CCRI FACULTY SENATE
FULL SENATE MEETING 2/17/23

M I N U T E S

Date: 2/17/23
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Start 9:05 a.m.)
Place: Knight 4090
Attendees: See last page for full list

I.   Call to Order --- Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

II.   Roll Call --- Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

III.   Approval of Minutes was postponed to the next meeting as they were posted, but not included with the agenda by email.

IV.   Item – Report from Chair Sneesby

  a. Announcements-Chair Sneesby discussed the Raising Opportunities fundraiser; Anyone who would like to attend and sit at a Senate table should contact Chair Sneesby or Senator Josephs. The date is April 28, 2023.
  b. Full faculty meeting survey- The Chair reviewed faculty comments from survey, and she will compile the comments into a document to share at the next meeting.

V.   Item – Report from Vice Chair Friel

Vice Chair Friel introduced Senator Stockford, who reviewed the election procedures. Those interested in continuing their terms can do so. Those wanting to step down or run for a place in the leadership, can do so.

VI.   Item – Senate Bill S. 2023. ATC-001

A Bill for LMS Usage- All courses will maintain an active course site using the LMS.

Motion: To approve Senate S. 2023. ATC-001- A Bill for Learning Management System

  a. Discussion: After Senator O'Neil discussed the origin of the bill and the revision of the bill according to concerns were raised by others about student access and consistency. Concerns were raised about courses that were outliers (such as Math Emporium), for the rollout of a new LMS, for merged courses, and for issues of accessibility. Clarification of an active course site was defined as an

open Blackboard page with a syllabus.

   b. Motion to Approve: Senator Leasher 2nd: Senator Petrus

   c. Approved: 27 yes   1 no   1 abstention

VII.   Item – Report of Standing and Special Committees

   a. Senator Kilduff- Academic Standards and Policy (ASP)
   Senator Kilduff explained that the grading policy that was sent out through email and elicited much discussion was, in fact, the wrong policy. Currently, the ASP committee will bring the corrected version to the Senate. He also discussed the "C-problem" on the rating system/grading policy, along with an explanation of other problematic grading policies, such as the W/WP/WF, that need to be addressed.

   b. Senator O'Neil- Academic Technology (AT)
   AT is focused on tech accessibility for students (e.g., supporting student access to loaned devices and supporting student access to course materials). After meeting with the instructional design team and DSS, the committee suggests that the college, itself, create a policy for accessibility that would consider all the necessary stakeholders and potential issues and concerns (e.g., DSS concerns, DEI issues, budget issues, IT issues, DL outcomes, etc.).

   c. Senator Lynch- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
   Senator Lynch discussed the committee's work on an inclusive syllabus goal. In addition, they are working to create shared goals with the DEI Council in order for their work to compliment and support each other.

   d. Senator Levitre- General Education
   Gen Ed reports a set of courses was approved. They are using the new CIM (Curriculum Inventory Management) system. In addition, they are currently updating the website. In addition, a set of instructions will be developed to explain the process for Gen. Ed. Course approval for faculty and departments.

   e. Senator Swithers- Online Learning (OL)
   OL is reworking the Online Quality Bill. Senator Swithers discussed creating more EPTO (Effective Practices in Teaching Online) training levels that can help faculty continually build their skills in online teaching. In addition, the committee is approaching ways that DL courses could have consistent online shells.

   f. Senator Galeshaw- Student and College Success (SCS)
   SCS is ready to put forward a proposal about new student orientation/onboarding. A public hearing for this proposal will be held at the next SCS meeting. After the

hearing, the committee will reconsider the proposal and, if it passes committee, it will be brought before the whole Senate for approval.

g. Senator Hart- Teaching and Assessment (TA)
Currently, there are three academic reviews for departments coming up: Criminal Justice and Law, Education and Special Education, and Social Services. TA is also working with OL on the Online Quality Bill.

h. Senator James- Co-Chair, Compressed Term Committee
James gave a brief overview of the charge of the committee. There is a three-phase process the committee will undertake to explore a variety of term options, including research, piloting, and collective bargaining/labor issues. The overall charge of this group of representative faculty and deans is to offer two options of schedules to the VPAA for her consideration. The group intends to keep the process transparent and keep the college community updated on the committee's progress.

VIII. Item – Report from President Hughes

a. President Hughes shared her report, which focused on transfer. The President shared information about a meeting on the state level focused on the importance of transfer; discussed RIC articulation meeting; acknowledged the faculty's work in strengthening transfer; President Hughes shared some important points regarding transfer:
   1) Clear pathways of Gen Ed courses
   2) Guaranteed admission to sister institutions
   3) Affordability
   4) Strong buy-in from all state higher education institutions
   5) Minimizing barriers to transfer for students
   6) JAA participation is up 56 percent up from last year (65% jump in URI transfer; 45% jump in RIC transfer)

b. After her remarks, President Hughes and VPAA Costigan responded to related questions from Senators.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

a. Motion to Approve: Senator Stockford 2nd: Senator Brewer

b. Approved by unanimous consent.

   Meeting ended at 10:28 a.m.

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

Zoto	Christopher	Chemistry	Chemistry	BSTM	YES
Barnes	Laura			Adjunct BSTM	NO
Gazzola	Kathy			Adjunct HARS	YES

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

Guests: Rachel Rogers, Steve Murray, Rebecca Heimel