

Agenda for CT State College Senate

Date:	1/26/2024
Time:	12:30pm-3:30pm
College	
Senators	
Present:	
Additional	
Guests:	
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CT State Executive Council:

President: Elle Van Dermark
Vice President (Faculty): Nicola Ricker
Vice President (Staff): John Fiorello

Secretary: Brian Kapinos
Student Representative: Vacant

Agenda for January Meeting

- 1. Welcome from College Senate President Elle Van Dermark (5 minutes)
 - a. Meeting called to order on 12:31pm.
 - b. Senate President Van Dermark provides welcome update on the concept of governance across the state and compensation / release time framework.
- 2. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)
 - a. Motion to approve agenda as amended (Sen. Prior)
 - i. Sen. Boyko seconds
 - 1. No objections, motion passes as amended.
- 3. Approve December 2023 Minutes (5 minutes)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Sen. Fiorello
 - i. Sen Bennett seconds.
 - 1. No objections, motion passes.
- 4. Welcomed Speakers
 - a. CT State President John Maduko (15 minutes)
 - i. Update on NECHE (Spring 2025 visit), budget, and legislative breakfasts. In addition, some context was shared about enrollment and CT State students.
 - b. CT State Vice President John Paul Chaisson-Cardenas (10 minutes)
 - Provided a welcome to the Senate and context on DEI initiatives around CT State.
 - Sen. Vitale motions to co-sponsor the upcoming DEI Event and speaker with Curriculum Congress
 - a. Sen. Solivan seconds the motion.
 - i. Vote: 32 in Favor, 1 Opposed, 2 Abstentions
 - 1. Motion Passes

5. Old Business

- a. Course Caps & Cancellations (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Glaviano and Aster provide context on the upcoming meeting on the subject and additions to the group discussing this issue.
 - 1. Senators discuss context and provide feedback to the discussion.
- b. Student Handbook (5 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Ballinger provides update to the agenda item. Sen. Prior also provides context and explains most issues have been resolved.
- c. CT State resolution on Budget Remediation
 - i. Sen. Trzepacz asks for clarity on the vote and asks for time to consult campuses and stakeholders / governance bodies.
 - 1. Sen. President Van Dermark provides context on the situation and that there will be no vote today.
 - a. Additional discussion begins on the concept of governance around CT State and how to understand who represents the campus with governance responsibilities.
 - i. Dean Stefanowicz provides historical context on governance bodies and proposals.

6. New Business

- a. Academic Affairs Committee (Vitale) 10 minutes)
 - i. Sen Vitale asks to reengage academic affairs committee on campuses and provides context regarding how TXCC used to function.
 - 1. Sen Presidents Van Dermark asks clarifying questions and the role of other state-wide committees dealing with curriculum.
 - a. Sen. Cullinane provides context to the discussion.
 - President Maduko provides some context to the discussion on the SDC's and other forms of governance with curriculum. Provides discourse on campus concerns and ways to move forward.
 - 1. Additional discussion happens with Senators.
- b. Governance Review Discussion (Van Dermark) (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Garcia provides update on the topic. President Van Dermark provides additional context on governance, communication with Curriculum Congress, and the concept of effective governance.
 - Sen. Prior and others engage in discussion on the ask from Sen. President Van Dermark.
 - a. Sen. President Van Dermark motions to launch governance review committee in partnership with Curriculum Congress.
 - i. Sen. Prior seconds the motion.
 - 1. Senators discuss the topic.
 - a. Vote: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions. Motion passes.
- c. Process for Dropping Students (Vitale) (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. President Van Dermark moves on from topic until Sen. Vitale returns.
- d. Senate Logistics (15 minutes)
 - i. Written reports to reduce or replace verbal Committee Reports (5 minutes)
 - 1. Sen. President Van Dermark motions for chairs of committees to provide written reports to Senate.

a. Sen. Ricker seconds

- i. Senate discusses the topic at hand.
 - 1. Vote: 32 In Favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - a. Motion passes unanimously.
- ii. Tracking Tool and Communications (5 minutes)
 - 1. Sen. President Van Dermark discusses tracking tool in Senate SharePoint. Sen. Ballinger asks for clarity on the concept.
 - Sen. Ballinger motions to have a monthly communication to the college community through the CT State announcement done by the President of the Senate
 - i. Sen. Prior seconds.
 - 1. Vote: 29 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 abstentions.
 - a. Motion passes unanimously.
- 7. Updates from Senate Committees (45 minutes)
 - a. Admin, Staffing and HR
 - No Updates from Sen. Kapinos. Meeting will happen in February. January meeting was cancelled because faculty committee members were not on contract.
 - b. Bookstore
 - Sen. Collette and Garcia provides updates on committee items including interoffice sharing of books to students, veteran student issues, and issues with bookstore data breech.
 - c. Budget and Finance
 - i. Sen. Milewski provides context on the committee discussion on funding streams and amounts for the colleges.
 - d. Bylaws
 - i. Sen. Perez says focus on committee is on elections logistics.
 - e. Elections
 - Sen. Ricker provides update from committee on summary of meeting dates and information. Committee discussed draft language for PT Senators. The elections committee will not run campus elections but facilitate elections and store results.
 - f. Faculty Council
 - i. Council has not met formally yet.
 - g. Student Services and Professional Staff Council
 - Sen. Fiorello provides update on committee work including transfer and CPOS alerts.
- 8. Return to Process for Dropping Students (Vitale) (10 minutes)
 - a. Sen. Vitale provides context on the drop list process locally and process issues with the drop list procedures. Sen. Veronneau also provides context.
 - i. Senators discuss situation.
 - 1. Sen. Vitale motions staff council and interested members to reevaluate drop process and work along CT State administrators.
 - **a. Sen. Veronneau seconds.** President Maduko and VP Kelley provide feedback along with Senators.

- i. Vote: 34 Yes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.
- b. Sen. Garcia motions to adjourn.
 - i. Sen. Ballinger Seconds. No objections.
 - 1. Meeting ends 3:12pm.