

Council Notes

May 23, 2018

Prepared by: Deb Zielinski

Attendees: Meghan Hughes, Deb Zielinski, Rosemary Costigan, Robyn Greene, Ron Schertz, Leslie Florio, Ron Cavallaro, Gene Grande, Greg LaPointe, Sara Enright, Ruth Sullivan, Patrick Stone, Julian Alssid, Tracy Karasinski, Zdenko Juskuv, Pam Christman, Hilary Jansson, Elizabeth Canning, Steven Murray, Alix Ogden, Lizzie Pollock, Steve Berrien, and Marcus Buckley.

President's Remarks:

Meghan welcomed everyone and thanked them for a successful and historic academic year.

- Accomplishments included the launch of RI Promise, the completion of our Strategic Plan, the development of a student retention strategy, laying the foundation for Guided Pathways, continuing to reform Developmental Ed, and the connection between our Workforce and Academic teams.
- Highest graduation rate in nearly 20 years (18%) and a 13% headcount increase for summer registration and an increase of nearly 20% in credits.
- First ceremony at the 'Dunk a success. Our goal was to provide more space for graduates' families and friends, and we succeeded. Any ideas or suggestions for next year should be sent to Patrick.
- Bobby Gondola will be joining us mid-June as our new AVP for Institutional Advancement.
- Raising Opportunities gala is on June 1 with an Opportunities Auction with students and Congressman David Cicilline. Meghan thanked Jenn Harris for the immense amount of work that has gone into planning the event and invited Councilmembers to come as her guests.

Meghan asked for a motion to approve Administrator Emeritus status for Bill LeBlanc and Lela Morgan. Meghan asked for a motion, made by Tracy, seconded by Hilary; there was no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of 3/28/18 (previously distributed)

Meghan called for a motion to approve the Council minutes dated 3/28/18. Ron C. made a motion to approve, Pam seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Workforce Development Update

Julian gave an update regarding the RFP for Adult Education. The focus is to prepare students for the first gateway courses for the six pathways. We hope to grow from 80 to 500. It will open opportunities to partner with faculty in a more expansive way. He reported that we have hired two directors who will be joining CWCE in June.

Academic Affairs Update

Rosemary reported on the NEASC Effectiveness Committee. Our first on-line program in the Business Department, will be monitored closely. The interest level exceeded capacity of this first offering. AA is working with an advisory board that is helping us to evaluate if we should offer a Mortuary Science program. Twenty students have gone through our CNC Fast Track program since January, and we are in the process of recruiting for the third cohort. Additionally, Rosemary reported a number of program updates and announced two assistant dean appointments, Jean McColl in Nurse Education and Lauren Nicoll in BSTM. Administrative Office Technology was merged into the Business Department. The merger of Engineering and Physics is in the planning phase.

Student Affairs Update

Sara presented a PowerPoint addressing summer enrollment and fall enrollment trends and gave an update on the fall 2018 RI Promise Cohort. She reviewed next steps for re-enrolling continuing students and coordination with Academic Affairs to ensure capacity of courses.

Administration Update

Alix reported that the Strategic Plan was completed; the firm of Goody Clancy has been hired to help us with the Facilities Master Plan that supports the three strategic goals. She gave facilities project updates. Over the summer, there will be new lighting installed in the Great Hall, and the ramp will be closing down for about a year. Zdenko inquired about the plans for the ramp. Alix explained that it is going to be longer in order to be ADA accessible, enclosed, and heated.

Culture Work Update

Lizzie Pollock and Elizabeth Canning presented on the CCRI Culture Initiative. They shared the definition of organizational culture, reviewed its importance, and discussed why we are addressing issues related to CCRI's culture. They shared that nearly 100 staff and faculty have participated in workshops to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our culture and envision a strengthened culture at CCRI. Of these participants, 20 of them now make up a Culture Task Force, which has consolidated the ideas from the workshops to create a set of draft "Operating Principles" for CCRI's culture. A website has been launched about this project (www.ccri.edu/culture). Employees can give feedback on the Operating Principles via an online survey and campus-based focus groups throughout the summer and early fall.

Newport County Campus Report

Robyn reported that NCC is experiencing a more robust summer. The next P-Tech cohort from Rogers H.S. is coming in. There is considerable Workforce Development coming to Newport; she is looking forward to working with Julian and Jaime.

Liston and Flanagan Reports

Ron spoke to the importance of certificate options and is pleased we are doing this. Liston is running 25 sections in the first summer session and 21 in the second.. He has heard that transfer students have had trouble registering; they leave when they find they have to take a placement test. Ron reported on the various construction projects at each campus.

Next Meeting

July 25, 2018, @ 2:00.