

Academic Senate
April 22, 2024

Members Present: J. Spjut (President), S. Buchbinder (Vice-President); B. Alves; J. Andersen; J. Battye; L.C. Chu; B. Clinton; E. Espitia- Loaiza; N. Germain; T. Greer; D. Hernandez; M. Hall; J. Knapp; P. Lemieux; J. Lewis; M. Lowe; E. Michalski; J. Oliver; E. Pagano; C. Parden; M. Phillion; D. Rimkus; C. Shirshac; T. Shizume; S. Van Orden; D. Walsh; K. Zvoma.

Agenda

1. Approval of March Minutes.
 - a. The March minutes were not sent out before the meeting. They will be sent out and voted on in the May meeting.
1. Resolution on CT State Course Search by Home Campus – follow-up.
 - a. CEO Hynick said she will bring Home Campus search issues to CT State.
 - b. Home Campus course search will be considered by the CT State College Senate on Friday 26 Apr 2024 (this may be pushed to the May meeting).
 - i. J. Spjut has had communication from CT State Senate President Elle Van Dermark who relayed information 3rd hand from Jared Borek, the VP of IT, and J. Spjut will follow up further.
 1. Home campus search can be done, but will CT State delegate the staff or funds for search customization?
2. Course Caps & Cancellation Taskforce from CT State Senate is soliciting Discipline Group input
 - a. This document was sent to M. Phillion from the CT State Senate (not distributed for all the SDCs). Concerns shared (in the interest of more local control for the benefit of students and faculty):
 - i. Concern about overscheduling:
 1. The proposal has discipline group scheduling.
 1. There is a lack of consensus between campuses, likely easier in SDCs with fewer disciplines or smaller disciplines with fewer courses (e.g., early childhood or criminal justice)
 2. How will this impact the workload since the groups meet monthly for 2.5 hours?

2. M. Phillion proposed a solution for each campus to get one online section at a time that fills. Additional online courses will open when all campuses sections offering the course fill.
 1. Concern for faculty that need multiple online courses to fill to make course load.
 - ii. Concern about small courses
 1. The proposed solution is to combine online class sections with the faculty with the highest enrollment getting students from other campuses.
 1. Concern about campuses bumping full-time faculty (with no seniority) for other campuses, which is new.
 2. If a PTLs section on another campus has higher enrollment, will that section bump a full-time faculty? There are union concerns.
 - iii. Course capacity is determined based on the specifics of the course (e.g., room size, and course costs), but this proposal discusses discipline standards.
3. QV Campus Election for CT State Representatives – Results and **Congratulations**
- a. **CT State College Senate** (Elections in collaboration with Staff Senate):
 - i. Faculty Representative (2024-2025): Jayne Battye
 - ii. Staff Representative (2024-2026): Peter Bennett
 - iii. “At-Large” Representative (2024-2027): Nicole Marcoux-Bowen
 - b. **General Education Committee**: Brian Donohue-Lynch
 - c. **School Area Curriculum Committee (SACC)** – 2-year terms 2024–2026.

	SCHOOL AREA CURRICULUM COMMITTEES (SACC)	FT FACULTY MEMBER
1	School of Arts and Humanities	Jess Porzuczek
2	School of Business and Hospitality	Erin Pagano
3	School of Engineering and Technology	Chris Parden
4	School of Nursing and Allied Health	Elizabeth Dubofsky-Porter
5	School of Science and Mathematics	Jane Knapp
6	School of Social and Behavioral Sciences	Shelley Buchbinder

- d. **Statewide Discipline Council (SDC)** – 2-year terms 2024–2026.

	Discipline Council	FT Faculty Member
	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY	
1	Art and Design - Art History, Digital Arts Technology, Game Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Museum Studies, New Media Production, Visual Art	Jess Porzuczek
2	Communication - Communication, Humanities, Journalism, Logistics, Media Production, Philosophy, Public Relations, Religion	Beth Alves
3	English	Jon Andersen

4	ESOL, Languages & Culture - Advanced English Proficiency, Deaf Studies, English as a Second Language, French, German, Interpreter Training, Italian, Spanish	Elkin Espitia-Loaiza
5	Performing Arts - Dance, Music Industry, Music Studies, Musical Theater, Theater, Theater Design & Production	Brian Kaufman
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY		
6	Accounting, Business Administration, & Economics - Accounting, Business Administration, Business Studies, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Management, Marketing, Small Business & Entrepreneurship	Jen Oliver
7	Business Office Technology & Business Specialties - Administrative Support Specialist, Banking, Bookkeeping, Business Intelligence, Business Office Technology, Customer Services Specialist, Electronic Health Records Specialist, Fashion Merchandising & Retail Management, Legal Administrative Support Specialist, Medical Insurance Specialist, Office Application Skills, Public Utility Management, Social Media Specialist, Sport & Leisure Management	Brian Clinton
8	Culinary & Hospitality - Culinary Arts, Dietary Supervision, Foodservice Management, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Hotel Management, Meetings & Conventions & Special Events Management, Professional Baker, Restaurant Management	N/A
9	Paralegal	N/A
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY		
10	Construction, Transportation & Resource Management - Architectural Design, Architectural CAD, Automotive Technology, Aviation Technology, Construction Technology, Construction Management, Energy Management, Firefighter 1 & 2, Fire Technology Administration, Railroad Engineering Technology, Water Management	N/A
11	CIS, Cyber, MIS, Networking - Computer Information Systems, Cybersecurity, Management Information Systems, Networking, Programming	Chris Parden
12	Computer Sciences - Computer Science Options, Computer Science Transfer	Chris Parden
13	Engineering, Engineering Technology, CAD, Manufacturing - Computer Aided Design (all options except ARCH), Engineering Science, Engineering Technology (all options except Railroad), Environmental Engineering Technology, Manufacturing, Technology Studies	Jakob Spjut
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH CAREERS		
14	Health Careers Group 1 - Exercise Science, Health Science, Massage Therapy, Nutrition	Brian Clinton
15	Health Careers Group 2 - Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy	Brian Clinton
16	Health Careers Group 3 - Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Medical Lab Technician, Ophthalmic Design & Dispensing	Tim Shizume

17	Health Careers Group 4 - Occupational Therapy Assistant, Paramedic, Physical Therapy Assistant, Respiratory Care	N/A
18	Health Information Technology - Data Management, Clinical Coding, Medical Billing & Outpatient Coding Specialist, Healthcare Administration, and Outpatient Medical Coding & Auditing	Brian Clinton
19	Nursing	N/A
20	Radiologic Sciences - Computerized Tomography, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, Radiography	N/A
21	Surgical & Veterinary Technician - Surgical Technician, Veterinary Technician	N/A
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS		
22	Biological Sciences - Biology, Biotechnology	Melissa Philion
23	Environmental & Physical Sciences - Astronomy, Biochemistry, Cannabis, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Horticulture, Physics	Jane Knapp
24	Mathematics & Data Science - Data Analytics, Data Science, Mathematics	Kudzai Zvoma / Denise Walsh
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE		
25	Criminal Justice - Criminal Justice, Criminology	Shelley Buchbinder
26	Education - Early Childhood Education, Pathways to Teaching Careers	Cindy Shirshac
27	Global & Human Studies - Anthropology, Civic Engagement, Drug & Alcohol Recovery Counselor, Geography, History, Human Services, Political Science, Sociology	Brian Lynch
28	Liberal Arts, General Studies, & Student Success - College & Career Success, General Studies, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Library Technology	Melissa Philion
29	Psychology - Disability Specialist, Psychology, Speech-Language Pathology, Therapeutic Recreation	Ling-chuan Chu

4. QV Academic Senate Bylaw Revisions made by J. Spjut (with feedback from P. Lemieux)
 - a. J. Spjut sent a summary of the main changes with a side-by-side comparison. Major changes in proposed bylaw revisions are:
 - i. Eliminate CIP since CT State Governance has replaced it. He conferred with the chair B. Clinton who agreed.
 1. He proposed adding a Curriculum Coordinator to the Academic Senate officers to assist with the CT State curriculum process (e.g. proposal, review)
 - ii. Replacing Joing Organization Meeting with CIP (which will no longer exist) with Special Meetings (e.g., officer transition, emergency meetings as needed)
 - iii. Membership is staying the same, only FT people can run for office, but PT can vote.
 - b. Motion to approve proposed bylaw revisions: **Motion was made by J. Spjut and seconded by S. Buchbinder. The motion passed with one abstention.**

- c. E. Michalski inquired about staff roles in the Academic Senate membership and voting in the Staff Senate. Can the staff in the Academic Senate vote in the Staff Senate if it is more related to their primary job? This issue was not included in the bylaw revisions.
 - a. J. Spjut suggested 3 possible changes (not being proposed yet).
 - i. Make the Academic Senate a Faculty Senate (only faculty)
 - 1. Split faculty vs staff for two senates.
 - ii. Allow staff in the Academic Senate to vote in both bodies.
 - 1. Nothing in the Academic Senate bylaws prevents people from voting in both Senates.
 - iii. Elect to vote Academic Senate OR Staff Senate.
 - 1. This could be an undue burden on leadership: When would you chose and how to change? How to keep track (e.g., quorum for voting).
- 5. Fall 2024 meeting times set as Mondays at 2 pm.
 - a. We agree to leave Mondays 2-4 pm free in the fall planning for the courses scheduled (if you can)
- 6. CT State Senate Resolution on Board of Regents and CSCU Budget Remediation, Tuition and Fee Increases for FY25 – has been endorsed by 8 campuses.
 - a. **Motion to endorse this resolution by P. Lemieux and seconded by S. Buchbinder.**
Approved with 4 abstentions.
- 7. Inauguration issue (unclear Maduko vs a student)
 - a. B. Alves shared a Hartford Courant article about an altercation between President Maduko and a student: <https://www.courant.com/2024/04/20/kevin-rennie-ct-college-system-must-find-truth-of-students-alleged-verbal-exchange-with-official/#:~:text=In%20an%20April%2016%20letter,attack%20directed%20solely%20at%20me.>
- 8. Academic Senate's upcoming online elections for a VP and Curriculum Coordinator
 - a. Email J. Spjut to self-nominate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm (Motion by J. Spjut and seconded by S. Buchbinder).