

Council of Rhode Island College 2019-2020
Council Meeting
Friday, November 15, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Faculty Center Main Dining Room, Donovan
Minutes

Present: J. Arango, A. Barlow, A. Berg, V. Bohlinger, A. Bousseau (for J. Diem), E. Christiansen, R. Clark, C. Creamer, A. Del Vecchio, J. Eagle, E. England-Kennedy, R. Franzblau, D. Freeman, B. Holmes, D. Kaspin, R. Kim, M. Lawrence, P. Little, M. Lynch, M. Margenot (for E. Basile), M. Mock, A. Montali, M. Motte, J. Murphy, A. Patrie, S. Pearlmutter, J. Percy, L. Pinheiro, M. Raimondo, K. Saatcioglu, A. Shonkwiler (for Z. Jalalzai), S. Turki, S. Weiss

Absent: L. Downes, C. Connolly

Excused: J. Kim, R. Kraus, F. Sánchez

Guests: S. Abbotson, D. Abrahamson, K. Ayton, Q. Hughes, T. Schmeling, R. Sibielski, J. Tweed

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm by V. Bohlinger.
2. Minutes of the October 25, 2019 Council Meeting	Motion to approve Council minutes by R. Clark and seconded by M. Motte. Unanimously approved with one abstention.
3. Opening Remarks	<p>V. Bohlinger reported to Council:</p> <p>- The Search Committee for the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs has met and consists of:</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Leslie Schuster (Interim Dean Graduate Studies) and Earl Simson (Dean Arts & Sciences)</p> <p>Search Committee: David Blanchette (Management & Marketing), Vincent Bohlinger (Film Studies/English & College Council), Monica Darcy (Counseling, Educational Leadership & School Psychology), Carissa DeLizio (Director Adams Library), Quenby Hughes (History & RIC/AFT), Diane Martell (Social Work), Kara Misto (Nursing), Jayashree Nimmagadda (Interim Dean Social Work), Eric Rivera (Interim Vice President for Student Success), Keri Rossi-D'Entrement (Director Disability Services), Debra Servello (Interim Dean Nursing), Wayne Tikkanen (Director of Assessment, Education and Human Development)</p> <p>A timeline has been agreed upon along with the job announcement/description. Campus visits are planned for the last two weeks of March.</p> <p>- A plea from V. Bohlinger to encourage student involvement on Council Committees. Contact L. Pinheiro or J. Percy with any students who may be interested.</p>

<p>4. Recruiting Students for Student Community Government</p>	<p>Joshua Percy (President of Student Community Government & Student Representative from College Council) provided an overview of the process for filling Student Parliament seats. Student participation is low. J. Percy is requesting to come to academic departments to present information about parliament. Students do get paid \$20.00 to attend Parliamentary meetings. Contact J. Percy or any member of student government for further information.</p>
<p>5. By-Laws Change for ATAC</p>	<p>Kieran Ayton (Chair of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee) presented information on a change to the By-Laws of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee. J. Percy made the motion to accept the motion with a second from S. Turki.</p> <p>K. Ayton reviewed the motion and rationale for adding Karen Rubino as ex-officio, non-voting member.</p> <p>This is the first vote. The next step will be for the motion to go to the campus community for comments with a return to Council for a second vote. The motion passed unanimously with no nays or abstentions.</p>
<p>6. Preliminary Recommendations from the Committee on Student Life</p>	<p>Roz Sibielski (Chair of the Committee on Student Life) presented recommendations from the Committee on Student Life in response to the Campus Climate, VOICE (Vision Of an Ideal Campus Experience), and NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) surveys. A document with the information was distributed.</p> <p>Discussion on findings and recommendations took place with the question of how to move forward. The information presented will be included in the process of strategic planning.</p>
<p>7. Enrollment Management</p>	<p>James Tweed, Dean of Enrollment Management presented an overview of the work taking place in his department.</p> <p>The department is reviewing past recruitment practices, exploring resources to assist students with their experiences as well as opportunities to remove barriers to student retention. Meetings with other schools and reviewing literature for best practices are taking place.</p> <p>One goal is to establish a strategic plan for the division. Attention will be paid to the Northeast Neighbors initiative. Plan to hold receptions outside of the area to promote RIC. The first one took place in October with approximately 30 individuals in attendance.</p> <p>Another goal is to review the technology used in the recruitment process with a focus on high school age students and transfer students. Additional review of communications, customer relations, and ways to connect commuter students to campus and scholarships.</p>

8. Provost's Discussion Items	S. Pearlmutter (Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs) provided some overview of NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). This survey has been used for a long time. A suggestion was made to present an overview of NSSE along with the most current data to Council for the near future.
9. Open Discussion	None
10. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by M. Motte and seconded by A. Berg. Meeting adjourned at 3:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Claire Creamer, Secretary of Council