

Academic Senate
September 18, 2023

Members Present:

J. Spjut (President), S. Buchbinder (Vice-President), J. Anderson, B. Army, J. Battye, J. Clark, P. Clifford, B. Clinton, E. Dubovsky- Porter, E. Espitia- Loaiza, M. Hall, D. Hernandez, O. B. Kaufman, L. Kelley, J. Knapp, P. Lemieux, M. Lowe, B. Lynch, E. Michalski, M. Phillion, J. Porzuczek, D. Rimkus, C. Shirshac, T. Shizume, S. Van Orden

Meeting Called to Order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Snack basket update from Jayne Battye - Baskets are being filled, and requests feedback on usage and needs. There was feedback that there were none in the science hallway, and the response was to add a basket to the table outside room E181.
2. Volunteers Needed for CT State Governance Replacement Elections
 - a. There was a request for an English faculty member volunteer to replace Cory McClellan on the English SDC. The President will bring it to John Lewis to request volunteers.
 - b. There was a request for a Science & Math faculty volunteer to replace Deb Rimkus on the SACC. Jane Knapp to talk to John Lewis about workload and possible replacement. It was confirmed that participation is compensated .5 course hours.
3. Academic Dean Search Concerns – There were numerous concerns about the 2 candidates presented in forums to fill the new role of Campus Dean for Students and Faculty.
 - a. Concerns about the process:
 - i. Not enough candidates (5 offered interviews, 3 interviewed and 2 were advanced to campus forums).
 - ii. There was little notice of the forum (due to central HR timeline) and the forums weren't recorded or streamed.
 1. HR contacted QV on September 1 to set up meetings & CEO had scheduling concerns, leading to campus forums the next week.
 - b. Concerns about the candidates:
 - i. Neither candidate was well qualified to start from day 1, which we need during
 - ii. Unsure of the role of faculty feedback, can we stop the process?
 - iii. Concern we are forced to pick one of the 2 candidates.
 - c. Discussion of failing the search:
 - i. It would be challenging to bring someone into a new role that is changing under their feet (e.g., layoffs or change to position).
 - ii. Continue interim who knows the process (in the middle of fluctuation)
 - iii. Discussion of voting to fail the search. President will let the CEO and current Academic Dean.
4. Motion (wording from BDL): "With the current need at the QV Campus to have a Dean in place who can effectively handle the complexity of immediate operations, as well as to represent the campus in the midst of System-determined policies and changes, We vote to call a failed search

for the Campus Dean of Students and Faculty and ask the System for a renewed search to fill this position.”

- a. Informal poll (passed)
 - b. Formal vote: The Vice President will send out a vote on the motion (with 48 hours to respond)
 - i. Brian Donahue Lynch motioned, and Jayne Battye seconded.
 - ii. 9/20/23 The motion carries with 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions
5. FERC Feedback from Brian Donahoe Lynch: The FERC rubrics are designed to create standard outcomes for TAP pathways. However, the FERC rubric was voted against in the senate in spring 2023, but it was supported by the majority of faculty at other campuses (potentially disenfranchising smaller campuses). This is an ongoing process, and updates will be shared.
6. Academic Senate Role in Shared Governance: The role is to review CT Senate materials and provide feedback (vote is needed). Norly Germain is the faculty representative on the State Senate.
7. CIP Role in Shared Governance: To review proposals to the SDC, SACC and CC
8. Academic Senate By-Law Review: There is a request for someone to review and update the Senate Bylaws for CT State. If interested, contact the President or Vice President.
9. Spring Meeting Times: The majority of present faculty agreed to try to leave Mondays at the 2 pm course block unfilled for meetings (informal poll 14 of 23)

Motion to adjourn by Jayne Battye and second by Elkin Espitia -Loaiza (unanimous). Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.