OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT** 
   * Reminded committee chairs to send meeting agendas and minutes to Secretary Araujo.
   * Requested volunteers to setup plan for nominating and electing a new Senate Vice president and officers. Senator Gazzola volunteered, anyone interested contact President Swithers.
   * Reported on President Costigan’s Executive Order Committee, of which President Swithers is a member, representing the Faculty Senate.
4. **REPORT OF THE SENATE VICE PRESIDENT** 
   * Nothing to report since it is the beginning of the semester.
5. **ACTIONS FOR SENATE CONSIDERATION**

**Action Items:**

**Community Resolution on AI Usage Resolution**

* Motion on behalf of Senator Goodman to amend the Community Resolution on AI Usage, which was approved during the December 13, 2024 Faculty Senate meeting.
  + Motion to amend the language in the resolution from “will be held” to “aspire” to make the language uniform and less punitive.
* 2nd: Senator LeVasseur
* Discussion: None
* The Senate voted to approve the amendment of Community Resolution on AI Usage.
  + Approve: 29 Reject: 0 Abstain: 0

**Nominations for the Institutional Governance Committee**

* Motion to nominate three senators to the committee: Senator Goodman
* 2nd: Senator Dolan
* Discussion: Senators Rieger, Lang, and Delaney nominated themselves to serve on the Institutional Governance Committee.
* No discussion.
* The Senate voted to approve nominated members into the Institutional Governance Committee in a unanimous vote.

1. **REPORT OUT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**a. Academic Standards and Policy- Senator Matthew Rieger in place of Jennifer O’Rourke:** Committee is currently working on the incomplete policy process, working to have records filed with department chairs and have uniform standards on what has to be done to qualify as a complete grade.

**b. Academic Technology – Chair, Andrew Goodman:** Committee is meeting today, and they plan on discussing the RFP’s, so they are moving forward on an RFP, request for proposal, on a new LMS. They are also going to discuss the IT Strategic Plan in order to evaluate and weigh in on it, at the behest of Jim Bradley, CIO.

**c. Constitution, By-laws, College Governance Manual and Election Committee – Chair, Jillian Lang:** Committee has met various times, and is working diligently on editing the Constitution and By-Laws.

**d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –President Swithers:** Committee is meeting next week to select a new chair.

**e. General Education – Chair, Christopher Carruba:** Committee approved four courses, Criminal Justice 2xxx: Science of Solving Crimes, SOCS 2240: Sociology of Health and Illness, HMNS 2016, and HMNS 2100. They also approved modifications to policy language to have any transfer degree hit all eight skilled categories, for which they plan on having an open forum at the end of February in order to hopefully present in March.

**f. Online Learning –Chair, Inglish Morgan:** Committee discussed a B Policy that lives in Blackboard, discussed accessibility, looked at policy regarding online course quality, looking closely at OSQR and the review process, particularly who is responsible for confirming syllabus is actually on Blackboard every semester.

**g. Student and College Success – Chair, Leslie Dolan:** Committee is working with the DEI Committee on language or policy for course caps, especially for certain types of classes, e.g., ELL or developmental courses. The DL Committee is meeting next week. The WBL subcommittee will continue to look at courses with the WBL stamp before they get to CRC. In December, Senator Dolan attended the Work-Based Learning Showcase for students in Comp 1005.

**h. Teaching and Assessment – Chair, Joseph Silva:** Committee met in December and continued conversation on OER’s and how that would benefit the college as a whole. They also continued discussed on how to develop a culture of assessment and how to get people on board. For the OER’s they want to do more research before any resolution can come out of the committee.

**j.** **Merge Course Special Committee – President Swithers:** The committee met last week and is looking into possible exceptions, if exceptions are possible, to merging Blackboard shells, while still keeping in mind regulations. The committee seeks to understand how faculty are using their publisher content, so a survey will be going out to faculty on that in the next week or two.

1. **REPORT OF THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT** 
   * Rosemary Costigan, Interim College President
     + Discussed the budget released from the Governor’s Office: overall happy with the budget. CCRI was awarded over $380 thousand dollars of the $600 thousand requested and $2.1 million of the $2.7 million requested. CCRI also got $1.7 million to support programs in culinary and apprenticeships.
     + Congratulated Senator Andrew Goodman on the RI license plate he designed.
     + Commended all senate committees on their work.
     + Reported that at the end of the Fall semester, we were down 2%, which equals 250 students, or $1.4 million in revenue. The Fall also saw a drop in first-time full-time students, which was an 8% drop in Promise students.
     + Announced that the February Town Hall will discuss SAP since 1,400 students did not meet SAP in the fall, and they are looking for common threads.
     + Discussed the meeting she had with the President of Johnson & Wales, where they discussed the upcoming JWU 3-year bachelors and their interest in partnering with CCRI. JWU is currently offering a 60-80% tuition discount to transfer students.
     + Reported on CCRI’s interest in growing the adult student population and looking where we have fully online programs.
     + Discussed the new Executive Orders and their implications a well as the creation of a mailbox for questions from faculty and staff, which will be handled by Alix Ogden and then Amy Kempe.
     + Notified everyone that next week is the Resource Fair held by Student Engagement.
       - Discussion included Starfish, FERPA, communications to students being the same as faculty and staff communications, and the distinction between private and public spaces.
2. **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
   * Barbara Nauman, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
     + Also congratulated Senator Goodman on the RI license plate.
     + Reported that students from a Communications course filmed *Conversations with the VPAA*, where VPAA Nauman discussed the AI Initiative.
     + Announced the Black History Month celebrations, which include curated collections at every campus library and the Harmonies of Heritage concert on Wednesday, February 19th, from 1-3pm, at the Bobby Hackett Theatre. The full calendar of events can be found on the Marketing website.
     + Reported that Dental Day is taking place today at the Flanagan campus, where folks from the dental community will be talking about various roles in dental professions and performing demonstrations.
     + Announced the Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony taking place today at 4pm at the Newport campus.
       - Discussion included initiatives to market and promote programs, especially newer programs, internships, and advisory boards on websites and physical spaces. Discussion also included CCRI Day in April.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**
   * Motion: Senator Gazzola
   * Second: Senator Egan-Kunicki
   * All in Favor
   * Meeting adjourned at 10:20am