

SUNY Broome College Assembly Minutes of the April 10, 2023 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: Ethan Roselle, Randy Campbell, Julie Lakin, Stephanie Albitz, Karyn Moyer, Jeffrey Anderson, Andrew Haggerty, Brittney Richardson, Valerie Carnegie, Dave Ligeikis (for Chris Novitsky) Kimberly McLain, and Erin Marulli.

Non-voting members present: Kevin Drumm, Penny Kelly, Michael Sullivan and Penny Delfavero.

Member excused: Carol Ross-Scott

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

Guests present: Danielle Britton, Beth Richards, Marty Guzzi, Erika Olenik, Larry Allen, Michael Stamets, Varija Sankapalli, Maria Montemagno, Marquis Bennett, Shelli Reals, Bella Cook, and Rachel Hinton.

- Call to order: Erin called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. Quorum was established. Brittney moved to approve the agenda and Stephanie seconded; there were no objections. Valerie moved to approve the March 27th meeting minutes and Stephanie seconded. There were no objections.
- CA Report: Erin reported that Your Voice Matters for spring 2023 was April 6th. There was some nice discussion and the notes have gone out. The FCC Plenary included the state budget and some resolutions that will be gone over today. There was discussion regarding librarians, both public and college, and DEI and student involvement, also the impact on Fast Forward courses. Banned books and Banned Book week on campus were discussed.
- SA Report: There was no report.
- COI Report: Brittney had no report from Tech Committee. The Distance Learning Steering Committee hasn't met but there are office hours for second attendance

reporting. The CPAC report included the Decker Nursing renovation and multiple other projects. An issue was submitted regarding employee ID badges which lead to discussion, including the policy on visitors to campus and the events schedule. There will be more to come.

Some discussion ensued on Brittney's report. Name tags are great customer service tools. Students have to present ID; why not the same for staff?

- CAI Report: Andrew reported there were some issues with scheduling due to spring break and COVID. CAI is now back to its regular schedule. Student Assembly spoke about a series of focus groups, a climate test on issues of diversity and inclusion. Attendance policy will be voted on this Wednesday. The state budget is not out yet. The presidents' group hired a lobbyist. There's no decision on the vaccine mandate. There were a lot of questions about the merger; a lot is going on in the rumor mill. The Chancellor gave a talk; he will be on campus the 27th to meet with the shared governance leaders and take a tour. The Chancellor has an interesting life story and DEI is a top initiative. Andrew will send out some slides of the highlights of the meeting. Also under discussion are the BrightSpace expansion and opportunities for collaboration.

- President's Report: Dr. Drumm reported he has been out of town at the American Association of Community Colleges conference. We're fine in some ways; in other ways we're talking about it. At some other colleges the data on the seven-week terms is off the charts. Withdrawal rates are about ¼ of normal. We're talking about it; the data is like no other retention initiatives. The state budget is a bellwether for the next administration and community colleges on what impact it will have with the new chancellor. The governor's budget was generous to the state ops.

- VPAFA Report: Michael reported that the finance area is preparing several submissions to the board and the finance committee for next week. The auditors gave a clean opinion for the FY 21-22 audit. Will be presenting next year's operating budget (23-24) to the board for review and providing an updated sustainability five-year plan to the board.

- VPAA Report: Dr. Kelly reported that the Gen Ed committee has been working and put through a significant number of courses, to meet the SUNY goals for all AA and AS programs for fall 2023. A lot of good work was done to meet the requirements. The schedule is out. Students are registering and we're two weeks ahead of last year. Encourage students to register before they leave for the summer. Scheduling has included long conversations in CAI on the BAP program. We're excited that we're up to 240 students; for the traditional BAP face-to-face, the seats being reserved are about half and we will monitor it closely. A letter was sent to local students not accepted at BU to apply to SUNY Broome for later acceptance at Harpur, if they maintain a 2.8 GPA. It's a pretty good offer. BU sent the letter out and let the guidance counselors know. May 9th is the guidance counselors' breakfast. There was a question on whether or not students are contacted about reverse transfer.

- VPSD/CDO Report: Dr. Ross-Scott was excused; there was no report.

- FCCC Report: Andrew attended the plenary. Erin shared the FCCC resolutions. Please share with your constituents and bring back feedback; we will vote on April 24th. Andrew spoke about the inclusive access resolution. This is for the publishers/schools to help defray the cost of textbooks for students. Part of the student activity fee will go to the fund. This didn't go through shared governance, and it's hard to get any numbers of the possible savings to students; it's also hard to get books to students. The second resolution, the attack on academic freedom, came from a series of newspaper articles on what's going on in Florida. In some states some academic content is being ruled illegal; banned books classes is an example. There is a lot of confusion about academic freedom and the intrusion of ideological desires. This may affect accreditation systems and laws. How will institutions retain their accreditation? The resolution calls on the SUNY Chancellor to advocate for the condemnation of this type of legislation. Andrew also read some parts of the resolution. October 1 – October 7th is Banned Books Week. There was a question on the bookstore inclusive access. Both resolutions will be voted on at the April 24th meeting.

- Old Business: There are still open spots on CA which have been open all semester.

- New Business:

The restructure workgroup has been working for about a year. Erin presented the outline of their recommendations to review; it will also be sent out to the campus. We will revisit it with any feedback on the 24th, and then vote on May 5th.

Erin read the recommendation and some discussion followed.

There is a need to get information to the campus in a timely manner. Constituency communication will be built into the bylaws.

Brittney summarized some of the research done by the group; they are also trying to bring in the committees that have been operating separately from shared governance.

There were questions regarding establishing quorum, and discussions on the membership and the limitations.

Changing the shared governance constitution would require approve from the board; the board would need to review the new constitution.

The shared governance chairs will do some more research prior to the April 24th meeting.

A common time is also a challenge for meeting when there are large numbers of members.

There was also discussion on meeting modalities.

Please share the recommendations with your constituencies and collect feedback.

Reminder: Open House is April 29th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

The next meeting is Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny DelFavero

College Assembly Secretary