

# **Minutes for CT State College Senate**

Date:	4/28/2023
Time Started:	12:02pm
Senators Present:	Akosua Agyei, Alison Wang, Allan Ballinger, Angelo Glaviano,
	Ariel Robinson, Asantewa Dawson, Betty Riedinger, Crystal
	Wiggins, Eileen Rhodes, Elizabeth Pisaretz, Felisha Guirand-
	Fleurimond, Fran Apfel, Hannah, Hannelore Moeckel-Rieke,
	Brian Kapinos, Jacqueline Santiago, Jainy Vincent, Jennifer Flores
	Jennifer Natoli, John Fiorello, Joseph Selvaggio, Kirstin Cullinane
	Lisa Boyko, Luke McCarthy, Mark Milewski, Mehrdad Faezi
	Michele Nye, Miguel A. Garcia III, Norly Germain, Patrick
	Veronneau, Paul Collette, Peter Aster, Peter Bennett, Roberta
	Prior, Ronda Charette, Rubina Key, Nicola Ricker
	Sandra Vitale, Sarah Perez, Elle Van Dermark
	Shyla Saltzman, Stephen Kittredge, Thayre Trzepacz
Additional Members:	Amy Feest, AnnMarie Harrison, B.L. Baker, Miah LaPierre-Dreger,
	Michael Stefanowicz

# **Executive Council:**

President: Elle Van Dermark

Vice President (Faculty): Nicola Ricker Vice President (Staff): John Fiorello

Secretary: Brian Kapinos

Student Representative: Vacant

# **Progression of Meeting:**

#### 1. Welcome and Call of Meeting to Order (Elle Van Dermark)

- a. Elle discusses a change to the agenda (update from the bylaws committee removed)
  - i. No objections from the Senate
  - ii. Motion to accept the agenda as presented
    - 1. Motion accepted.
- b. Discussion of governance transparency and compensation and release from Elle Van Dermark. Request to Senators to update responses in form.
- c. Discussion of webpage launch for the College Senate.
- d. Discussion of Zoom for Fall 2023 meetings for the College Senate
  - i. Work Group Solicitation requested from Senate
- e. Recording of meetings with the College Senate
- 2. Welcome from President Maduko (Ann Harrison Representing President Maduko)
  - a. No updates from the President

#### 3. Part Time Representation Sub Committee Report

- a. Sub Committee Report and Presentation (Ariel Robinson)
- b. Proposed recommendation to be distributed to Senate next meeting
  - i. Senate Discussion on the topic begins
- c. Elle Van Dermark requests motion to move to by laws committee for future consideration
  - i. Further Discussion continues with Senators
  - ii. Motion to move to bylaws committee
  - iii. Interim Provost Miah LaPierre-Dreger provides guidance on PT workload and credit limits
    - 1. Motion passes. Joint meeting with By-laws and PT Committee moving forward with Labor Relations present.

# 4. Report from Connecticut State Curriculum Congress

- a. Elle Van Dermark discusses reasoning and rationale for item.
  - i. Volunteer solicitation from Elle Van Dermark
    - 1. Miguel Garcia volunteers and shares report from CT State Curriculum Congress.
      - a. Curriculum Congress prioritizes items that need to go to the BOR for a vote.
      - b. A chair and vice chair have been elected to the CT State Curriculum Congress.
      - c. Interim Provost Miah LaPierre-Dreger provides perspective on threshold and voting items for the BOR.

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Compensation / Release Time for College Senate Members Update from Elle Van Dermark. (*Tabled from 3/24/2023*)
  - i. Motion to Discuss requested by Elle Van Dermark
    - 1. Motion Seconded
    - 2. Discussion begins with Senators regarding this topic. Senators discuss concerns with campus specific decisions on the topic and CT State should guide and give direction on the topic.
    - 3. Elle Van Dermark requests Vice President John Fiorello to investigate options for CCP's and the representative for this area.
    - 4. **Vote:**

a. In Favor: 30 In Favor

b. Object: 0 Objections

c. Abstentions: 0 Abstentions

- d. Passed. Vice President John Fiorello to follow up with College Senate on Recommendations for CCPs (Professional Staff).
- b. BOT 3.3.3 Semester Credit Hour Requirements
  - i. Amy Feest provides perspective on credit hour with Department of Education and concerns of moving policy forward.
  - ii. Vote will not take place and moved to next meeting due to discrepancy with time allotment.
- c. BOT 3.3.5 Multiple (Title References BOR name)
  - i. Motion to accept 3.3.5 as written
    - 1. Motion seconded
    - 2. Vote:

- a. In Favor: 30 In Favorb. Object: 0 Objections
- c. Abstentions: 0 Abstentions
- d. BOT 3.3.5 Multiple (Title References BOR name) Passed
- d. BOT 3.5.1 Granting of an Incomplete
  - Amy Feest provides perspective on changes from Senators. Dean of Faculty / Dean of Students and Faculty discussion on titles within policy.
  - ii. Senators discuss and provide feedback
  - iii. Vote will not take place on this policy and moved to next meeting with revisions provided by Amy Feest due to title discrepancy
- e. BOT 3.5.2 Administrative Transcript Notations: Letters other than A-F
  - Vote will not take place on this policy and moved to next meeting with revisions provided by Amy Feest due to title discrepancy
- f. BOT 5.3 Student Insurance
  - i. Vote will not take place on this policy and moved to next meeting with revisions provided by Amy Feest
- g. BOT 3.3.1 Presidents Authority to Validate and Award
  - i. Motion to Accept 3.3.1 as written
  - ii. Motion Seconded.
    - 1. Vote:

a. In Favor: 30 In Favorb. Object: 0 Objections

c. Abstentions: 0 Abstentions

- d. BOT 3.3.1 Presidents Authority to Validate and Award Passed
- h. BOT 3.3.7 English as a Second Language
  - i. Motion to Accept 3.3.1 as written
    - 1. Discussion with Senators regarding the topic.
  - ii. Motion Seconded
    - 1. Continued Discussion with Senators. Interim Provost Miah LaPierre-Dreger confirms and clarifies the actual change with the policy which is a name (CT State Community College).
    - 2. **Vote:**

a. In Favor: 14 In Favorb. Object: 14 Objectionsc. Abstentions: 3 Abstentions

d. Vote needs to take place again. Additional vote present.

i. In Favor: 14 In Favorii. Object: 14 Objectionsiii. Abstentions: 2 Abstentions

iv. Tie Vote Fails. Amy Feest to adjust language and work with Senators to resolve discrepancies.

# Senate In Recess at 1:44pm Meeting Called to Order by Elle Van Dermark at 1:50pm

- i. Academic Standards Committee
  - i. Allan Ballinger provides update on the topic.

- ii. Michael Stefanowicz provides perspective on the subject on no discussion of a state-wide academic standards committee. No feedback provided during public comment period previous.
- iii. Senate discusses the topic in more detail.
- iv. Discussion to move this item/concept to the Curriculum Congress or as a shared body committee within the Senate (Vice President Nicola Ricker)
- j. Discussion of College Senate Inaugural Photo (Tabled from 3/24/2023) No motion on this topic.
  - i. Angelo Glaviano provides an update. Elle Van Dermark asks for clarification regarding the logistics on the topic.
  - ii. Motion to provide logistics on the topic from Angelo Glaviano at next meeting
  - iii. Motion Seconded
    - 1. Vote:

a. In Favor: 32 In Favorb. Object: 0 Objections

c. Abstentions: 2 Abstentions

- d. Passed. Angelo Glaviano to provide update at next meeting.
- Resolution from Capital Community College (FT to PT Faculty Ratios). SB 1105 (Tabled from 3/24/2023)
  - i. Motion to adopt the resolution of support
    - 1. Motion seconded
    - 2. Additional discussion from the Senate on the topic.
    - 3. **Vote:**

a. In Favor: 21 In Favorb. Object: 4 Objections

c. Abstentions: 8 Abstentions

- d. Motion Passed for a resolution of Support. Elle Van Dermark to respond to Seth Freeman and others regarding the decision. Funding and impact on scheduling concerns for adjuncts from College Senate.
- I. Elle Van Dermark returns to Discussion of BOT 3.3.7 English as a Second Language
  - i. Discussion of reasoning regarding the actual change to the policy and if the Senate can change the specific policy versus vote on the name change.

### 6. New Business

- a. Senate Meetings (Structure, Attendees, and Other Discussion Points)
  - i. Attendees
    - 1. Elle Van Dermark askes for clarity from the bylaw's committee on outside attendees join. Senators discuss. Idea of Ex-Officio idea presented to Senators.
  - ii. Structure
    - Elle Van Dermark discuss the multiple elected official positions and representation. Support for elected Senators to be able to represent their campus (where elected) even if they move to another campus. Only when the original campus makes /requests a change, would any action take place.

GCC- Discussion of Registration Time for Students (Tabled to Next Meeting)

Presentation of policy and Revision Process (Tabled to Next Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 2:38pm.

Minutes Completed by:

**Brian Kapinos Ed.D** 

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