**Date: May 9, 2018, 12:20 – 1:20 p.m.**

**Present: Jodi Calvert, Melissa Neill, Andrew Marvin, Teri Ashton, Andrew Cullan, Matt Liscum, Nicola Ricker, Beth Allen, Mark Vesligaj, Rick Bennett, Meg Wichser, Todd Barry, Steven Paternoster, Pam Williams, Mildred Hodge, Sandy Dean, Matt Burbine, Will O’Hare, Mary Ellen Jukoski (guest)**

**Absent: Barbara Watson-Barboza, Steven Neufeld, Janet Hagen**

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes | The meeting was called to order at 12:20. Motion made to amend minutes to: “Hallway noise was determined to largely involve Middle College students, not college students”. Minutes approved with two abstentions. |  |
| 1. Executive Board Reports | President Jukoski addressed the Congress with some concerns about sending the resolution forward, particularly in the next couple of weeks and asks that a delay be considered in voting on/ sending the resolution, given the following:   * Matt Fleury, Chair of the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education will be our commencement speaker on May 23 graduation * At present, it is quite uncertain as to where Student First stands and a lot could change in the next 12 hours as the legislature votes * NEASC has a number of concerns about Students First and has asked NCHEMS (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems) to review the proposal * NEASC has asked for a report from BOR by July as to where we are heading * President Jukoski concurs that academically the Student First plan has its flaws however with NCHEMS involved hopes a resolution may be found. | * Staff reps will email lists of division members to Nicola Ricker |
| 1. Committee Reports | None |  |
| 1. Old Business | *First Year Experience Task Force:*  Will O’Hare thanked Michael Stutz for his work as the task force chair  Mike explained the task force was initiated by College Congress to look into the question brought forward by Faculty Senate as to whether or not IDS 105 should be a required course.  In its deliberations, the task force identified two “knowns” that provided parameters: 1) the course will probably be required (anticipated cabinet, GPS and Student First outcome) and 2) would probably continue as 3 credits.  Mike summarized the final recommendations of the task force:   * Develop and add academically based and thematic “perspectives” courses * Continue to offer traditional IDS 105 courses * Continue with common course outcomes * Provide a faculty or staff Curriculum Leader to facilitate meeting common course outcomes * Include “mathematics” with the course perspectives “cluster area” of natural sciences * Move ahead with Task Force recommendations and send to Curriculum Committee   Motion to send FYE Task Force recommendations to Curriculum Committee to include “mathematics and natural sciences” was made, seconded; Congress voted affirmatively  *Classroom Security Task Force:*  Continuous, work in progress addressing concerns |  |
| 1. New Business | * **Executive Board Elections**   Secretary: Steven Neufeld No other nominations, one unanimous vote.  Vice President: Rick Bennett No other nominations, one unanimous vote.  President: Nicola Ricker No other nominations, one unanimous vote.  Newly elected officer positions begin the first day of the new academic year.   * **New Committees**   LAS and GS task forces would both like to have College Congress committee status; Will O’Hare shared that the Congress has room to expand, motion was made to table until fall 18.   * **BOR Resolution**   Congress representatives engaged in lengthy and thoughtful deliberation as to best way to move forward on voting on the resolution put forward by the College Congress at Three Rivers.  Motions made included:   1. Motion to move the resolution forward 2. Motion to put the resolution out for a vote to all of the college’s fulltime faculty and staff to insure all are included in decision about the resolution; survey will be sent by Kem Barfield using survey monkey. 3. Motion to have additional College Congress meeting on Wed, May 16th to make final decision about the resolution.   **Note**: Vote to send out survey to faculty and staff or take vote on May 9 of representatives only was 8 to 6 in favor of sending survey.  **Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 16th for survey results and Congress vote on resolution. |  |
| 1. Announcements | None |  |

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 p.m.**