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May 24, 2016

Meeting of College Council Volume 43 Number 3

There were present:

Prof. Arenas
Prof. Barnhart
Ms. Clarke
Prof. A. Cohen
Ms. J. Cohen
V.P. Peter Cohen
Ms. Daly
Prof. Dawson
Prof. Farrell
Prof. Feeley
Prof. Ferretti
V.P. Fox
Prof. Furay

Prof. Garcia Osuna
Prof. Hume
Mr. James Walker
Prof. Kates
Mr. Klein
Prof. Lax
Mr. Mariott
Prof. Martin
Prof. McDevitt
Prof. Miranda
Prof. Murphy
Prof. Nicosia
Ms. Palmieri

Prof. Pierre
Prof. Repetti
V.P. Rios
V.P. Russell
Prof. Sokolow
Dr. Sutton Young
Prof. Taras
Prof. Troutd
Prof. Watson
Prof. Weeks
Mr. Winnick

President Herzek called the meeting to order at 8:10.

I. The minutes of the meeting April 5, 2016 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President began by discussing student retention and completion.

In terms of freshmen, we are looking very good. We set a lofty goal to rise from 65% to 77%. This semester we are doing well with our cohorts of ASAP, Learning Communities, and College Discovery, and they have lifted us to approximately 81% of freshmen. We have found that being part of a cohort is very important, as ODLC figures are 93% and ASAP also 93% they have in common case management advisement. So with no change in resources, the Fall 2015 cohort has a ratio of 85:1 with assigned advisors. We constantly reach out to each student instead of waiting for them to contact us. We all have a share in this success.

In terms of the Freshman KCC App, we did not expect much activity. But in Fall 2015 the buttons were pressed 2802 times, showing us the need for this. Figures included:

- MTA Card button: pressed 480 times
- Financial Aid – 336
- Textbooks – 300
- Residency – 245

Wellness and Health Services – 181
Academic Assistance 841
Child Care – 203
Food – 76

The Petrie Foundation is funding us \$450,000. This includes \$300,000 for emergency funds out of Tom Friebel's office to help our students, and \$150,000 towards a Health professions Career Program.

The 40 individuals on the Intercultural Center Committee have completed their work. We have crunched numbers and created renderings for the space, and it will cost \$1.5 million for renovations and another \$1.5 million for planning Programs. We have raised \$400,000 to start working on some areas in Fall 2016 thanks in large part to Liz Basile. Many people will want to invest in this project, our students, faculty and staff.

Finally, Graduation will take place on June 21, Awards Night on June 20, and the Gala on June 23.

The President concluded his remarks.

B. Curriculum Committee Report

Committee Chair Edward Martin began by expressing his thanks to outgoing department chairs Gloria Nicosia and Loretta Brancaetorras for all of their hard work and service to the committee

The following resolutions were approved unanimously by the Council

[Below is a short summary of the resolutions; for the complete version, please see Attachment A at the end of the Agenda for this meeting posted at the College website. (The section numbering reflects those used in Attachment A)]:

IV. NEW COURSES

A. Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

AIV. 1.1 HS 6000, Urban Agriculture: Social, Cultural, and Health Perspectives

Prerequisite: NONE

Corequisite: NONE

Pre/Corequisite: NONE

Credits: 3

D. Legislative Committee Report

The Legislative Committee announced the results of the campus elections held from May 2 – May 17, 2016. In particular, the committee noted the lack of participation by members of the adjunct faculty in the elections held for their earmarked Delegate-at-Large established in 2010.

In this year's 2016-2018 elections, only 7 nominations were cast by more than 485 eligible voters. After ineligible ballots were disqualified, no nominees were successful in achieving the required minimum of 20 nominations, and so no election was held. In the six-year history of these part-time elections the maximum number of adjunct participants has been 22, and fewer than 16 in nearly every election.

The Legislative Committee may reassess the status of these two seats in the near future.

A short discussion followed on this issue. Part-time Delegate Prof. Feeley stated that she had anecdotal evidence of at least one adjunct who could not log in to vote in the system, and suggested this might be prevalent. Also, adjuncts have a different mindset and need to be prepared ahead of time, and require other forms of contact besides the college email system.

In the absence of any New Business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow

Michael Sokolow, Secretary