

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

QV Academic Senate – Monday, 30 March 2:00 pm via Teams

Attendance: Matt Hall, Elkin Espitia-Loaiza, Beth Dubofsky-Porter, Rosalie Witt, Lisa Adase, Brian Clinton, Denise Walsh, Phil Lemieux, Tamara Greer, Beth Alves, Pauline Clifford, Erin Pagano, Jon Andersen, Kudzai Zvoma, Jakob Spjut, Jayne Battye, Ling-chuan Chu, John Lewis, Erica Michalski, Sara Van Orden, Jen Oliver, Deneuve Bastien, Brian Kaufman, Kimberly Griffiths, Norly Germain, Jane Knapp, Peter Bennett (guest)

Matt Hall called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Approval of March 2, 2026 Minutes

Sara Van Orden motioned to approve; seconded by Erin Pagano. Approved unanimously.

Election for new VP

No volunteers.

Career Fair

Peter Bennett asked the Senate to remind students to attend the Career Fair on March 31st. Almost 40 employers will be represented.

LAS/GS Draft Policy – Request for Endorsement

John Lewis presented a proposal from LAS/GS, asking for an endorsement of the draft CT State Policy on the Timing of Transcribing AP, ECE, and CLEP Credits. Under the new policy, the practice of transcribing credits upon admission would be delayed until a comprehensive academic plan was developed. Elkin Espitia-Loaiza motioned to approve, seconded by Brian Kaufman with a unanimous vote to endorse.

Curriculum Congress Updates

Brian Kaufman reported that the two Spanish course modifications were approved. The Japanese courses were not reviewed. He also stated that he wants to continue to serve in his at-large seat.

College Senate Updates

Erin Pagano shared the new Interim Academic Misconduct Policy. Academic Misconduct has been stripped from the Student Code of Conduct. Erin will also share the College Senate video recording where Dr. Amy Tan, CT State Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, discusses the new policy.

Highlights of the new policy include an updated timeline. Erin also noted that this is a faculty driven process, i.e. the faculty member determines whether a student intentionally violated the Code.

A concern was raised that faculty have been asked for feedback on similar proposals in the past. For this policy to be successful, it needs administrative, as well as, faculty, support. In addition, there will be a lot of paperwork generated with the process, and faculty could end up spending more time with the students who are violating the policy than the students who are doing the work.

Feedback should be given to Erin by April 8th.

4Cs Contract Negotiations Update

With the current contract coming up for approval, Senate members were reminded to attend the meetings so their voices would be heard.

Shared Governance/SWOT Analysis

The Shared Governance Committee met for the first time in March. Representatives from all 12 campuses discussed local governance By-laws, as well as the SWOT analysis that was performed at each campus. The Committee will meet again in April. The goal is to have a framework of a system-wide shared governance by next January with a fall 2027 implementation.

Chief Chute Follow Up

Notes were distributed from Chief Chute's March 23rd campus visit, where he discussed the proposed security project where faculty, staff, students, and the community will have to scan in at certain checkpoints for building access and egress.

Open Discussion

Beth Dubofsky-Porter reported that the professional development committee is opening applications to the prior academic year, based on precedent from prior approvals and wanting to be equitable to all individuals on campus

Brian Kaufman reported that he, Alessandra Lundberg, Brandais Orzolek, Patrick Keller and Erica Michalski are working on the different standards of the NECHE Team. QV

staff and faculty and students will be asked to provide input as data is gathered — but will likely not have to join committees. The report is expected to be completed in May.

There was a general concern that faculty and staff were not being given adequate notice to complete nominations and recommendations during the spring awards season.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27th.

Kudzai Zvoma made the motion to adjourn at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hall