

SUNY Broome College Assembly Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Meeting
Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B and via Zoom

College Vision: Learning today, transforming tomorrow.

College Mission: SUNY Broome Community College supports all members of the learning community by creating access to inclusive, diverse educational experiences. Success is achieved through the provision of innovative academics, transformative student support, and meaningful civic and community engagement.

Values: INQUIRY, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, TRUST, EQUITY

Voting members present: Kamelah Union, Julie Lakin, Stephanie Albitz, Karyn Moyer, Jeffrey Anderson, Andrew Haggerty, Brittney Richardson, Samantha Smith, Valerie Carnegie, Chris Novitski, and Erin Marulli.

Non-voting members present: Kevin Drumm, Penny Kelly, Carol Ross-Scott, Michael Sullivan and Penny DeFavero.

Members absent: Randy Campbell, Kristen Bensen-Hause, Jason Smith, Lisa Antalek, Melissa Martin and Robert Lofthouse

Excused: Kimberly McLain

Guests present: Dani Berchtold, Stephanie Malmberg, Alejandro Chaverria, Mary Donnelly, Laura Hodel, David Sedelmeyer, Maja Szostak, Diana Lenzo, Danielle Britton, Michael Stamets, and Marquis Bennett.

- Call to order: Erin called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. Quorum was established later in the meeting, during the reports.
- CA Report: Erin reported that offerings of registration events for students have been shared out. The events are in the academic buildings. Please share with students
- SA Report: Kamelah reported that among the SUNY Student Assembly topics the use of plastic bags on campus was discussed.
A new committee has formed to help with activities on campus and meets every Friday. The mechanical bull was on campus and they gave away all the hats. Will do this again in the spring semester.
An issue on campus has been under discussion. A person in the dorm has been getting more attention than others inside the student village. The response is slow and they are still working on that situation. Will bring it to Dr. Ross.
The NARCAN event will be at 11:00 AM to raise awareness of the opioid crisis.

Some work orders for the dorms have been done: the doors don't work and there are some complaints about the walls and the laundry rooms. It takes about a month for work orders.

Last week was the Veterans' Day event at 10:00 AM.

The 26th annual giving of the toys is scheduled and will need more volunteers and donations. The event is at 11:00 AM and set up is at 8:30 AM.

Disco is still in the works.

There will be a Disney trivia night during welcome week.

Giving Day also needs volunteers.

(Quorum was established at about 3:12 PM.)

Brittney moved to approve the agenda and Andrew seconded; there were no objections. Brittney moved to approve the October 31st meeting minutes and Andrew seconded. There were no objections.

- COI Report: Brittney reminded everyone to read Stephanie's missives on BrightSpace. Everything is coming via email and the TRS is offering drop-in hours. Thanks to Stephanie and her team.

CPAC: Dave's report at COI included an architect chosen for the Nursing re-design.

Kudos to MARCOM for the new SUNY Broome banners on campus.

The pavilions are done and can be reserved through Marty like all spaces on campus.

- CAI Report: Andrew reported that the academic grievance is moving forward. The standing committee has been selected and the ad-hoc needs volunteers. Nominees for the Chancellor's awards are Kate Taylor for Professional Service, Maureen Breck for Professional Service, and Maria Montemagno for Teaching. Thanks for Dani Berchtold for her work on the awards.

The writing emphasis courses will be under discussion at CAI this week.

- President's Report: Dr. Drumm reported that ESPA voted on their contract today and all three contracts are now in place. Thanks to all who stepped up to help.

The proposal to work more closely with Binghamton University has been updated and sent to SUNY. There continues to be increased collaboration with integration at the senior level. For day to day work we shouldn't see much change.

At the senior level it might be different. Leadership is being managed by normal attrition and both are committed to continuing that.

Three community colleges and one university in New Jersey have done it and improved their graduation and retention rates.

We shouldn't see a whole lot of change. Will work on how we will interact as counterparts; possibly via Zoom. Students might see differences in branding. There will be a cultural shift and it will be interesting if it goes forward. Contracts would all stay in place if the proposal goes forward.

The next phase is support from Albany; then we would start planning. No one needs to start looking for a job. Normal attrition is what we do now, and will continue to do.

People in like areas in both institutions would have to work together. There would be more colleagues. There are no plans to change any staffing or supervision.

There will be more internal professional development. If you're student-facing things won't change much at all. Demands would only change based on enrollment. Open access won't change. SUNY and the county would want to protect that. Will have to go through Middle States.

Union contracts stay the same unless re-negotiated; not part of the proposal at this point. There's been some discussion on mergers in other states, and what is common with those models.

The mission and admissions would not change. County funding would remain the same.

The board of trustees might have to amend their bylaws. The trustees are aware and are on board. If it gets legs in Albany, SUNY will get feedback from SUNY peers.

Enrollment for spring is going gangbusters. Kudos to the enrollment team.

- VPAFA Report: Michael reported that the 2021-2022 financial annual report was submitted to SUNY and approved. The next phase is the external auditors, Bonadio, who will be on campus to conduct the audit in the next couple weeks. The results will go to the board of trustees in January or February of 2023.

The BAGSAI County softball complex will be renovated; it's a four softball field complex. The entire complex will be renovated for the 2023-2024 season.

- VPAA Report: Dr. Kelly has noticed that Student Assembly is very involved and she has met with the Academic Affairs representative.

Please encourage students to register if they haven't already done so.

Advising is doing a super job; there has been a big boost in registration. The special advising sessions for particular areas have been going well.

A reminder for the BrightSpace deadline: if you're requesting shells the deadline is December 11th.

The Gen Ed deadline has not been announced. Some areas will need special attention.

There is a sense of urgency. Please bring any concerns to the Gen Ed committee.

College Express at Windsor was a good event and 82 students were accepted.

Binghamton and Deposit will have similar events. Thanks to the admissions team.

The fact forward group will be a mix of our faculty and the local high schools. The fall schedule will be going out earlier this year. We're developing year-long schedules to help students plan.

- VPSD/CDO Report: Dr. Ross-Scott reported that this year the giving of the toys will be more inclusive, for Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza. This is a season of higher stress and concern for our students. Counseling is there and is busy. The Student of Concern and CARE teams are there for support.

Enrollment and retention will be able to share strategic goals.

Basketball season has been challenging. Please come out and support the team.

- FCCC Report: Mary reported that the FCCC passed a resolution on maintenance of effort and is looking for endorsement. She read part of the resolution. "Therefore be it resolved that the FCCC supports commitment to legislated maintenance of effort for community colleges' base operating state aid and resolved that the FCCC supports the community college sector's request for a 4% increase to the annual maintenance of effort base operating aid for community colleges and resolved that the FCCC supports the community college sector's request to maintain the \$60 million from the 2022 budget for high cost workforce development programs in the future maintenance of effort allocation for community colleges." The document will be shared out with the group for review.

- Old Business: The restructuring workgroup will send the survey out in December. Will also have Your Voice Matters in early December. Will be having campus vote on who should be on the College Senate and the Faculty Senate. Encourage people to take the survey.

- New Business: Student Assembly sent a resolution to the convocation committee for equal representation. There is currently one student with one vote on the committee, and six faculty and staff members. The resolution was ignored. Student Assembly is looking for endorsement to support the equal representation on the convocation committee.

There was discussion on the long history of convocation committee and the bylaws that exist for that committee. There is more involved than equal representation. Someone from convocation committee should be here. Convocation committee pre-dates shared governance and is not a part of shared governance.

The last time this was discussed was in CAI. There is a precedent for this to be discussed in shared governance. CAI is the more logical place for it to go. Have it brought to CAI and invite folks from convocation committee.

There was no student voice in the choosing of the speaker. There is also increasing interest in convocation day. The committee was having professors given gift cards when the money is supposed to be used on students. There was a preponderance of Liberal Arts faculty on convocation committee and then changes were made to include other departments.

It's great that students want to be more involved.

Discussion on the time frame for a response when a resolution is put forward.

Discussion on bringing it into shared governance as a subcommittee of CAI, and reaching out to the committee to come up with a model.

If it's funded by Student Activities it's not the same as an academic program. We should keep it on the radar in this committee. The college also supports convocation day through the operating budget.

CAI will discuss it this week, and then we can talk about improvement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

The next meeting is Monday, November 28th at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny DelFavero

College Assembly Secretary