



CCRI FACULTY SENATE
FULL SENATE MEETING 3-24-23

MINUTES

Date: 3/24/23

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. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to Approve— Senator Leasher 2nd: Senator Moritz
 - b. Approved with 1 abstention (Senator Verdi)
- III. Item – Report from Chair Sneesby
 - a. Announcements- Chair Sneesby thanked President Hughes for her support of the Faculty Senate.
 - b. A May meeting will be held to welcome new Senators.
- IV. Action Item – Election Committee Senator Stockford
 - a. Senator Stockford reviewed the election process and explained the history of the election process for the Faculty Senate and how the number seats are allotted to each discipline, totally 43 seats, plus a seat for the CCRIFA President. Nomination forms will be emailed. Adjunct instructors are needed to fill allotted Senate seats.
 - b. Motion to Approve the election process: Senator Leasher 2nd: Senator Brewer
 - c. Discussion: Adjunct faculty from the library are not eligible for a seat on the Senate. Clarification about the number of faculty (1/7) from each discipline versus from departments.
 - d. Approved unanimously
- V. Item – Senate Bill S. 2023. ATC-001

A Bill for Orientation- 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

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

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- f. Approved: 27 yes 1 no 1 abstention

VII. 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.

VIII. Item- Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Heimel's discussion of the Compressed Term Workgroup was postponed.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion to Approve: Senator Arajuo 2nd; Senator Petrus
- b. Approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting ended at 11:12 a.m.

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Senator Roster					
Last name	First	Discipline	Department	Division	Attendance
Abbasia	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	Inglis	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

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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