

Faculty Caucus Meeting Minutes
March 2024

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Meeting Date: March 19th, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: TEAMS

Attendance: S. Dar, D. Sonne, D. McDermott, B. Seaton, C. Van Namee, M. Kuczynski, M. Barlett, L. Williams, E. Brindisi, E. Bush, A. Miller, S. Crocker, G. Melendez, C. Ehrlich, A. Fried, M. Faitell, M. Cameron, R. Huyck, D. Del Giudice, L. Charbonneau, J. Kinney, R. Wittenberg, S. McManus, J. Ireland, C. Miller, S. McCall

Meeting Guests: L. Kahler

Meeting called to order at 2:32 PM

1. Chat with the VP: Dr. L. Kahler

- I. Congratulations to Faculty recently approved for sabbatical
- II. Provided updates
 - i. Implementation of Gen Ed
 - ii. Role of Artificial Intelligence in academics
 1. Have a few groups investigating issues, creating policies around AI
 2. Looking into purchasing programs that would help limit AI use (for cheating) – current options seem to be very expensive and ~30% effective – looking for something that College and afford and work. Will bring options found to Faculty before implementing
 3. Suggested that Faculty look into how SUNY Albany is approaching AI –
 - a. <https://www.albany.edu/ai-plus>
- III. Budget
 - i. Doesn't look too bad this year!!
 1. Enrollment/Fund balance looks better, seeing some balance/recovery from COVID, Enrollment up
 2. Encouraged Faculty to attend Presidents Budget upcoming meetings
 - ii. MVCC has second highest 3-year graduation rate
 1. Will share Data when received.
- IV. Addressed Questions/Comments from Faculty
 - i. Would a license for AI software be viable?
 - ii. Updates on updated for preferred partnerships for transfers
 - iii. Are enrollment numbers inclusive of Dual Enrollment
- V. Note: there are documents from VP Kahler in the March meeting folder

- 2. Approval of February 2024 minutes:** E. Brindisi moved to approve minutes finalized during meeting; S. Crocker, seconded.
Passed TEAMS Poll (18 Approved Poll, 1 approved verbal, 1 abstained poll = 20 total responses)

3. Chair Report: S. Dar – Chair

- I. VP Kahler
 - i. Discussed Caucus Visit topics

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- II. VP Squires
 - i. Test of Campus Alert System Feedback
 - ii. Caucus Visit
 - iii. Locking Buildings over Spring Break

4. **DEI Conversations, D. Sonne**
 - I. Shared information listed on this calendar:
<https://www.diversityresources.com/march-diversity-calendar-2024/>

5. **New Business**
 - I. Caucus Electrons will be coming up
 - i. reviewed open position and call for people to think about nominations (4 Advisory positions available). Please send in nominations to S. Dar.
 - II. Looking for Calendar Committee Faculty Caucus Reps (2 positions)
 - i. Nominations: A. Fried and D. Sonne, possibly A. Radowski (nominated by C. Miller and A. Miller). Chair will confirm with A. Radowski and, if she is interested, send out a poll for vote

6. **Old Business**
 - I. M. Barlett: Call for vote to approve Gen Ed Assessment Plan
 - i. C. Miller, motion to endorse the updates to the Gen Ed Plan; C. Ehrlich, Seconded. Poll: (18 Yes, 2 abstain, 1 verbal approve = 21 total). Motion Approved.

7. **Open Forum**
 - I. A. Miller looking for Prospective on Dual Enrollment issues, looking to talk to someone with experience with Dual Enrollment
 - II. Questions about new Survey in Brightspace shell
 - III. Athletic form time consuming with need to look up M numbers, is there a way to not put that impetus on the reporting Faculty.
 - IV. Library launching Research and Writing Award – info will be going out soon
 - V. Diversity Dialogues launching on March 27th at 3:30 PM in PH 300– Topic Mind Matters, discussion of student mental health

8. **Adjournment:** Motion E. Bush, S. Crocker, seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - I. **Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM**

Next meeting: on Teams

Secretary: Devin Sonne