

Academic Senate
October 16, 2023

Members Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order at 12:03 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Lynch motions to add FIRC updated at 10/16 meeting to the 9/18 meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve 9/18 meeting minutes by B. Clinton and second by B. Lynch.
2. Working with 4Cs regarding budget – B. Clinton
 - Update from Seth from 4Cs
 - **B. Clinton asked about interest in a personal (not QV) “snail mail” campaign & informational brochures about New Britain salaries vs frontline salaries. He’s working with Jess P.**
 - i. People are overburdened with work due to the cut. B. Clinton has a course overload (22 credits) and is the interim CCS 1001 Coordinator since the CCS Program Coordinator search was called off.
 - From M. Philion. - Seth from 4C’s is looking for QV Campaign Coordinators to contact local legislators, for more appropriations. Contact Seth with interest.
 - B. Lynch asked about budget migration and questioned why hiring a new 200K Dean when we will be asked to cut.
 - i. Heard New Britain administrators are reviewing programs to see about market research and job outcomes.
 - Concerns about programs being cut:
 - i. Recommendation made to add applicable GenEd discipline titles to program faculty. J. Spjut forwarded Shaylah the email from Mike Lopez on job titles (and told J. Lewis).
3. Elections for:
 - FAC representative – any faculty eligible
 - i. J. Anderson & J. Battye currently serve. J. Anderson will continue to serve but asks if anyone else is willing to replace him. If you’re interested, contact J. Spjut
 - Informational: SDC in English – J. Andersen will represent QV (replacing Cory McClellan)
 - SACC in Science and Mathematics (replacing D. Rimkus) –
 - i. Motion to approve J. Knapp as the SACC QV representative for Science and Math by E. Espitia- Loaiza and seconded by B. Clinton.
 - ii. Discussion.

1. Concerns about faculty workloads. QV is a small campus and many people are on multiple state-level governance committees. M. Phillion proposed (and withdrew) a motion not to send anyone to the SACC because there are too many committees and people already have high workloads. If no faculty were interested, should we put people on the ballot who didn't want/have the space for it?
 2. J. Knapp – What overload is acceptable? She has 20 for Spring 2024. Suggestion to reach out to HR.
4. Gateway Resolution on Academic Planning (use academic senates on campuses)
 - Context: Gateway plans to send their resolution to the BOR by the November Meeting
 - Motion to support the statement, with QV information subbed in for Gateway by J. Anderson and seconded by B. Lynch.
 - i. Vote on the motion was sent by email (48 hours to vote).
 - ii. Approved 18 Oct 2023 with 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
5. Housatonic Campus Senate Resolution on Connecticut State Community College's Senate Meeting Modality.
 - Context: CT State Senate in-person meetings lack a virtual option, and faculty at Housatonic want more.
 - Motion from B. Lynch and second by S. Buchbinder
 - i. Vote on the motion was sent by email (48 hours to vote).
 - ii. Approved 18 Oct 2023 with 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
6. FIRC Update by B. Lynch
 - FIRC & Assessment meeting last Friday: Rubrics were approved and passed to the system level (after 42% of campuses didn't endorse the rubrics last semester). Look out for zip file with the rubrics.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.