

MEETING MINUTES

College Council

Friday, February 5, 2021, 9 – 10 a.m. via Zoom

Voting Members in Attendance: Laura Pantano, Melanie Martel, Jennifer Eggers, Cynthia Lucero, Sue Diener, Barbara Stowers, Maryanne Adams, Andrew Fisher, Ken Gitlitz, Rob Bowen, Rebecca Dean, Laura Scott, Melanie Kirby, Deb Remillard, Laura Morgan, Sheri Gonthier, Todd Bedell, Stu Wallace, Kate Sawal, Jay Wovkanech

Absent: Aidan Hastings

The 13th meeting of the College Council was called to order at 9 a.m. Roll call provided the above listed attendance of voting members.

The first order of business was the review of the minutes of December 4, 2020. Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes. A minor edit was requested by Dr. Pantano to add Ms. in front of Cynthia Lucero in the first paragraph. With that agreed-upon change, the motion on the floor was seconded and the minutes were approved with a vote of 17 in favor.

Dr. Pantano requested the order of the agenda be changed to accommodate the Diversity Statement being presented first since there were so many curriculum proposals. Dr. Fisher made a motion to approve the Diversity Statement as presented by Mr. Gitlitz, the motion was seconded, and it passed with a vote of 16 in favor and 2 abstentions.

The subcommittee updates portion of the agenda was also moved ahead of curriculum proposals. The only update was that Dr. Eggers, Co-Chair of IRES, announced that the committee is working on developing a rubric for measuring shared governance effectiveness.

Curriculum proposal 2021-15 from the Business Department related to Hospitality and Tourism Management changing to a Mindful Communication requirement. Ms. Remillard made a motion to approve the proposal, Ms. Scott seconded the motion. There was a majority of faculty attending the meeting and they expressed their concerns that the program didn't include an alternative option to Mindful Communication. After a discussion, the final vote was 5 in favor of the proposal, 16 against, and 1 abstention. The motion was denied. 2021-15 was the only curriculum proposal heard due to the many concerns presented and lengthy discussions that followed.

Some members of the College Council voiced concerns about the time pressure in the Council meetings, which are limited to one hour. Due to the number of curriculum proposals still to be presented that the College Council meet again on February 19, 2021, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting date and time were confirmed with a vote of 16 in favor and 4 abstentions.

Ms. Gonthier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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