

Faculty Caucus Meeting MinutesMeeting Date: December 10th, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: TEAMS

Attendance:

M. Barlett, E. Brindisi, E. Bush, M. Cameron, L. Charbonneau, S. Crocker, S. Dar, C. Ehrlich, M. Faitell, A. Fried, V. Fuentes, R. Huyck, J. Ireland, M. Kuczynski, A. Miller, S. McCall, G. Melendez, C. Miller, B. Seaton, D. Sonne, D. Stevens, C. VanNamee, L. Williams, R. Wittenberg

Meeting called to order at 2:31 PM

1. **Review of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 19th, 2024**, E. Brindisi moved to approve with one change, A. Miller, seconded.
 - Passed TEAMS Poll (19 Approved, 0 No, 0 Abstain = 19 total responses)
3. **Chair's report: S. Dar**
 - I. **Pre and Post Caucus meeting with VP Kahler**
 - i. PLA action Plan
 - ii. Police Academy classes in AB241 and College wide weapons Policy
 - iii. Screening Committees (will talk to HR)
 - II. **Meeting with Tom Squires**
 - i. Calling 911 from cell phone vs. office phone (doesn't matter)
 - ii. Weapons Policy
 - III. **Highlights from December Seante Meeting**
 - i. 2026-2029 Calendar got endorsed by the Senate
 - ii. Use of wheeled recreational equipment Policy was endorsed by the senate
 - iii. Revised PLA action plan was endorsed by the senate
 - iv. Addition of new pillar to the College strategic plan was endorsed
 - v. Dr. Pine provided updates about BERT review process
 - vi. All four FCCC resolutions were endorsed by the senators
 - IV. **Questions/Comments**
 - i. The calendar doesn't line up with Columbus Day break (which was the intention for adding the break)
 - ii. Break lines up with ending of A term/beginning of B term
 - iii. Note that Faculty will be under obligation during Spring Break
 - iv. Calendar goes to the Board on Monday – if people want to make any notes, reach out to Senate Chair ASAP
 - v. Bylaws should include a framework for timeframes for when voting should take place after topics are presented
 - vi. Calendar was voted on with limited student feedback
 - vii. There is precedent to not have breaks line up with A Term/B Term dates (it will be ok if they don't line up)

4. End of Semester Reflections

- I. How well did students meet the Learning Outcomes set at the beginning of course?
- II. What challenges did you encounter in your teaching, and how did you address them?
- III. What new teaching techniques or technologies did you try, and what were the results?
- IV. What methods did you use to encourage student participation and critical thinking?

5. Open Forum

- I. Anyone else caught off guard with the change in final grade due dates?
- II. Reminder to email J. Ireland (Jireland@mvcc.edu) if you want to participate in AI Book Club in the Spring
- III. Senate Chair will investigate if there is a possibility to shift the Fall Break to align with Columbus Day
- IV. Faculty attending Board meeting may be an option
- V. **MOTION: “to ask Senate to revisit the proposed 2026-2029 calendar so that the Fall Break aligns with Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day before this item is voted on by the Board”, MOTION seconded.**
 - i. **Passed TEAMS Poll (17 Approved, 0 No, 3 Abstain = 20 total responses)**
- VI. Can we have conversations about having Department coordinators/departments chairs again to help give faculty more voice – some Faculty feels like over time they are having less of a voice
- VII. Middle States update was given during Senate – the [presentation](#) that was given during the meeting is in the TEAMS folder

6. Adjournment Motion A. Miller, Seconded S. McCall. Unanimously approved.

- o The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Next meeting: February 18, 2025, at 2:30 PM

Secretary: Devin Sonne