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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2025

Members Present: J. Spjut (President), S Buchbinder (Vice President), J. Andersen; Army, William; J. Baytte; L. C. Chu; P. Clifford; B. Clinton; B. Dubovsky-Porter; D. Hernandez; N. Germain; T. Greer; K. Griffiths; M. Hall; L. Kelley; J. Knapp; P. Lemieux; E. Michalski; J. Oliver; E. Pagano; J. Prozuzek; T. Shizume; S. Van Orden; D. Walsh; K. Zvoma

1. Meeting convened at 2:32 pm and review of previous minutes.
2. QV Academic Senate election results
 - a. **Matt Hall** elected president (17 of 28 votes) for a 2-year term, Fall 2025 – Spring 2027
 - b. **Jane Knapp** elected Vice President (22 of 28 votes) for a 1-year term, Fall 2025 – Spring 2026.
3. Snack Basket Resolution (motion by Jayne and second by Shelley, passed)
 - a. Denise, Lois and Jayne filling baskets this semester.
 - b. They wanted a resolution to show the basket is important.
 - c. **Academic Senate Resolution asking for ongoing Management support for the Snack Basket Classroom Initiative**
 - i. **Whereas** research and classroom experience demonstrate that access to snacks supports student alertness, participation, and academic performance; and
 - ii. **Whereas**, food insecurity continues to affect a significant portion of our student population, and even brief hunger during class can be a barrier to learning and engagement; and
 - iii. **Whereas**, the Snack Basket Classroom Initiative has been embraced by faculty as a low to no-cost, high-impact way to foster a supportive and equitable learning environment; and
 - iv. **Whereas** the provision of snacks in the classroom has been informally linked to improvements in student retention, morale, and a sense of community; and
 - v. **Whereas** institutional support is necessary to ensure the sustainability and equity of this initiative across departments and instructors, especially considering having no food services on campus; and
 - vi. **Whereas** the arrival of new management in the upcoming academic year presents an opportunity to reaffirm and expand institutional support for initiatives that directly contribute to student success.
 - vii. **Be it resolved that**, the Faculty Senate encourages both current and incoming campus leadership to formally recognize and support the Snack Basket Classroom Initiative as an effective measure for enhancing student learning and retention.
 - viii. **Be it further resolved that**; the Faculty Senate urges campus leadership to support logistics for the initiative.
 - ix. **Be it further resolved that**, the Faculty Senate stands ready to collaborate with administration to ensure the success of this initiative in alignment with the institution's mission of student-centered learning and inclusive excellence.

4. Presidential Search Questions

- a. Staff Senate holding a post-search discussion. Jakob asked to join and will send out information
- b. Search feedback form: <https://ctstate.edu/campus-presidents-search?view=article&id=674&catid=8>
- c. Questions asked
 - i. Jakob: Alienated foundation what to do?
 - ii. Jakob: The President said this isn't a merger, AND it may make sense to merge.

5. Change of Meeting Time

- a. Discussion about a CT State common meeting hour.
 - i. Keeping Mondays 2-4 at QV. Can change the Common Hour
- b. If interested, contact CT State Senate about interests to Common Hour

6. Next meeting **Fall 2025**

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Minutes prepared by S. Buchbinder