

Academic Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, October 14, 2022
10 am-12 pm – In-Person/MS Teams

Present: Mary Lewis (AC Fellow), Martin Blaine (AC Fellow), Frank Barnhart (AC Fellow), Royce Carpenter (CSEA), Michael Soliday and Zachary Dilbeck (Delaware), Holly Finnegan and Jeremy Banta (Promotion and Tenure), Elycia Taylor and Jackie Lovelace (Service-Learning), Jorie Schwartz and Lilia Bermudez (Student Support), Peter “Bo” Riley (Dual Credit/Enrollment), Patricia May Woods (Instructional Success), Sandy Drakatos (Assessment), Barry Young (Pathways), Patty Allen (Rules and Policies), Reuel Barksdale and Dylan Canter (DEI), Nick Shay and Brent Funderburk (Curriculum), Tammy Montgomery and Paul Graves (Honors), Ann Palazzo and Nicholas Lakostik (Digital Learning), Lydia Gilmore and Liz Hammond (FETPD)

1. Welcome -Martin Blaine

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2022 (*attached*)

Lydia Gilmore moved to approve the minutes; Royce Carpenter seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Curriculum Committee & Alignment of AA/AS – Nick Shay and Brent Funderburk

Currently the AA/AS alignments are working their way through the division level and seeking approval by November 16. A draft of the Textbook Selection Policy was sent a draft to DEI and the Textbook Affordability Committee. The next step is approval by academic council and then it will move to Marty Maliwesky. A vote for approval was called. Bo Riley motioned to approve, Royce Carpenter seconded. The policy was approved unanimously

4. Blackboard Update for Spring 23 – Martin Blaine and Ann Palazzo

All instructors will have to input Due Dates for all assignments. This will change how students see the screen by displaying an activity stream with weekly assignments due for all courses. This will go live over break. Ann will send out a report on how to use Due Dates. Questions were asked about how is the college plans to announce this change to the faculty?

5. Financial Aid Reporting Concerns – Mary Lewis

A request was sent to the Student Support Committee and Student Success Committee. Jorie reported back that an initial conversation was held, and it was agreed that all of the reporting is time consuming. The committee brainstormed some possible solutions, including creating a list of what’s due each week, (Starfish, midterm grading, attendance reports, etc.), and discussing what is mandatory and what is not? Academic Council should be aware that this is a discussion that may require data collection. Academic

Council can create a document and make a recommendation. Our goal is to have an official recommendation at the end of the spring 23.

6. Student Athletics Discussion

Faculty felt very impassioned about the discontinuation of student athletics on campus. This is a student success and retention issue. We can make an official recommendation. We can take an electronic vote once the recommendation is drafted. We will hold a vote by November 1. Royce will take this on with Tammy's help and have the letter to us by Monday, October 24.

7. Mailroom Delivery - Mary Lewis

The mailroom is monitoring the mail delivery needs. They are currently operating on a Tuesday/Thursday delivery schedule. Let us know if this is problematic for you and your department.

8. Free Speech-College Public Space Update – Mary Lewis

A meeting was held on Friday, October 7 with Dr. Polk-Bland and Terrance Brooks. Discussions were held concerning how to educate students that the protestors are not an endorsement by CSCC? This can be a learning and growth opportunity in teaching students how to interact with the protestors and how to support a student if they feel harassed?

9. Follow-up on DEI letter that was sent to Dr. Harrison – Dylan Canter

Dylan discussed the original letter that was sent two years ago, and issues within the letter that had been accomplished and items that were still in the works. Academic Council entertained a motion to support a resending of the letter with recommended updates, Dylan motioned. Bo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Testing Center Survey – Royce Carpenter

Distance Learning is having some very real issues with the testing center. We need actual feedback. Leslie Smith has started to develop a survey. What are the issues? What type of testing? This is becoming an extreme workload problem for faculty. CSEA is requesting feedback from faculty.

11. Committee Reports

Student Support has been working on the Fresh Start rules (option 1 and option 2). This seems like an academic affairs issue. There are accreditation issues with some programs and Fresh Start. The faculty fellows will talk to Dr. Maliwesky about this.

Meeting Adjourned -11:56am