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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

Members Present: J. Spjut (President), B. Kaufman (Curriculum Coordinator); B. Alves; J. Andersen; J. Battye; P. Clifford; B. Clinton; D. Hernandez; T. Greer; M. Hall; L. Kelley; J. Knapp; P. Lemieux, J. Lewis; J. Oliver; E. Pagano; M. Philion; T. Shizume; S. Van Orden; D. Walsh; K. Zvoma

1. Meeting convened at 2:04 p.m.
2. Previous minutes presented; no vote to approve.
3. Announcements:
 - a. *J. Battye noted that students and faculty were invited to a talk presented by students and SGA would be providing pizza for "What to do with your degree from QV" panel discussion on March 4, 12.30-1.45pm in W101.*
 - b. *J. Spjut discussed the NASA CT Space Grant Consortium – Funding Opportunities and noted students could apply starting 3 March 2025: <https://ctspacegrant.org/apply>*
 - c. *J. Spjut reminded senate member that a Black History Lunchtime Jams was to be held Thursday 27 Feb 2025: 12pm-1:30pm in the Fireside Lounge.*
3. Shared Governance Proposals: *J. Spjut reminded membership to vote via Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/k7ic7ChWcb> for the proposals that would be voted on Friday 2/8 by QV reps Jayne Battye, Peter Bennett, and Nicole Marcoux-Bowen.*
4. Presidential Search. *J. Spjut noted that the various meetings were to be held:*
 - a. Quinebaug Valley campus's 90-minute focus meeting:
 - i. Thursday, March 6 @ 2 pm, Zoom link: <https://rhperry.zoom.us/j/91488770722>
 - b. All Campuses General meetings:
 - i. March 10, March 11, March 12 & March 13, 11 am -Zoom link: <https://rhperry.zoom.us/j/92861247528>
 - ii. March 10, March 11, March 12 & March 13, 2 pm – Zoom link: <https://rhperry.zoom.us/j/95902679323>
 - c. And reminder member to fill out the survey: <https://www.rhperry.com/machform/view.php?id=345179> by no later than March 13, 2025.
 - d. *J. Spjut put out a call for a Faculty Representative — an advisory position — which would be voted on by the Academic Senate; interest members should contact Jakob if interested.*
5. Update vote of NO confidence re CSCU Chancellor Cheng: *J. Battye noted that vote of no confidences at various schools had resonated and that state leaders were taking notice.*

6. Request for Use of Eastern Student Services by CT State Students & Expanded Eastern Shuttle – follow-up: *J. Spjut reported no progress as of 20 February 2025, and noted a joint leadership team of Faculty/Staff met with Dean Griswold and CEO Gomez, and at the meeting Griswold stated that there was no progress to report.*
7. Dual Enrollment: local campus staffing concerns pending the fall 2025 policy implementation.
 - a. *J. Spjut reported that Dual Enrollment is a Provost Hynick priority but needs to have a 2025-2026 budget before we know if there is support. This could lead possibly to a grant-funded/state funded position and is on Dean Griswold's priority list.*
 - b. *J. Battye reports that Gomez says this will become a bigger issue and says this is a staff concern since it will affect advising and they do not have staff assigned to handle increased dual enrollment activity.*
8. Learning in Retirement: *Beth Alves reported that the people of LIR have been pushed out of the Danielson campus and voiced concerns that this would further erode community confidence in the college and would generate bad press. M. Philion motioned that we send a proclamation to CEO Gomez to support LIR. Motion was not voted on. Instead, the following resolution was motioned for approval by E. Pagano and seconded by J. Battye:*

Learning in Retirement Quinebaug Valley (LiR QV) is a vital organization that meets the “wide range of interests for mature adults” in northeastern Connecticut. Connecticut State Community College - Quinebaug Valley (formerly Quinebaug Valley Community College) worked with LiR for thirty years on the Danielson Campus in the kind of mutually supportive community partnership upon which QVCC was founded and upon which the future of the college must rely. The Quinebaug Valley Academic Senate believes that three decades into the working relationship between LiR and the college there are no issues between the two parties that cannot be satisfactorily addressed; therefore, we urge the CT State Quinebaug Valley Cabinet; Quinebaug Valley Chief Executive Officer Dr. Manuel Gomez; Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Workforce Innovations Karen Hynick; and CT State Community College President Dr. John Maduko to ensure a swift and sustainable return of LiR- QV programs to the Quinebaug Valley Danielson campus.

Motioned approved 18-0.
9. Classroom Door Locking Policy. *Discussion led by K. Zvoma in which membership voiced concerns over the new policies and its challenges. J. Spjut noted he would bring the security concerns up at the March 5 Academic Leadership meeting with CEO Gomez.*
10. Next meeting **March 24, 2025**
11. The meeting adjourned at 3.04 pm (motion by J. Spjut; seconded B Kaufman; no vote taken).

Minutes prepared by B. Kaufman