



Faculty Senate

DRAFT MINUTES

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**FACULTY SENATE**

Meeting notice sent:

**Meeting Date: March 26, 2021**

Meeting time: scheduled 9-10:30 am

Meeting location: Zoom (COVID protocol)

Meeting secretary: Jason Stockford

Meeting called to order: 9:05am

**Quorum = 15**

**Roll Call:**

Last name	First	Discipline	Department	Division	Attendance
Arsenault	Joseph	Emergency Mgt	Nursing	HARS	Y
Austin	James	Library	Library	LRC	Y
Burke	Margaret	Computer Science	Computer Studies	BSTEM	Y
Burns	Emily	Geology	Physics and Engineering	BSTEM	Y
Friel	Kerri	Dental	Dental	HARS	Y
Galleshaw	Julie	Dental	Dental	HARS	Y
Hart	Roger	Astronomy	Physics and Engineering	BSTEM	Y
James	Eileen	English	English	AHSS	N
Josephs	Maddie	Allied Health	Allied Health	HARS	Y
Kilduff	Raymond	Psychology	Psychology	AHSS	Y
Killgore	Leslie	Sociology	Social Sciences	AHSS	Y
Leasher	Barbara	Math	Math	BSTEM	Y
Levitre	Dina	English	English	AHSS	Y
MacDougall	Sheryl	Law	Law	AHSS	Y
O'Neill	Daniel	Art	Art	AHSS	Y
Rieger	Matthew	Physics	Physics and Engineering	BSTEM	N
Robinson	Jody	Engineering	Physics and Engineering	BSTEM	Y
Rood	John	Nursing	Nursing	HARS	Y
Ryan	Laura	Library	Library	LIBR	Y
Salvatore	Marilyn	Theatre	Performing Arts	AHSS	Y
Sneesby	Sandra	Communication	English	AHSS	Y
Stockford	Jason	Math	Math	BSTEM	Y
Susi	Holly	Communication	English	AHSS	Y
Swift	Tara	Union President	Union	-	Y
Swithers	Kristen	Biology	Biology	BSTEM	Y
Ulricksen	Matthew	Political Science	Social Sciences	AHSS	Y
Verdi	Genevieve	Psychology	Psychology	AHSS	Y
Zellers	Mark	Art	Art	AHSS	Y
Zoto	Christopher	Chemistry	Chemistry	BSTEM	Y

Guests: President Meghan Hughes and Vice-President Rosemary Costigan

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES - Senate Chair Luzzi-Sneesby - Faculty Senate Meeting #2 March 5, 2021**

Motion to Approve:

First: Kerri Friel

Second: Matthew Ulricksen

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes 24 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Minutes approved.

**Updates from Chair Luzzi-Sneesby:**

1. We have now joined the National Council of Faculty Senates
2. The senate should be prepared to consider additional meetings on 04/14/2021 and 04/28/2021 from 3:30 – 5pm.
3. Luzzi Sneesby has reached out to the adjunct faculty association to discuss the Senate and the role that the adjunct faculty may play. The Senate Chair and Vice-Chair met with the President of the adjunct faculty association. Research shows that many faculty senates have some form of adjunct representation.
4. Luzzi Sneesby is willing to testify at the General Assembly regarding RI Promise and a resolution of support for RI Promise will be put before the senate for consideration.
5. President Hughes has agreed to participate in the Faculty Senate and attend future senate meetings.

**Remarks from College President Meghan Hughes:**

1. President Hughes welcomed the formation of the Faculty Senate and is looking forward to working with Senators to improve the governance of the college.
2. President Hughes would like the senate to consider bringing in a specialist (consultant) to assist the senate as it gets going.
3. President Hughes reiterated her support for RI Promise and hoped the senate would support the program, as well.
4. President Hughes reviewed some of the metrics and successes of the RI Promise program.
5. President Hughes will soon be meeting with the new governor to discuss RI Promise and other funding issues.
6. President Hughes believes that the college has broad support, overall, in terms of funding and its mission from within the General Assembly.

**Remarks from Vice-President Rosemary Costigan:**

1. VPAA Costigan made brief remarks and reiterated the items mentioned by President Hughes.
2. VPAA Costigan congratulated the senate on its formation, especially during Covid-19.
3. VPAA Costigan outlined her support for RI Promise.

**New Business:**

1. Consideration of the edit to the preamble of the senate constitution.
  - a. Motion to approve edit of the preamble:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Kilduff
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Vote: YES 25 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion adopted.

2. Consideration of proposed addition to the preamble: "General Faculty shall constitute full-time, tenured, and tenure-track faculty of the Community College of Rhode Island.
  - a. Motion to approve addition:  
First: Senator Leasher  
Second: Senator Josephs
  - b. Discussion: There was concern by some that the language would exclude adjunct faculty and preclude the senate from offering adjuncts a role in the senate.
  - c. Motion to table the proposed addition:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Hart
  - d. Vote (Motion to table): YES 24                      NO 0                      ABSTAIN 0
  - e. Original motion tabled.
  
3. Consideration to approve the preamble.
  - a. Motion to approve preamble:  
First: Senator Swift  
Second: Senator Galleshaw
  - b. Discussion.
  - c. Vote: YES 25                      NO 0                      ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion adopted.
  
4. Consideration of Article I of senate constitution.
  - a. Motion to approve Article I:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Burke
  - b. Discussion.
  - c. Vote: YES 24                      NO 0                      ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion adopted.
  
5. Consideration of proposed change to Article II Section I. "STRIKE: 'and subject to the referendum power of the General Faculty.' "
  - a. Motion to approve proposed change:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Friel
  - b. Discussion: There was concern about the possibility or removing the faculty's authority to hold and/or put items of concern to a referendum.
  - c. Vote: YES 9                      NO 15                      ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion fails to be adopted. Change not made.
  
6. Consideration of proposed change to Article II section I: "REPLACE 'educational' WITH 'academic' ".
  - a. Motion to approve proposed change:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Friel
  - b. Discussion.
  - c. Vote: YES 24                      NO 0                      ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion adopted.

7. Due to time constraints a motion was requested by Leader Sneesby to move to items (b) and (c) in the agenda. The remaining items in (a) will become old business at the next meeting.
  - a. Motion to jump ahead to items (b) and (c) in the agenda:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Josephs
  - b. Discussion.
  - c. Vote: YES 24            NO 0            ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion is adopted.

**Moving to items (b) and (c) of agenda**

8. Consideration of a resolution to retain a consultant and authorize the leadership committee to participate in negotiations of the scope of work.
  - a. Motion to retain a consultant and authorize the leadership committee to participate in negotiations of the scope of work:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Kilduff
  - b. Discussion: There was concern among senators about what precisely this motion would do and if a consultant could then be brought in without the consent of the senate. Senator Ulricksen promised that motion only allows the leadership committee to meet with potential consultants and negotiate on the scope of work. A final decision would be made by the full senate.
  - c. Vote: YES 19            NO 3            ABSTAIN 0
  - d. Motion is adopted.
9. Consideration of a resolution of support for the RI Promise program.
  - a. Motion for the senate to pass a resolution of support for RI Promise and endorse a letter prepared by the leadership committee outlining such support.  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Friel
  - b. Discussion: There were some concerns given the nature of how RI Promise is currently structured. Others pointed out that while the program is not perfect, it does provide significant help to many of our students and promise students make up a significant percentage of the enrollment at the college.
  - c. Motion to move the vote: approved.
  - d. Vote: YES 21            NO 1            ABSTAIN 0
  - e. Motion is adopted.
10. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn:  
First: Senator Ulricksen  
Second: Senator Stockford
  - b. Discussion: It was suggested that we not have a recorded vote for the adjournment motion; however, current rules require that all votes be recorded.
  - c. Vote: YES 22            NO 0            ABSTAIN 0

**Meeting adjourned at 10:49am**