

Quinebaug Valley Campus Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

Attendees:

Hall, Matthew L (Quinebaug) President	Lewis, John (Quinebaug)
Adase, Lisa K (Quinebaug)	Lynch, Brian M (Quinebaug)
Andersen, Jonathan	Michalski, Erica (Quinebaug)
Battye, Jayne (Quinebaug)	Pagano, Erin S (Quinebaug)
Chu, Ling-chuan (Quinebaug)	Phillion, Melissa M (Quinebaug)
Clinton, Brian (Quinebaug)	Shizume, Timothy (Quinebaug)
Germain, Norly (Quinebaug)	Spjut, Jakob E (Quinebaug)
Greer, Tamara M (Quinebaug)	Stockwell, Christine E (Quinebaug)
Griffiths, Kimberly (Quinebaug)	Van Orden, Sara W (Quinebaug)
Hernandez, Deneuve Mazarin (Quinebaug)	Walsh, Denise (Quinebaug)
Knapp, Jane E (Quinebaug) Vice President	Witt, Rosalie (Quinebaug)
Lemieux, Philip A (Quinebaug)	Zvoma, Kudzai (Quinebaug)

1. Meeting convened at 2:02 p.m.
2. Welcome back (Matt Hall)
3. Welcome new members: Lisa Adase, Stacey Chochoms, Christine Stockwell, and Rosalie Witt
 - a. All are full-time faculty that report to Dean Griswold
4. May minutes accepted without corrections.
5. Upcoming meetings and format for same
 - a. Meeting time -- Monday @ 2:00 pm
 - b. Every third Monday via Teams
 - c. Open floor discussion – options
 - i. Move time to give CT Senate more time for review (increase feedback period)
 1. Any time we choose should dovetail into CT Senate
 - ii. Currently gives CT Senate real-time feedback just prior to their scheduled meetings
 1. All CT Senate meetings are preset for Fall 2025 Semester
 2. All CT senate members also serve on Faculty Advisory Meeting with Provost and Advising Committees
 - a. Fridays currently packed with meetings, so not a good option
 3. Other campuses Academic Senates meeting same week as CT Senate
 - a. 3 or 4 other campuses meeting same day as QV
 - d. For now Monday 2:00 pm via Teams still best option for many; can be modified in future
6. Spring 2025 Key Actions

- a. Willimantic Support
 - i. Hiring of Jazuan Charles
 - 1. new Student Services Generalist
 - 2. His schedule is Monday-Thursdays: 11:00-7:00 and Fridays: 8:00-4:00
 - b. ECSU Shared services
 - i. Preliminary conversations are favorable
 - ii. Library and services are shared, but there is no opportunity for QV students to book study rooms
 - c. Door locking policy
 - i. Leadership met with President Jukoski brought up current policy
 - d. Academic Senate Website – had been down
 - i. Now updated with all of last year’s minutes
 - e. QV Academic Senate by laws may need revision
 - i. No word yet
7. CT Senate Update – Erin Pagano
- a. State of the Campus Presentations at Asnuntuck on Friday
 - b. Staff Survey Results – shared with CT Senate 9/2024
 - i. What is Working
 - 1. Great staff
 - 2. One admissions application
 - 3. Online modality increase
 - ii. Challenges
 - 1. Shared services
 - 2. Marketing has a direct impact on recruitment, employer development and community outreach efforts
 - 3. Many upper level changes have led to confusion of roles, reporting lines and discomfort.
 - 4. Concern that CTState has taken “community” out of Community College
 - 5. Onboarding process for students
 - 6. Lack of strategic vision for CTState
 - 7. Continuing issue with availability of food options for students
 - iii. Overall morale
 - 1. Most departments understaffed and underbudgeted, leading to burnout
 - 2. Concern over voices not being heard
8. Three Rivers Interactions
- a. Luncheon rumor of joint commencement with Three Rivers (confirmed after the fact)
 - i. Graduation Committee
 - 1. Membership finalized Friday 9/12
 - ii. Mohegan Sun, Tuesday, May 26 @10 am
 - b. Strong reactions
 - i. Will impact QV identity
 - ii. Senate should request QV individual commencement
 - 1. Wonderful intimate traditions @ QV
 - 2. Inconvenient time, travel for our students
 - 3. Distance from QV to Mohegan Sun

- 4. Access issues for children, people with walkers, wheelchairs, etc
- iii. Straw poll
 - 1. 20 votes for a separate commencement
 - 2. 0 votes for joint ceremony
- iv. Questions on dissemination of information
 - a. Eg. Why would TR know and QV find out as a rumor?

9. Willimantic

- a. Students still having difficulty finding assistance
- b. IT is an issue
- c. Volume of issues more than one person can facilitate
- d. Greater extent of issues due to lack of trust

10. Staff Faculty Online Directory

- a. Telephone number – get an automated message
 - i. On hold 40 minutes
 - ii. Call back – someone will return call before end of day
 - 1. When called, number appears as spam
 - iii. Used to a be a person who answered the phone
 - 1. Mac aware that there are unmanned phones
 - 2. Suggested that this be brought up to CT Senate
 - iv. Click on an email to get a phone number
 - 1. Lack of directions
 - 2. Students choose by first name
 - 3. Asymmetry in “asks” versus resources
 - 4. Lag in response time
 - a. Eg. waiting for a laptop that was requested before classes began in August
 - b. Issue result because things have not been thought through

11. Registration Process Summer 2025

- a. Call for QV registration
 - i. Person answering not necessarily from QV.
 - 1. Example, Jen Oliver was listed as contact for Middlesex business dept.
 - 2. Submitting a ticket does not necessarily resolve issue
 - 3. Took 2 weeks to get an application
 - ii. Calls from QV students should go to QV
 - 1. If it is this hard for a professor to register a student, how much harder for a new student.
 - 2. Speaks to student retention
 - iii. To be addressed in “State of the Campus” presentations to CT Senate
 - 1. Many campuses have the same issue
 - 2. HR committee being assigned since they do the contact information for adjuncts

12. Know your rights

- a. ICE on campus
 - i. Protocol: Refer agents to President’s office
- b. Manchester CC has sandwich boards

- i. Prominently displayed in entrance ways
- ii. Useful way to have information available to students
- iii. Indicates we are allies; reassurance and support
- iv. Dr. Germain poster: National Immigration Law Center

13. Council for adopting OERs

- a. Tamara Greer volunteers – if possible

Next meeting: 10/20/2025 at 2 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm