



Agenda for CT State College Senate

Date:	12/22/2023
Time:	12:30pm-3:30pm
College Senators Present:	Sen Betty Riedinger, Sen Brian Kapinos, Sen Crystal Wiggins, Sen DeNeva Wilson, Sen Elle Van Dermark, Sen Felisha Guirand-Fleurimond Sen Jennifer Natoli, Sen Michele Nye, Sen Norly Germain, Sen Patrick Veronneau Sen Peter Bennett, Sen Ronda Charette – TRCC, Sen Sarah Zorn CCC Sen Seth Freeman, Sen. Allan Ballinger, Sen. Angelo Glaviano, Sen. Ariel Robinson, Sen. Asantewa Dawson, Sen. Brian Kapinos, Sen. Eileen Rhodes, Sen. Jeremy Withnell, Sen. John Fiorello, Sen. Joseph Selvaggio, Sen. Kirstin Cullinane, Sen. Lisa Boyko, Sen. Mark Milewski, Sen. Mehrdad Faezi, Manchester, Sen. Miguel A. García III, Sen. Nicola Ricker (TRCC), Sen. Nicole Marcoux-Bowen, Sen. Paul Collette CT Senate, Sen. Sandra Vitale Sen. Sarah Cieglo, Sen. Sarah Perez, Sen. Stephen Kittredge, Sen. Thayre Trzepacz - Asnuntuck , Senator Roberta Prior, Senator Solivan: Asnuntuck,
Additional Guests:	President Maduko, AVP Stefanowicz, Provost Brown, CEO Hynick
Meeting Link:	https://ctedu.webex.com/ctedu/j.php?MTID=md709d29e1e3cd40700b7880235b037ed

CT State Executive Council:

President: Elle Van Dermark
Vice President (Faculty): Nicola Ricker
Vice President (Staff): John Fiorello
Secretary: Brian Kapinos
Student Representative: Vacant

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Agenda for December 22,2023

1. **Welcome from College Senate President Elle Van Dermark**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Sen. Milewski requests to add APP discussion to the old business agenda.
 - b. Sen Ballinger asks question on clarity of the FAC Resolution and President Van Dermark provides context.
 - i. Sen. Prior motions to accept the agenda as amended.
 1. **No objections, motion passes.**
3. **Approve November 2023 Minutes**
 - a. Sen. Prior motions to approve the minutes.
 - i. Sen. Milewski refers to a minor change in the minutes.
 - ii. Sen. Prior refers to a minor change in the minutes.
 1. **No objections, motion passes.**

4. College Senate President Elle Van Dermark provides update on compensation and release framework.
 - a. President Maduko provides some clarity on the subject and fields questions from the Senators.
5. **Welcomed Speakers**
 - a. CT State President John Maduko.
 - i. Provides context on CT State, the first semester of the College, and other comments.
 - b. Provost Brown and CEO Hynick (Early College / Dual Enrollment)
 - i. CEO Hynick Provost Brown provide context to the Dual Enrollment situation in CT and how CT State plans to move forward. Both Provost Brown and CEO Hynick field questions from Senators on the subject.
6. **Report From CT State Curriculum Congress**
 - a. AVP Stefanowicz provides short update on Curriculum Congress including the catalog update, committees for SP 24, and other updates.
7. **Updates from Senate Committees**
 - a. Admin, Staffing and HR
 - i. Sen. Natoli provided updates from the committee.
 1. An inquiry into the 54 positions on hold for FY24
 2. Ethical considerations for release and compensation.
 3. Staff Onboarding issues.
 4. Financial issues with staff paying into funds.
 - b. Bookstore
 - i. Sen. Garcia provided meeting updates and bookstore policy questions to the Senate.
 - c. Budget and Finance
 - i. Sen. Milewski provided update on audited budget being available on CT State Website.
 - d. Bylaws
 - i. Sen. Perez provided updates from Bylaws which included potentially discussing a modality shift if document storage and about the organization and efficiency of the Senate.
 - e. Elections
 - i. Sen. Ricker provided updates including staggered terms and PT elections.
 1. **Sen. Ballinger motions to have the committee language voted on by the Senate that was passed by the Elections Committee.**
 - a. **Sen. Cullinane seconds.**
 - i. Discussion takes place with Senators on the subject.
 1. AVP Stefanowicz provides context on the original intent of the first election from his point of view with members would serve Jan of 2023 through Spring of 2024.
 - a. **Sen Ballinger withdraws motion.**
 - f. Faculty Council

- i. Senate President Elle Van Dermark provides updates from the Council including a work group to discuss final exam schedule, syllabus template, and the course cancellation process.

Senate Breaks. 2:12pm

Senate Resumes 2:17pm

- g. Student Services and Professional Staff Council
 - i. Sen. Fiorello provides updates from council including CPOS concerns, transfer credit issues, CRM Advise, student enrollment council, and One Stop staffing and student on-boarding issues.
 - 1. Senate President Elle Van Dermark provides context of the roles of the committees including action items that should be moved forward and addressed.

8. Old Business

- a. Cap Concerns
 - i. Sen Aster begins discussion on course cap concerns on faculty workload course limits. Sen. Glaviano provides additional context on course cancellations and the impact on students. Both propose an alternative to the Senate for consideration at the January meeting. AVP Stefanowicz provides context to what was proposed to the Academic Deans Council.
 - 1. Additional conversation happens with the Senators on the topic and additional discussion will take place in January.
- b. APP
 - i. **Sen. Milewski reads a motion to the Senate regarding APP and respectfully declining the invitation to participate.**
 - 1. **President Van Dermark asks for context.**
 - a. **Sen. Fiorello seconds the motion and Senate discusses.**
 - i. **Vote: 8 votes in favor, 21 votes Oppose, 2 abstentions.**
 - 1. **Motion Fails.**

9. New Business

- a. Student Handbook (Sen. Ballinger) GW-1
 - i. Sen. Ballinger discusses broken link to grade appeal section and discusses campus action with campus committee.
 - 1. AVP Stefanowicz discusses his follow-up with Banner team to address situation. Additional Senators discuss context of situation.
 - a. **Motion to Extend the College Senate Meeting by Sen. Freeman**
 - i. **Motion Seconded by Sen. Garcia to include a 4pm time limit.**
 - 1. **Vote: 21 in Favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions.**
- b. Campus Based Academic Affairs Committee (Sen. Vitale TX-1)
 - i. **Item tabled to next meeting in January.**
- c. Proposed Resolution for Campus Endorsements (Guirand-Fleurimond/Wiggins) CT-1
 - i. Sen. Guirand-Fleurimond provides context, including the HCC vote numbers to Senate. President Van Dermark weighs in on the resolution including an ask for Senators to take the resolution to campuses for support.

10. Resolutions

- a. Discussion
 - i. CT State Senate Draft

- ii. FAC Resolution
 - 1. Sen. Ballinger and Colena Sesanker provides on the resolution from FAC including tuition hikes and critiques of Students First agenda.
 - a. **Sen. Freeman motions to endorse the motion.**
 - i. **Sen. Prior seconds.**
 - 1. **Senate discusses the resolution.**
 - a. **Vote: Vote passes unanimously.**

11. Closing