

College Council Minutes

October 13, 2021

ZOOM (remote)

Attendees: Jaime Flajole, Julian Barr, Thomas Green, Rebecca Yedlin, Michael Taking, Ben Johnson, Mica Hunter, Denise Grollmus, Haris Mujahid, Julienne DeGeyter

Guests: Lynn Christiansen

Secretary: Christa Zinke

Begin: 2:30pm

End: 4pm

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Send out Council priorities for 2021 to CC members
- Faculty Council and College Council support of hiring counselor
 - Due to budget cuts, it looks like we won't be able to hire a third counselor.
 - Lynn: I feel like we lose students due to this issue.
 - Jaime: We get anecdotal information from students. Student get probation notices while they're on break and then counselors aren't available to meet until the quarter starts. This means that students have to enroll late.

NEW BUSINESS

- RTW (Return to Work) and SSC climate
 - Refer to Rosie's email on 9/29
 - Email from Faculty in support of Student Services on 9/24
 - Are there unanswered questions or concerns?
 - ACTION: Jaime will send out the emails for committee to read and respond to by 10/25.

- Winter quarter modes of instruction planning
 - Is student voice a consideration?
 - Or student success rates - online v. virtual v. hybrid?
 - For hybrid courses, is schedule a consideration? Example: can a student take a SOC class, ENGL class, and math class back-to-back?
 - Jaime: Fewer students pass certain classes when they are online vs in person or hybrid. Is there any consideration to the schedule. There are issues with the schedule for students wanting to be on-campus. Students can't take back to back classes due to scheduling options or there were no hybrid options for classes. Class schedules are all over the place, so we are trying to anticipate what Winter quarter is going to look like and how were those decisions made.
 - Denise: I have so many questions about any kind of system that we have for this, as well. It seems like we just meeting with our coordinator and everyone kind of decides what they want to do and how. And while we try to take into consideration what students have, it is all anecdotal. We don't have any system for the way that this is done.
 - Rebecca: For transitional studies, for GED/HS Prep/HS 21 we made the decision to stay fully online using surveys from our students. We have a large group of students who are only able to attend because we are fully online. We decided to stay online indefinitely because our program is not big enough to have two sections for each class. WE made that decision based on student input.
 - Haris: It seems that faculty are left on their own. I've learned to try to adapt with the flow. Sooner or later this is going to be a problem, because this is about our students and our cohorts. We need to up our game and focus on student enrollment and retention because that is our only path forward to be successful and survive.

- Jaime: We are already seeing this, because if students can't get a full schedule (3 five-credit classes) then they are going elsewhere.
 - Haris: This is wreaking havoc on our enrollment.
 - Thomas: There are a lot of issues with the way that course times are being scheduled.
 - Michael: something that I want to mention, this is something that I would be able to give data on but it looks like Winter classes have not been added yet. The departments are the ones who add the classes and I'm the one who tracks them and gives data on them. In terms of Student Voice, I was in a meeting with Greg Dempsey and he was looking at what fills first. He was saying that it looks like online was filling first as opposed to in-person. We had issues with CTCLink and how class schedules were presented in CTCLink. Spring to Fall, hybrid was down 17%. This encompasses all classes, including those outside academic. This was put together on 9/17 so this may be different due to apprenticeship classes and cancelled classes.
- ctcLink – time to process applications and other concerns
 - Time to process applications has increased considerably due to the transition to CTCLink. This created issues during Fall quarter and student ability to register for classes.
 - Are more staff needed to process applications?
 - Lynn Christiansen Presentation
 - Wrote a letter to CC after Spring budget meeting because certain things were not addressed.
 - Registration includes not only course registration, but admissions and dealing with residency issues as well.
 - Student Services had feedback from the rest of the campus that lack of enrollment was their fault. This led to a lack of morale.

- CTCLink has increased the workload of staff members.
- Ask: Please keep Student Services in mind when we are talking about funding and how we are
- Julian: I think it would be interesting to see the difference between South and North/Central.
 - South has welcomed 2 new members to enrollment services – Mymy Nguyen and Nikki Xiong
 - term activation
 - no one really tasked to “teach” students how to use it
 - Students are struggling to use CTCLink and there has not been any one designated to assist students how to use it.
- District Council – need a CC representative
- District Budget Committee – need CC representative
- Wellness Advisory Board – need CC representative

ACTION: Jaime will send our requests for volunteers to represent CC at the District Council, District Budget Committee, and Wellness Advisor Board

- Vote on 3rd at large classified staff position
- Missing student at large positions
- Public art projects

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Updates from Council members about the happenings within their constituent communities

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 2, 2021 (Done through online survey)

ACTION ITEMS

- Follow-up with President and VPI about agenda items

CONTINUING CONSIDERATIONS

- Unsheltered students support
- Duwamish partnership
- Prayer spaces

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- First Wednesday of each month 2:30 - 4pm (Nov. and Dec.)
 - Jaime will send out invites