

Faculty Caucus Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 23rd, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: TEAMS

Attendance: A. Fried, A. Miller, C. Miller, C. Van Namee, C. Ehrlich, D. McDermott, D. Stevens, D. Sonne, D. Swiss, E. Bush, E. Brindisi, G. Melendez, J. Birt, L. Charboneau, M. Barlett, M. Faitell, R. Huyck, R. Wittenberg, S. Dar, S. Crocker, S. McCall

Meeting Guests:

Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM

1. **Review Agenda**
2. **Approval of March 2024 minutes:** C. Ehrlich moved to approve minutes finalized during meeting; E. Brindisi, seconded.
Passed TEAMS Poll (14 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 15 total responses)
3. **Chair Report:** S. Dar – Chair
 - I. VP Kahler
 - i. Caucus Visit in October
 - ii. CCCAT (Connecting, Collaborating, Celebrating the Art of Teaching) Conference
 - iii. Looking forward to AI (Academic Integrity) Policy
 - II. VP Squires
 - i. Caucus visit in May
 - ii. No AAP for the summer semesters
 - iii. Some repairs in AB over the summer
 - iv. Bus for graduation (Friday May 10th)?
 1. Bus could be costly, not sure if he can get it
 - III. Comments/Questions
 - i. For Graduation, UU graduation will be in the Aud earlier in the day before MVCC graduation
 - ii. Discussion about parking conditions
4. **Old Business**
 - I. Caucus Advisory Nominations reminder, elections will be held next meeting
5. **New Business**
 - I. **FCCC Update:** A. Miller
 - i. Seeking endorsement for four resolutions that were passed during the last FCCC meeting
 1. [ACC1 AI and SUNY.pdf](#)
 - a. A. Miller motioned to have Faculty Caucus endorse the resolution “Exploring Ethical and Effective Use of Artificial Intelligence Within the State University of New York,” C. Miller seconded.

- b. Passed TEAMS Poll (14 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 15 total responses)

2. [CGL1 Support for Shared Governance.pdf](#)

- a. A. Miller motioned to have Faculty Caucus endorse the resolution "Support of Shared Governance and Shared Governance Leaders," R. Wittenberg seconded.
- b. Passed TEAMS Poll (15 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 16 total responses)

3. [DEI - Liberal Arts and Workforce.pdf](#)

- a. A. Miller motioned to have Faculty Caucus endorse the resolution "Recognizing the Intersection Between Liberal Arts Education and Workforce Development," C. Ehrlich seconded.
- b. Passed TEAMS Poll (15 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 16 total responses)

4. [CSL1 Mental Health.pdf](#)

- a. A. Miller motioned to have Faculty Caucus endorse the resolution "Support of Mental Health Funding," E. Bush seconded.
- b. Passed TEAMS Poll (15 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 16 total responses)

- ii. The State Budget is out as of yesterday. JCC President prepared "Total" Resources Comparison: NYS and Other Systems." SUNY Community Colleges are the lowest funded of those included in study.
- iii. A. Miller will share some resources for AI training from FCCC
- iv. *Comment:* We should reach out to State Senator Griffo and Rep Marianne Buttenschon to advocate for more funding at the State level for us.

II. Academic Integrity Policy Workgroup Report: R. Wittenberg, C. Ehrlich, S. McCall

- i. Academic Integrity Policy updated – review document of Proposed versus Current policy. Some updates include:
 - 1. Updating policy to include more current technologies (e.g., smartphones)
 - 2. Updating policy to include AI
 - a. References to persons made more general to include AI
 - 3. Include why Academic Policy is important
 - 4. If you instructor has a different policy, that trumps the Academic Integrity policy
 - 5. Policy for Duplicate Submission of the Same Work
 - 6. Parsed information to be easier to navigate
 - 7. Included a Syllabus Statement on Academic Integrity Suggestion
- ii. Questions/Comments: Should approach sections on AI with consideration on how AI will evolve over the coming years. *Response: Instructors will have to be explicit on whether or not AI use is allowed.*

- iii. Questions/Comments: Should we name websites directly (even as examples) as the website may change their business model?
- iv. Questions/Comments: If we don't name sites specifically, then students may not realize that these websites aren't OK to use. We can use this as a teaching document for students. Helps to create clarity.
- v. Questions/Comments: How to handle egregious cases of violations? *Response: Will be future work. This workgroup just handles policies, not procedures. Deans are aware of the desire to create continuity among the schools and tracking mechanisms.*
- vi. Questions/Comments: Were student voices included in this decision? *Response: No. There is a student chair on the committee, but they are having a problem filling. Will discuss whether to bring it to Student Congress. Timing is an issue at this point in order to have it in place for the fall.*
- vii. R. Wittenberg motioned to have the Faculty Caucus endorse the Academic Integrity Policy. E. Bush seconded
 - a. Passed TEAMS Poll (13 Approved Poll, 0 No, 0 abstained poll, 1 approved verbal = 14 total responses)

6. Open Forum

- I. Question about financial aid for summer – students are being told there is no funding. It is about the Government form updates. Feel free to contact D. McDermont with any questions about financial aid.
- 7. TABLED until next meeting for time: Faculty Journal Club: Claire Ehrlich, "Lateral Reading and the Nature of Expertise: Reading Less and Learning More When Evaluating Digital Information."**
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion R Wittenberg, C. Ehrlich seconded. Unanimously approved.
- I. **Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM**

Next meeting: on Teams, Monday, May 13, 2024, at 2:30 PM

Secretary: Devin Sonne