

College Council Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018

The meeting of the College Council was called to order at 11:20 a.m.; President Roush presided. The minutes of the February 15, 2018, College Council meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report

President Roush referenced his recent memo announcing that Associate Dean Brian Cusato has been invited and has accepted the invitation to serve as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the Faculty, effective July 1, 2018. A Search Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty will be appointed officially in the next several weeks. Membership on the committee, to date: Chair, a faculty member to be selected from one of the four faculty members elected by the Faculty Steering Committee; Vice Chair, Brian Hutzley; Staff, Yvonne Morley; two Board of Trustee members (yet to be invited); three additional faculty members to be presented by the Faculty Steering Committee; Kay Drake; Rodmon King; and one other VPAA direct report.

President Roush also reported that he has accepted an invitation to participate in a Town Hall meeting sponsored by SGA on April 11. Discussion topics will include growth, diversity and sustainability. Finally, President Roush acknowledged that this would be the last College Council meeting for both Dean Fabritius and Tim Culhan.

Deans' Reports

Dean Fabritius referenced the 2019-2020 academic calendar, which was recently approved by Senior Staff and distributed with the agenda for this meeting. Additional announcements were made by Dean Hays and by Anne Evans for Dean Nesmith.

Faculty President

Lori Hartmann reported that the Faculty recently adopted a set of learning goals for our general education curriculum. The goals are focused around six clusters: Cognition, Communication, Community, Connection, Creativity and Critical Thinking. Next year the Faculty, through its committees, will develop a model general education curriculum that best accomplishes these learning goals.

Finally, on behalf of the faculty, Dr. Hartman expressed gratitude for the many initiatives and contributions of Dean Fabritius over the past 12 years.

Committee Reports

Sarah Murray reported that the Athletics and Recreation Committee has been looking at the way we handle intramural recreation programs in comparison with our peer and aspirant institutions. A majority of the schools that had successful intramural programs had a separate coordinator whose main responsibility was to facilitate the intramural program. At Centre, intramurals are a secondary responsibility for a head coach. Data collected from students indicate that they would like to have more access to dates and information about intramurals. As a result of the committee's review, a subcommittee was formed to draft a proposal for a Campus Recreation Fellow. The recommendation is to house the fellow in either Student Life or Athletics.

For the Enrollment Management Committee, Dan Manheim reported that at its only meeting this year (so far), a number of topics were discussed, including: 1) the effects of growth on staffing, 2) the possibility of making the submission of entrance test scores optional, and 3) the effects of increased international student enrollment (Chinese student enrollment specifically). Tim Culhan noted that we currently use entrance test scores to determine basic skills in math and placement in humanities courses.

For the Diversity and Community Committee, Rodmon King reported that the faculty and staff diversity climate survey is ready to launch. The survey will be open for three weeks and he encouraged everyone to take the time

to complete the survey. By doing the survey this spring, we will be able to access similar data for benchmarking from other ACS schools.

For the Human Resources Committee, Jim Morrison noted that transgender faculty and staff now have the option to change their first and middle name on campus, as well as their gender marker (all under certain circumstances). Detailed information and forms are available on CentreNet. The Committee also discussed issues related to child care for faculty and staff.

For the Planning and Priorities Committee, Patrick Noltemeyer reported that, following two open forums devoted to the Campus Master Plan, a final concept is ready to present to the Board of Trustees later this month. Also, a site plan for the proposed Northside residential complex was approved by the local Planning and Zoning Commission. The proposed complex still needs approval of the Board of Trustees, including how to fund the project.

Additional announcements were made by Megan Noltemeyer for the Convocations Committee and Leonard Demoranville and Ellen Prusinski for the Undergraduate Research Committee.

Student Government Association

Kirby Fitzpatrick reported that SGA is working on a set of by-laws to accompany the SGA constitution, and she welcomed recently-elected SGA members. President Roush acknowledged Kirby for her fine leadership over the past year.

New Business

A motion was made to adopt the following proposal submitted by Beau Weston and Jeff Fieberg:

The proposal below is to extend common hour by ten (10) minutes. As faculty, staff, and students, we try to cram many things, including meetings, Convocations, and meals, into Common Hour. Another ten minutes would mitigate the congestion, especially in Cowan Dining Commons. At the same time, we have an anomaly in our daily calendar. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule of classes ends at 4:00 pm, but the Tuesday and Thursday schedule of classes ends at 3:50 pm. With the additional ten minutes, the lunch time would be “stretched” and classes would end at 4:00 pm, which would lessen the confusion of class end times. The additional ten minutes would be beneficial to the entire Centre community.

Current Schedule:

Labs: 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:40-3:40 p.m.

Classes: 8:00-9:30 a.m., 9:40-11:10 a.m.; 12:40 – 2:10 p.m., 2:20-3:50 p.m.

Proposed Schedule:

Labs: 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Classes: 8:00-9:30 a.m., 9:40-11:10 a.m.; 12:50-2:20 p.m., 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Some argued that having the extra 10 minutes at the end of the day was preferable, particularly for athletes.

Other comments/questions included:

- What is the goal of common hour?
- What are the unintended consequences of such a change?
- Few students are present; what do they think?
- Would this really relieve congestion in Cowan?

It was agreed that the Council needed more time to discuss the issue. President Roush said he will ask Senior Staff to do some “more work” on this before it is brought up again in the fall.

Regarding the other issues listed under new business, President Roush said that a “Bicentennial Update” could be given later via email. Also, we need some backdrop and context regarding “Discuss CentreTerm.” This will be postponed to a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Tim Culhan, Secretary

Present:

Tom Allen
Maria Apostolova-Mihaylova
Leonard Demoranville
Kay Drake
Anne Evans
Stephanie Fabritius
Amanda Falk
Kirby Fitzpatrick
Satty Flaherty-Echeverria
Mark Galatowitsch
Karin Gill
January Haile

Lori Hartmann
Randy Hays
Rodmon King
Jennapher Lunde-Seefeldt
Patten Mahler
Dan Manheim
Preston Miles
Sara Morency
Yvonne Morley
Walker Morrell
Jim Morrison
Sarah Murray

Ben Nelson
Megan Noltemeyer
Patrick Noltemeyer
Ellen Prusinski
John Roush
Grant Spicer
Nate Stewart
Beau Weston
Ann Young