



CCRI FACULTY SENATE
FULL SENATE MEETING 11/04/2022

MINUTES

Date: 11/04/2022

Time: 9:00AM (Start 9:06am)

Place: KN 4090

Attendees: See last page for full list

- I. Call to Order --- Meeting called to order at 9:06am.
- II. Roll Call --- Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to Approve: Senator Stockford 2nd: Senator Kilduff
 - b. Yes -- 25 No -- 0 Abstain -- 1
- IV. Item – Remarks from Chair Sneesby
 1. Chair Sneesby announced that the Staff Assembly is continuing to work on its Constitution and Bylaws. She will be meeting with VP Costigan to discuss scheduling for a governance amendment.
 2. Chair Sneesby reminded the Senate that the Bill Tracker is up and running and it can be linked to from the Legislation page on the Senate Website.
- V. Item --- Report from Vice Chair Friel
 1. Vice Chair Friel announced that the Leadership Committee meets twice per month, the week before the full Senate meetings and the week of full Senate meetings as needed.
 2. Leadership committee will be working on Global Bills.
 3. There is no budget for the Faculty Senate, so thank you to Senators who have contributed to the refreshments at our meetings.



4. Senate Committee Chairs:
 - a. Transparency with the governance system is important. Make sure minutes and agendas are posted for the larger college community to view. A handout was provided at the meeting on how to do this.
 - b. Recommended that secretaries be established for each committee to help with the work of getting the minutes recorded and posted to the website.
 - c. Agenda for committee meetings must be posted at least 5 days prior to meeting.

VI. Item – Remarks from President Hughes

1. Update on FY24 budget: Budget as presented has been approved in full by the Council. It still needs to be approved by the Board of Education, but the expectation is that it will be approved as it stands. CCRI faculty, staff attendance is greatly encouraged when the budget is to be heard by the BOE. This will probably take place in March.
2. Transfer: State institutions (CCRI, RIC, and URI) were selected to participate in an 18month program to dramatically improve transfer. Institutions have reached an agreement on how data will be measured to track and evaluate how we are doing. 95% of CCRI General Education courses transfer directly to URI, which means students should be able to transfer to URI as juniors when they earn an associate degree from CCRI. 65-66% of CCRI Gen Ed courses transfer to RIC. Next step – establishing real Pathways to guide students towards earning associate degree that will fully transfer to RIC or URI. VPAA Costigan will an articulation seminar with RIC in December that will focus on programmatic transfer.
3. K-12: This is one of the most discussed topics in Rhode Island and as such, postsecondary education options will be looked at to establish partnerships with K-12 to improve student preparedness for college. We are already seeing success with this in Early College for high school juniors and seniors. Students who participate in Early College are more likely to persist and graduate high school. 100% of CCRI Early College students graduate high school. 75-80% of Early College students go on to enroll in college. Looking at a Teacher Pathway to address the shortage of teachers, hope is that students who complete Teacher Pathway at CCRI will then feed directly into RIC to earn their bachelor degree in education.

President Hughes fielded questions from Senators.

VII. Item – Remarks from VPAA Costigan.

1. Rebecca Heimel starts as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs on Monday, Nov. 7.
2. OSCQR: Online assessment tool to evaluate quality of online courses. Chris



Szpryngel has been directed to have all faculty who teach online complete an evaluation of at least one of their online courses. OSCQR is not intended to evaluate faculty at all, rather to see where the college stands with online learning.

3. Starfish: Tanekar Alexander and Chris Szpryngel are leading a new rollout of Starfish

The VPAA also fielded questions from Senators.

VIII. Item – 7 Week Terms

Senator O’Neill asked if there is any interest for the Senate to research this topic and collect information in one place so it can be parsed in a succinct manner.

VPAA Costigan responded that there will be work groups established for this project and asks that members of the Senate join these work groups. It is important to have representative groups and that the work not be done in silos. The focus of the work should be on the goals of the project, which are: momentum, providing opportunities for students to take courses if they were unable to enroll at the start of the first term, and retention of students.

IX. Item – General Studies Redesign

Chair Sneesby stated the Senate will be involved in larger-scale initiatives like the General Studies Redesign. One possible outcome of this initiative is to rename General Studies to something that students feel proud of and accomplished to receive.

X. Item – Notice on General Education Committee

Chair Sneesby recognized Senator Levitre as the new chair for the General Education committee.

Senator Levitre announced that that the General Education committee approved Gen Ed status for three courses at their last meeting - HIST 1030: World History I, HIST 1040: World History II, and SOCS 2350: Social Deviance.

XI. Item – Center for Teaching Excellence

Rachel Rogers, Director of CTE announced that grant applications are available for two \$5000 grants for faculty during 2023. Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 2, 2022.

Upcoming CTE events: Article Club on Nov. 14, workshop on Aligning Research Assignments with Library Resources and Scaffolding Research Assignments – which will be presented by Senator Holcomb and Professor Brenda McGill on Nov. 30, and a social

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event on Dec. 1. Winter Workshop will take place the week of Jan. 16 (actual date has not been finalized) and the speaker will be Dr. Matt Reed.

Resources for faculty and a full list of events are available on the CTE website. Rachel is available for consultations, chat, coffee, etc. in the CTE office located on the 5th floor of the KN Library.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion to Approve: Senator Stockford 2nd: Senator Araujo
- b. Approved by unanimous consent.

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Senator Roster					
Last name	First	Discipline	Department	Division	Attendance
Araujo	Jessica	English	English	AHSS	YES
Brewer	Cassandra	Math	Math	BSTM	NO
Burns	Emily	Geology	Physics and Engineering	BSTM	YES
Cobb	Regina	Massage	Rehabilitative Health	HARS	YES
Ellaboudy	Shereef	Economics	Business and Professional Studies	BSTM	YES
Friel	Kerri	Dental	Dental	HARS	YES
Gaboury	Renee	English	English	AHSS	YES
Galleshaw	Julie	Dental	Dental	HARS	YES
Hart	Roger	Astronomy	Physics and Engineering	BSTM	NO
Holcomb	Katie	Library	Library	Library	YES
James	Eileen	English	English	AHSS	NO
Josephs	Maddie	Allied Health	Allied Health	HARS	YES
Kilduff	Raymond	Psychology	Psychology	AHSS	YES
Lacerda	Kellie	Allied Health	Allied Health	HARS	YES
Lang	Jillian	Library	Library	Library	YES
Leasher	Barbara	Math	Math	BSTM	NO
Levitre	Dina	English	English	AHSS	YES
Lynch	Christine	Occ. Therapy	Rehabilitative Health	HARS	YES
MacDougall	Sheryl	Law	Law	AHSS	YES
Mansella	Maria	Italian	World Languages and Culture	AHSS	NO
Morgan-Gardner	Inglish	Human Services	Human Services	AHSS	NO
Moritz	Sabine	Biology	Biology	BSTM	YES
Najarian	Dennis	History	History	AHSS	YES
O'Neill	Daniel	Art	Art	AHSS	YES
Petrus	Amanda	Chemistry	Chemistry	BSTM	YES
Ratcliffe	Chris	Business	Business and Professional Studies	BSTM	YES
Robinson	Jody	Engineering	Physics and Engineering	BSTM	NO
Salvatore	Marilyn	Theatre	Performing Arts	AHSS	YES
Sneesby	Sandra	Communication	English	AHSS	YES
Stockford	Jason	Math	Math	BSTM	YES
Abbasia	Tara	Union President	Union	-	YES
Swithers	Kristen	Biology	Biology	BSTM	YES
Verdi	Genevieve	Psychology	Psychology	AHSS	YES
Zoto	Christopher	Chemistry	Chemistry	BSTM	NO

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Barnes	Laura	Math	Math	Adjunct BSTM	NO
Gazzola	Kathy	Dental	Dental	Adjunct HARS	YES

Ex-Officio Members	Attendance
Hughes	YES
Costigan	YES
Stargard	YES
Nauman	NO
Carr	YES
Kacerik	NO
Mallozzi	NO
Cipolla	NO
Karasinski	NO
LaPointe	NO
Gondola	NO
Ray	YES
Szpryngel	NO
Webb	NO

Guests Present: Rachel Rogers, Naagla Gaafar-Rego, Stephanie Cabral, Leslie Kilgore