

Council for Academic Issues

May 3, 2017

Wales 203B

Minutes

Attendance

Jeremiah Godfroy, Denise Abrams, Mary Seel, Brian Loy, Joan Lubar, Lisa Strahley, Rey Wojdat, Timmy Bremer, Lisa Hughes, Scott Kavulich, Katie Bucci, Dawn Kutz, Amy Brandt, Francis Battisti, Tairi Mead, Mark Ryan, Sue Siebold-Simpson, Joyce Prindle, Katie Bucci, Charles Petrolawicz, Erica Quamina

Excused: Henry Bartlett, Beth Mollen, Holly Jones

Absent: Diane Kelly

Guests: Dani Berchtold, Christen Baumbach, Joe Kopyar, Wayne Beach, Rachael Hagerman, Tom Reid, Stephanie Malmberg, Heather Darrow, Gian Roma, Larry Allen, Bill Hollister

- I. Call to Order: 3:06
- II. Establishment of Quorum/Approval of Alternates: Erica Quamina filling in for Rasheed McLain
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Denise Abrams made a motion to change the agenda to move Achieving Success presentation right after announcements. Approved. Rey Wojdat made a motion to have his subject moved also to speak before AS. Approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2017 -- Approved.
- V. Announcements/Correspondence/Reminders -- Chancellor's Award winners announced: Rachael Hagerman, Marcia Blackburn, Judy Dzuba, Judy Watson, Victor Lamoureux, Alison Sheridan-Brennan, Heather Coggin, Amanda Soto and Wilson Chen.
- VI: New Business items moved here:
 1. Rey Wodjat: 90% of Student club budgets are being eroded for salaries. Club money shouldn't be used for operational issues, but that money is a soft target. It should not be touched. Clubs are important for many reasons. Rey proposed support for students'

proposal to have untouchable funds for clubs. Francis Battisti said there has been a lot of discussion about this and that there will be some changes made, with a possible solution within the next month. Rey said an overspend of the college budget 4 years ago led to this problem where club money has been taken to meet salaries and other expenses ever since. Student activities funds ought to go to student activities. This is an internal problem, not a SUNY problem. Dr. Battisti again assured the committee that concerns are being addressed.

2. Gian Roma and friends -- Achieving Success -- AS teams are looking at data to develop action plans. Will keep communication open and will need help and expertise to get things going. Want SG advice and help. Question from Rey: Who does AS answer to? Francis Battisti and the President. Sue Siebold-Simpson: Three questions to consider: How much do we look at unique factors? What factors do we consider in regards to retention? What are the long term plans to address challenges? Rey asked: How much will this cost to realize the AS goals? Answer: We don't know yet. Have to trust that administration will follow through. Have to prioritize.

VII. Old Business -- Chairs unanimously voted at C&D on 5/2 that ed2go should go. Lisa Strahley made a motion: ed2go will never again be offered through this institution: Katie Bucci seconded: 15 yes -- 0 no.

Discussion: There needs to be a procedure in place so that this does not happen again with another company. Continuing Ed and academic sides need to come together to communicate. Sue Siebold Simpson made a motion: A CAI working group should be formed now to work with Con Ed in the fall to establish quarterly communication. Katie Bucci seconded. Passed with no objections. These people volunteered to be a part of this working group: Rachael Hagerman, Dawn Kutz, Katie Bucci, Lisa Strahley, Susan Seibold-Simpson.

VIII. Report of EVP/CAO: Francis Battisti/Danielle Berchtold

AL plan sent to SUNY.

Working on academic budget.

Developing systems engineering, food science, plant science programs.

Lisa Strahley through the Garnar Center has arranged for students to have breakfast once a month with Dr. Battisti. This is going very well.

Excelsior Scholarship: Updated info on website. Scholarship now available in some form for part timers. We don't know yet how developmental courses will count in the program.

Good Open House: 300 students registered.

Job fair good.

Awards night on 5/4.

Mock Disaster on 5/5.

Work continues on the Strategic Plan.

Moving late Registration Week for the fall one week earlier.

Venessa Rodriguez is new acting director of EOP.

VIII. New Business -- continued:

Textbook Committee report – Christen Baumbach, Joe Koyar, and Wayne Beach, Regional Representative from Follett

Wayne Beach -- Follett has options to help students save money.

includedED is the name of a program they offer where course materials are sold at a reduced fee as part of tuition. Students aren't buying course material from bookstores or maybe anywhere else. includedED would give them materials for the first day at affordable price, and this will lead to student success. Could give out pre-packaged sets of material or device with electronic material on day one.

includedED could save students millions of dollars -- Can work on micro level or course by course scale. Faculty have to commit to more than one term -- 4-6 terms for 60-70% savings. Students can opt out.

Also available: Follett Discover -- course materials integrated with LMS including OERs.

Jeremiah Godfrey -- Question about having maps of facilities so people can find their way around was brought to COI. He also offered members support letters for his trip to Africa.

IX. Reports from Committees/Working Groups/Chairperson Report/Updates: None

X. Adjournment: 4:45PM.