

College Council Minutes

Friday, March 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Tom Buller (via zoom), Anthony Crubaugh, Heather Dillaway, Jeremy Driskell, Kyle Floyd, Alec Foster, Trish Gudeman, Jef Kahn, Larissa Kennedy, Lana Kuhle, Mason McClure, Felix Okumu, Rocio Rivadeneyra, Jean Sawyer, Pete Smudde, Laura Vogel

Members Absent:

Kate Boutilier, Julie Webber

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Information:

- We welcome Mason McCure, HIS as a new student to College Council.
- Meeting minutes approved for 1/19/24
 - Motion to approve by Jef Kahn
 - Seconded by Kyle Floyd
 - Approval Unanimous

I. English Bylaws

- Additional Revision Needed:
 - The information regarding the chair needs to be updated.
 - Reference policy number so to minimize questions.
- Send back to English - approval pending revisions.
 - Motion to approve by Pete Smudde
 - Seconded by Trish Gudeman
 - Approval Unanimous

II. College Council Bylaws

- Revising to be less restrictive concerning committee membership. The goal is to widen eligibility.
- Does the committee feel that the appendices has been thoroughly update? Some discussion the there may need to be additional tweaking:
 1. Appendix B needs further discussion
 2. Appendix H needs further discussion
 - Motion to approve by Jean Sawyer
 - Seconded by Felix Okumu
 - Approval Unanimous

- The goal is to get the election committee more involved with elections. Taking a leadership roll in finding nominees and monitoring elections. The election committee could reach out to Chairs/Directors.
 - It is noted that some believe that CAS Faculty/Staff appreciate an invitation by the Dean and will be much more willing to serve. The other side of this is, Faculty/Staff may feel pressured by the Dean.
- III. Recruiting Student Representatives
- Trish Gudeman and Larissa Kennedy put together a flyer to send to department for recruitment of students.
 - The flyer will be sent to lead staff and will be posted around buildings as well as social media.
 - Flyers need to specify committee needs and times of any meetings.
- IV. Dean's updates on searches this year: 4 Chairs/Directors Searches and 17 TT Faculty Searches
- Attempting to be competitive with other universities.
 - Candidates will continue to come to campus through February and early March.
 - Some hires are in the verbal offer stage, other hiring decisions are still pending.
 - We appreciate and thank all who served on these search committees.
- V. Dean's updates on Student Success Hire for CAS Dean's Office
- This person will work with Advisors, Chairs/Directors, and students who need extra support.
 - Help support college initiatives regarding recruitment, retention and student success.
 - Map out why retention and graduation rates are decreasing.
 - Will offer targeted student advising, offering solutions for struggling students.
 - Team-based approach, will work with other members of the Dean's Office as well as staff and faculty in departments and schools to improve student success.

Motion to adjourn – Lana Kuhle

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am

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