To: CT State Announcement to all FT Faculty and Staff
Subj: Shared Governance Election Update Spring 2024

Dear CT State Community,

This announcement is to notify the college community of upcoming governance changes and elections for AY2024-25.

Inaugural elections occurred in the Fall of 2022, and various committees were charged and began work in January 2023. Since that time, an incredible amount of work has been completed by the CT State Statewide Discipline Councils (SDCs), School Area Curriculum Committees (SACCs), Curriculum Congress, and College Senate. Those initial governance terms end at the end of the Spring 2024 semester, and elections will be occurring over the next month for these bodies (and also for a new Gen Ed subcommittee of Congress). The current model, updates and summaries of this work can be found on our Shared Governance website (a summary is also attached to this message). Of particular note, the Congress and Senate bylaws have been finalized with updated representation, and a new General Education subcommittee of Curriculum Congress is being formed. The current agreed-upon compensation for these committees is also attached, though further negotiations for increased compensation are ongoing.

STATEWIDE ELECTIONS: All CT State shared governance bodies requiring statewide elections – this includes Curriculum Congress and the discipline-based positions on Gen Ed – are using the following election cycle:

> March 22 – Process shared at Congress and Senate
> March 27 – Call for nominations distributed to college community, deadline April 10
> April 11 – Online ballots distributed to college community, voting commences
> April 23- Voting concludes, Results announced shortly after
> **May 1 – AR proposal approval deadline**
> May 17 – Curriculum Congress meeting will include old and new members, the latter of whom will vote on Congress leadership elections for AY2024-25: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Please consider self-nominating yourself for one or more of these important positions by clicking the following link. Note the deadline listed above of April 10. **The link to Self-Nominate is:**
https://forms.office.com/r/QPzdVssNdb (new link as of 4/9/24)

LOCAL ELECTIONS: All CT State shared governance bodies requiring local campus elections – this includes CT State College Senate, SDCs, SACCs, and the campus-based positions on the General Education subcommittee – should also be getting underway imminently. Your Senators should generally be coordinating those campus-based elections. Please refer to an email from Elle Van Dermark, current President of Senate, for further details on the Senate side. As a point of further clarity, for the General Education subcommittee, local governance groups are directed to hold elections for the following positions if they have not already done so: "1 FT Faculty or Staff rep per campus with general education assessment expertise (x12) elected locally at each campus." It is worth noting that while having people with extensive assessment expertise is preferred and such individuals ideal to have on the committee, how the campus-based representative is selected is ultimately left up to the campuses, and the "assessment expertise" criterion can be met in a variety of ways. When any local representative is elected, make sure to notify your campus Dean, as they have the responsibility of forwarding that name on to those handling election results.

I can personally attest to the reality that it has been, and will continue to be, a challenge to try to create processes while also handling a daunting workload. However, this is work that directly impacts the classrooms and programs of your colleagues, and it's work that must be done for the sake of the students, who deserve the best and clearest programs, classes, and processes that we can give them. Thank you all, and looking forward to seeing many of you in meetings to come.

Best,

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