

## PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING MINUTES

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Present: President Jones, Dean Branchini, Dean Goetchius, Dean Lopez, Louise Summa, Betty Baillargeon & Rashita Parker- Chair of Governance  
Absent: Dean Edwards & Associate Dean Valentin  
Recorder: Meghan La Casse

#### **1. Academic Proposal for Nursing – Dean Branchini**

- Dean Branchini shared the details of the proposal for a Bachelor's degree in Nursing at Three Rivers. This proposal is still in the early stages of planning.
- Dean Branchini provided background information regarding the need for a BSN program at TRCC:
  - There is a lack of BSN programs in eastern Connecticut. UCONN is currently the only program and it does not meet the need of nurses in the region.
  - Healthcare professionals state that 80% of nurses should have a BSN by 2020.
  - A survey conducted among AND nurses in the area showed an overwhelmingly positive response for a BSN program at TRCC>
- Rashita Parker posed questions regarding the program:
  - Who will develop the proposal? – Dean Branchini stated that this detail has yet to be finalized, but there are a variety of resources at the System level that TRCC can draw upon.
  - How will the program be funded? – This is still in the very early stages of planning, and that detail has yet to be determined.
- This topic will also be discussed further at the Open Forum.

#### **2. IBM Program Proposal – President Jones**

- IBM has expressed an interest in partnership with ConnSCU at a system level to work on a program for students interested in computer technology. This program would entail curriculum development, internship programs and job opportunities for graduates.
- This program is in the very early stages of discussion. Currently, six community colleges have been selected to participate in the program, with TRCC being one of the six.
- This topic will also be discussed further at the Open Forum.

#### **3. Academic Advising Policy – President Jones**

- President Jones shared the updates to the Academic Advising policy. The new policy better reflects how TRCC approaches advising and current practices that are being utilized.
- A copy of the policy was sent along to Governance for review.

#### **4. RAC Review**

- RAC met prior to Cabinet and one of the important carry-over topics is the need to engage TRCC supporters. Ken Capano asked how TRCC supporters can best help the school going into the legislative session. President Jones

will be considering the best options to get supporters involved in the upcoming projects at TRCC and system wide.

### **Around the Table**

**Dean Lopez** – The state auditors visited the campus on Tuesday for follow up meetings. They addressed the remediation of items that were found during the audit. They meet with various staff on campus and will be providing a follow up report.

**Dean Branchini** – Dean Branchini will be addressing Governance on the academic goals set for the remainder of the year. Also, developments in regards to PA12-40 have recently stalled in Hartford, but there will be a new report on the subject in the near future.

**Louise Summa** – \*\*Please note that the Workplace Violence Training will take place on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. All new employees must participate and anyone else who is interested in encouraged to sign up. Also, there are a variety of ongoing searches and positions approaching fulfillment.

**Betty Baillargeon** – The TRC Annual Appeal will begin in the next few weeks. TRC Foundation thanks all who have participated in the past and hopes to increase participation for this year. A new endowment for \$16k was created through the Foundation honoring Mark Ballestrini. It will be used to address various needs around TRCC. The scholarships offered through TRC Foundation are in the review process; please see the website for more details.

**Rashita Parker** – Governance has expressed their wish for on Professional Development Day for the spring semester to take place in February.

**Dean Goetchius** – A reminder to all, if you have not completed the information security videos, to please do so. Also, over Christmas Blackboard hosting will be turned back over to Blackboard.

**Meeting adjourned: 11:20 am**