

President's Council Minutes
April 26, 2023
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Attendees: Meghan Hughes, Alix Ogden, Deb Zielinski, Barbara Nauman, Bobby Gondola, Suzanne Carr, Greg LaPointe, Amy Kacerik, Andréa Ray, Nathan Brown, Bill Stargard, Naglaa Gaafar Rego, Ron Cavallaro, Phil Gordon, Joe Hopkins, Wil Arboleda, Zdenko Juskuv, Jennie Johnson, Sandra Sneesby, Sybil Bailey, Rich Sullivan, and student guest, Michael Rodriguez.

Welcome & Introduction

Meghan welcomed everyone, and Wil Arboleda introduced the student guest, Michael Rodriguez. Michael shared his background and CCRI experience.

Minutes of 01/25/23 (previously distributed)

Sandy made a motion to approve, Andréa seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Update

- Meghan gave update on four key priorities:
 - CCRI Community First
 - CCRI Benefits Hub
 - Transfer
 - Justice-involved Employment Pathways Program Design
- Meghan then gave an overview of the Governor's Budget, reporting on her positive experience before House Finance. She discussed how the Governor's budget aligns with college priorities. She gave specific details regarding the Fresh Start Scholarship Program, funding for technology initiatives, Community First, and Benefits Hub.

Approval of Course Merge Policy (previously distributed)

- Ron made a motion to approve the Course Merge Policy, Alix seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Divisional Updates

Student Services – Greg LaPointe

- Greg spoke about summer enrollment, enrollment management tools, and Community First.
- The Benefits Hub has a healthy snack initiative, which provides each student with these snacks free of charge. Funds can be loaded onto the student ID card.
- He spoke about SAP, Naglaa's creation of a new system, and Jude running point on VOE.

Academic Affairs – Barbara Nauman

- Barbara updated on faculty searches to be completed by 7/1 for the fall (16 positions).
- She spoke to the status of division accreditations and grants, as well as the ongoing dental renovations in Lincoln.
- There are four new labor market-driven certificate programs – Court Reporting, Case Management, Mental Health & Wellness, and Surgical Technician.

Administration & Finance – Rich Sullivan

- Rich presented a Financial Planning Update, noting that we have 3 fiscal years open at one time.
- He spoke to a partial list of financial planning and analysis initiatives, the planning that is in process, the FY23 unrestricted revenue and cost profiles.

Workforce Partnerships – Jennie Johnson

- Jennie highlighted three priorities:
 - Global Wind Organization (GWO) – RI is the first state to provide this training to work on wind turbines. We are in the bid process for the construction for this program in Lincoln, which includes building a tower, and using the pool for water training.
 - Justice-involved Pathway Development
 - Partnerships and Programs

Institutional Advancement – Bobby Gondola

- Bobby gave an update on Raising Opportunities on April 28, 2023.
- He provided an overview of YTD fundraising.
- He spoke about FC plans, which include launching a campus cabinet.

Human Resources – Sybil Bailey

- Sybil provided a staffing update for HR, which included the background/reasons for changes in structure of HR and plan to raise the level of service provided to the college community.

DEI – Andréa Ray

- Andréa recapped activities, which included successfully completing the Management Essentials program (15 members) which focused on enhancing leadership skills; LMS Taskforce completed platform demonstration and moving into RFP in early May, and the JEDDI News launched in February.
- 130 colleagues celebrated at milestone in 2022 at a Service Recognition Ceremony, the DEI Council hosted first event focused on Black History and Women’s History month, with the showing of Warrior Women film at Liston.

Faculty Senate – Sandra Luzzi Sneesby

- Sandy reported on the two bills passed by the Faculty Senate at its last meeting (Online course quality – Online Learning Committee and Support of New Student Onboarding – Student and College Success Committee).

Staff Assembly – Naglaa Gaafar Rego

- Naglaa shared that the Assembly 2023 elections concluded 4/14 and that the results will be shared at the June meeting.
- Assembly Guiding Principles were developed, and Committee chair training will be launched in the coming weeks.

Information Technology – Nathan Brown

- Nathan gave a staffing update, which included hiring 3 Director positions; he stressed the tremendous focus on security compliance for the upcoming audit and vendor risk assessments.
- With regard to reducing our footprint, about 234,000 old student accounts have been deleted (initial reduction). This will be automated over the coming months, which will reduce the numbers even more.

Susan Collins Visit

Meghan announced the campus visit by Susan Collins, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, on 5/25/23.

Next Meeting: 10/25/23 @ 2:00pm

- Meetings are extended to 2 hours (2:00-4:00pm).