

**Academic Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, April 23, 2021
10 am-12 pm – MS Teams**

Attendees: Ruey Bruce, Amy Popovich, Cathy Ritterbusch, Nancy Pine, Ben Pugno, Kent Fisher, Adele Wright, Patricia May-Woods, Christine Creagh, Adam Keller, Patricia Allen, Marc Lord, Patricia Allen, Jennifer Nardone, Nicole Brandt, Heather Thompson-Gillis, Holly Finnegan, Terrie Stolte, Dianne Fidelibus, Jack McCoy, Elizabeth Hammond, Nicholas Lakostik, Melissa D'Aurora, Jorie Schwarz, Jeanette Ferguson, Andrea Pifher, Tracy Koski, Paul Graves, Sandy Drakatos, Fauna Stout

Guest: 10am – 10:40am: CDO Almar Walter

1. Welcome Ruey Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Almar Walter, Chief Diversity Officer
The Council welcomed Almar Walter, who led a discussion regarding current efforts and future plans regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
3. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2021 meeting (*attached*)
Council approved the minutes, subject to changes/corrections suggested by Nancy Pine and Nick Lakostik.
4. COVID-19 Planning Update
Ruey Bruce updated the Council regarding summer and fall pandemic planning, emphasizing that while density will increase, community members will not be required to be on campus. Patty Allen also shared about the Workforce Return group that she is serving on. More student services will be available during the summer. Fourteen said "Yes, I personally would consider teaching in person." Six said "No, I will not come back." Four indicated they were undecided. A member indicated that it is crucial that labs in their program remain in an in-person posture.
5. Council Business
 - a. Co-Faculty Fellow announcement

Mary Lewis has been elected to the Co-Faculty Fellow Position.
 - b. Status of Recommendations

EN-Grade: Moving through Shared Governance process, launch planned for fall

Changes to Evaluation Process: New questions have been adopted. Due to conversations with other committees and colleagues, Chair access issue no longer being pursued.

- c. 2020-21 Committee Annual Reports (*attached and posted on Teams*)

Please complete and post in Blackboard by May 18th.

- d. Recognition of departing Co-Chairs

Thank you to Marc Lord (Curriculum), Christine Creagh (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), Dianne Fidelibus (Pathways), Melissa D'Aurora (FETPD)

- e. Summer Meeting Dates – **June 18, July 16** 10am on Fridays

- f. Reminder – QPR Trainings

- April 26, 10 am – 12 pm <https://connect.csc.edu/event/7067309>
- April 28, 5 pm – 7 pm <https://connect.csc.edu/event/7067446>

- 6. Policy 5-20 and Procedure 5-20 (D) Dual Credit/College Credit Plus Recommendations – Andrea/Kent, Dual Enrollment (*attached*)

Terrie Stolte moved that the Council adopt the recommendations as set forth; Adele Wright seconded the motion. All 28 members present voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations.

- 7. AC Committee Updates

- a. Diversity and Inclusion

Thank you to Council Members for participation in In-Service Activities. FIX Conference Thursday at 1pm on AAPI, still spots available. July FIX Conference just announced. CASTE book still available, contact Christine to request a copy.

Delaware Committee: Faculty representation for a workgroup that is looking at strategy, development, and future of Delaware campus and Ben/Nancy are expressly representing Academic Council as well as Delaware

Academic Pathways: One more update to the Pathways academic overview documents. Make sure that Curricunet changes are in, and accurate. Dianne available to meet with anyone who needs support, through the month of June.