

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

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

Around the Table

Betty Baillargeon – The TRC Foundation held a special meeting Tuesday, September 3rd to address the vacant President position. Tim Tracy was named the new Foundation President. This is Tim's 9th year on the Board having previously served in the roles of Vice President and Secretary. Also, Bill Patsiga officially resigned as Vice President in order to assume a Director's role. The open Vice President's position was filled by Bill Stanley. The first Board meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

Dean Lopez –TRCC has partnered with the State Department of Rehabilitative Services in order to provide work experience for applicable adults. We currently have one person gaining job skills at TRCC. Also, the renovations of the Child Care Center are in the final stages.

Dean Goetchius – IT is aware of, and has been advised that the System Data Center is working on correcting issues with the Blackboard learning management system.

Dean Branchini – The Bootcamp assessment has been completed and overall the program appears to show early signs of success. Multiple students enrolled in both Math and English programs have been able to progress into higher sections for the fall semester. Also, the report pertaining to the use of funds for the College Access Challenge Grant was sent out on Friday, August 30th. These funds were used for the embedded tutor program.

In addition, Dean Branchini recently attended a forum organized by Complete College America that was geared towards embedded tutor/co-requisite teaching programs. A group of faculty and staff from ConnSCU attended the forum with 7 other states in order to share best practices in regards to developmental students and embedded programs. Connecticut is at the forefront of this type of instruction creating the opportunity to provide a framework for other states to learn from and follow.

Rashita Parker – Governance is organizing the agenda items for the first meeting which is tentatively scheduled to take place on September 18th. Throughout the semester, the meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month during common hours.

Associate Dean Valentin – UCFS is holding a meeting on September 5th at 2pm to discuss a grant regarding a health center on campus.

Dean Edwards – The freeze date for the fall semester is Thursday, September 12th. Reminder: next week is Wellness Week – please see the website for more details:

http://www.trcc.commnet.edu/div_studentservices/pr/upcoming_events.shtml

Louise Summa - There are multiple ongoing positions that HR is working on with the search committees to staff.

President Jones – The President has asked for those interested in sharing ideas for the Community College Plan to send them along to Meghan at mlacasse@trcc.commnet.edu.

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 am