

Academic Senate
November 13, 2023

Members Present:

J. Spjut (President), S. Buchbinder (Vice-President), J. Anderson, B. Army, P. Clifford, B. Clinton, E. Dubovsky-Porter, N. Germain, T. Greer, M. Hall, L. Kelley, J. Knapp, P. Lemieux, B. Lynch, M. Phillion, D. Rimkus, C. Shirshac, T. Shizume, S. Van Orden,

The meeting lacked a quorum and was not called to order.

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. No quorum to approve minutes. Will vote on the minutes in the December meeting.
2. General Education Committee Proposal from B. Lynch.
 - a. For the creation of a General Education Standing Committee - Curriculum Congress
Chair Jason Seabury (jseabury@nv.edu) disseminated 3 plans for committee makeup. Plan C requires 21 members and guarantees representation of smaller campuses but may be too large to be deliberative. Models A& B can have smaller membership 12-21 (an expert in SBS can also be a campus representative), which might lead to reduced campus representation but be a nimbler deliberative body. Feedback needs to be sent by November 14.
 1. There's currently a "wild west" with curriculum, where some larger campuses being dominant decisions makers.
 - b. There will be a vote on Friday 11/16 in the CC on the plans.
3. CT Senate Update by N. Germain
 - a. The monthly meeting was 10/27
 1. Budget migration discussion about potential layoffs (no new information)
 2. Course capacity discussion about NVs resolution in opposition of raising course caps from 25-30 students (except based on classroom size etc.). Ongoing discussion about online vs in-person course caps. Vote forthcoming
 3. Food and Beverage Policy. CFT circulated a draft resolution (memo) for CFT events to be added to the "policy not applied list." **Vote passed.**
 - b. P. Bennet N. Marcoux-Bowen are also Senate representatives you can also contact.
4. Discussion of SBS SACC Resolution for Discipline-Specific Councils to Replace SDCs
 - a. S. Buchbinder previewed the SBS SACC's forthcoming resolution for SDCs to be replaced by discipline-specific councils for all disciplines to share curricular proposals, review, course scheduling, program review, and standard assessments.

Commented [SB1]: I was unclear here. It's a draft, but there was a vote. Was that to have a formal resolution?

1. There's a concern that disciplines without dedicated SDCs or other formal organization are being marginalized or not well organized/faculty in conflict.
5. Fall Professional Development
 - a. B. Clinton shared that the Professional Development and Sabbatical Committee was charged last week, and A. Lundberg is chairing. Applications will be released soon.
6. NASA Space Grant Consortium Info (<https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/national-space-grant-college-and-fellowship-project/>)
 - a. Scholarships and grants (STEM FOCUS)
 1. Spring applications open on December 1st and are due by January 17th . Applications do not need an aerospace focus, just STEM.
7. Quadcopter Challenge (<https://ctspacegrant.org/events/community-college-quadcopter-challenge>). It will be held at CCSU and applications are now open.
 - a. The QV team needs an advisor. This includes a stipend and there are materials in the lab. If interested, reach out to J. Spjut if interested. If not, there won't be a team this year.
8. Upcoming Events
 - a. Bread and Soup: Tuesday 11/14 in Danielson and Wednesday 11/15 in Willimantic.
 - b. ECE Club: Basket Raffle – donated a basket between 11/30 and 12/6. The drawing will be on 12/7, and Munson's Chocolates will be for sale (individually).
 - c. The Walk for Warmth is Sunday 11/19 in Willimantic. You can donate and/or walk with the QV team. Contact Shelley or Elkin for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.