



College Council

Minutes

January 17, 2023, 3:30 p.m. via WebEx

Voting Members

Present: Beth Carpenter (APT Instructional Staff); Kathy Frisbie (VP of Instruction); Desryan Jenson (Faculty Senate); Grant Kaster (CTE Instructor); Annette Lebsock (Classified Staff); Bill Miller (Faculty Division Chair – CTE); Connie Mitchell (Faculty Division Chair – Gen Ed); Tracy Schneider (VP of Administration and Finance); Scott Scholes (VP of Student Services); Sally Shawcroft (APT Student Services Staff); Michelle Uhrick (APT Admin & Finance Staff); Su Wright (Gen Ed Instructor)

Voting Members Absent: Ewan Magie (SFAC); Dr. Jennifer Thistle (Faculty Division Chair – Health Occupations); Robbin Schincke (Centers)

Non-Voting Members

Present: Dr. Curt Freed (President); Julie Beydler (Director of Human Resources); Jane Fries (Assistant to the President); Becky Geltz (Director of Institutional Effectiveness & Planning); Ariella Gonzales-Vondy (Director of Communications, Marketing, & Recruitment)

Non-Voting Members Absent: None

- 1) **Call to Order/Welcome:** Curt Freed called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. He welcomed Becky Geltz to her first College Council meeting.
- 2) **Updates:**
 - a) **Faculty Senate:** Desryan Jenson reported that the Faculty Senate met January 12. Desryan noted that Ewan Magie (SFAC Representative) gave a presentation to the Senate about shared governance discussions happening at the System level. The Faculty Senate discussed the mid-year raises and approved a letter of appreciation to MCC leadership. They also talked about faculty collaboration efforts (e.g., Dr. Brady Michal and Ewan Magie's interdisciplinary work with biology/English and STEM faculty work with the Title III grant). Jennifer Thistle will be stepping down from the Faculty Senate Vice President position. The next Faculty Senate agenda will include discussion about students potentially using AI chatbots to generate essays, etc.
 - b) **State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC):** Ewan Magie was not present to provide a report. Desryan Jenson noted Ewan's role in state-wide work on shared governance. Curt Freed shared that he, Dr. Christiane Olivo, and Ewan Magie are involved with a System group that will be drafting shared governance policy language for CCCS to consider.
 - c) **Student Government Association (SGA):** No report – position vacant. Scott Scholes noted that scholarships for students who assume the SGA President and SSAC Representative roles need to be established to incentivize participation. Curt Freed will add the topic to the next Management Leadership Team (MLT) agenda for further discussion.
 - d) **State Student Advisory Council (SSAC):** No report – position vacant

- e) **Colorado Online@:** Scott Scholes noted that guidance has been provided for constructing Colorado Online@ syllabi. The first pilot run of Colorado Online@ classes are taking place this semester. Scott offered to help resolve Colorado Online@ issues that might arise. Kathy Frisbie noted that MCC's Jamie Hochanadel is teaching a Colorado Online@ class. There are still several things to resolve with Colorado Online@ from an instructional standpoint. Kathy Frisbie also gave an overview about the Rural College Consortium, which was created to provide access and opportunity for students from CCCS rural colleges to take a wider range of courses than their individual colleges offer. The instructional delivery mode is synchronous, remote learning. Kathy noted that the hope is to expand the model to give students access to full programs offered at other rural colleges.
- 3) **College Council Vacancies:**
 - a) SGA
 - b) SSAC
 - c) Business Division Chair
 - d) Regional Center Student
- 4) **Budget Planning and Training:** Tracy Schneider shared that budget requests will be due mid-February for the 2024 fiscal year which starts in July 2023. Requests relating to new course fees or revisions to existing course fees will also be due. Tracy will be providing budget planning training for several groups of employees.
- 5) **Teacher Prep Program/Grant Funding:** Kathy Frisbie shared about HB22-1350 and the related Regional Talent Initiative/Opportunity Now Colorado grant opportunities. The program includes \$85M to help transform regional partnerships and impact economic development. CCCS is working on several applications for the funding, with MCC taking the lead on developing a BAS in Education. Pueblo Community College is joining MCC on the project. Kathy is working on a letter of interest/proposal due January 23.
- 6) **Member Comments (Voting and Advisory):** Curt Freed welcomed Bill Miller to the Advisory Council in his role as CTE Division Chair.
- 7) **General Comments (Non-members):**
 - a) Dr. Christiane Olivo commented on the System efforts to develop policies about shared governance. She said that another term being considered is "participatory governance." She noted that authentic shared governance is desired, and that roles need to be clarified (e.g., who makes final decisions, who is in consultative roles, etc.) Christiane welcomes ideas and feedback relating to shared/participatory governance.
 - b) Christiane shared that the first block of the second semester of Weekend College has thirteen students, a slight increase from fall semester. A variety of strategies are being implemented to provide the Weekend College students with a "true college experience." Kathy expressed thanks for the departments that have helped provide services on the weekend.
- 8) **Other:**
 - a) Curt Freed reported that FTE is at 349.85 as of January 17, 2023, with a headcount of 1352. The Spring Semester budget target is 330 FTE.
 - b) Becky Geltz inquired about donating food to the college's food pantry. Scott Scholes will share more information with her about the pantry. He noted that Amy Carrillo (Student Life Coordinator) plans to conduct a food drive for the pantry.

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- c) MCC will be closed January 18 due to inclement weather.
 - d) Julie Beydler noted that voting for Faculty of the Year and Instructor of the Year is open. Bill Miller noted that the email with the voting links went to his junk mail. Nominations for APT and Classified Employees of the Year will be solicited soon. Nominations for The Guiding Principles Award will open mid to late February.
- 9) **Adjournment/Next Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023.

Minutes by Jane Fries, College Council Recorder/Assistant to the President