



Agenda for CT State College Senate

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| Date: | 1/26/2024 |
| Time: | 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| College Senators Present: | |
| Additional Guests: | |
| Meeting Link: | https://ctedu.webex.com/ctedu/j.php?MTID=m770069fc784e43362a82035c3e50e15e |

CT State Executive Council:

President: Elle Van Dermark
Vice President (Faculty): Nicola Ricker
Vice President (Staff): John Fiorello

Secretary: Brian Kapinos
Student Representative: Vacant

Agenda for January Meeting

1. Welcome from College Senate President Elle Van Dermark (5 minutes)
 - a. Meeting called to order on 12:31pm.
 - b. Senate President Van Dermark provides welcome update on the concept of governance across the state and compensation / release time framework.
2. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)
 - a. Motion to approve agenda as amended (Sen. Prior)
 - i. Sen. Boyko seconds
1. No objections, motion passes as amended.
3. Approve December 2023 Minutes (5 minutes)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Sen. Fiorello
 - i. Sen Bennett seconds.
1. No objections, motion passes.
4. Welcomed Speakers
 - a. CT State President John Maduko (15 minutes)
 - i. Update on NECHE (Spring 2025 visit), budget, and legislative breakfasts. In addition, some context was shared about enrollment and CT State students.
 - b. CT State Vice President John Paul Chaisson-Cardenas (10 minutes)
 - i. Provided a welcome to the Senate and context on DEI initiatives around CT State.
 - 1. Sen. Vitale motions to co-sponsor the upcoming DEI Event and speaker with Curriculum Congress**
 - a. Sen. Solivan seconds the motion.
 - i. **Vote: 32 in Favor, 1 Opposed, 2 Abstentions**
 - 1. Motion Passes**

5. Old Business

- a. Course Caps & Cancellations (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Glaviano and Aster provide context on the upcoming meeting on the subject and additions to the group discussing this issue.
 - 1. Senators discuss context and provide feedback to the discussion.
- b. Student Handbook (5 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Ballinger provides update to the agenda item. Sen. Prior also provides context and explains most issues have been resolved.
- c. CT State resolution on Budget Remediation
 - i. Sen. Trzepacz asks for clarity on the vote and asks for time to consult campuses and stakeholders / governance bodies.
 - 1. Sen. President Van Dermark provides context on the situation and that there will be no vote today.
 - a. Additional discussion begins on the concept of governance around CT State and how to understand who represents the campus with governance responsibilities.
 - i. Dean Stefanowicz provides historical context on governance bodies and proposals.

6. New Business

- a. Academic Affairs Committee (Vitale) 10 minutes)
 - i. Sen Vitale asks to reengage academic affairs committee on campuses and provides context regarding how TXCC used to function.
 - 1. Sen Presidents Van Dermark asks clarifying questions and the role of other state-wide committees dealing with curriculum.
 - a. Sen. Cullinane provides context to the discussion.
 - i. President Maduko provides some context to the discussion on the SDC's and other forms of governance with curriculum. Provides discourse on campus concerns and ways to move forward.
 - 1. Additional discussion happens with Senators.
- b. Governance Review Discussion (Van Dermark) (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. Garcia provides update on the topic. President Van Dermark provides additional context on governance, communication with Curriculum Congress, and the concept of effective governance.
 - 1. Sen. Prior and others engage in discussion on the ask from Sen. President Van Dermark.
 - a. **Sen. President Van Dermark motions to launch governance review committee in partnership with Curriculum Congress.**
 - i. **Sen. Prior seconds the motion.**
 - 1. Senators discuss the topic.
 - a. **Vote: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions. Motion passes.**
- c. Process for Dropping Students (Vitale) (10 minutes)
 - i. Sen. President Van Dermark moves on from topic until Sen. Vitale returns.
- d. Senate Logistics (15 minutes)
 - i. Written reports to reduce or replace verbal Committee Reports (5 minutes)
 - 1. **Sen. President Van Dermark motions for chairs of committees to provide written reports to Senate.**

i. Vote: 34 Yes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

b. Sen. Garcia motions to adjourn.

i. Sen. Ballinger Seconds. No objections.

1. Meeting ends 3:12pm.