**Date: December 8, 2021 12:26 pm – 1:17 p.m.**

**Present: Andrew Marvin, Melissa Neill, Kelly Molkenthin, Craig Guild, Wayne Boyko, Jr, Rhonda Spaziani, Soumyashree Sahoo, Cindy Arpin, James O’Shea, Leanne LaRose, Will O’Hare, Phyllis Brown, Erin Sullivan, Amanda Caffary, Matt Burbine, Vandana Basu, Maria Krug, , Lorenzo Enderle, Ronda Charette**

**Absent: Meghan La Casse, Kathleen Gray,**

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes | The meeting was called to order at 12:26pm. K. Molkenthin made a motion to approve the minutes, second by W. Boyko Jr. The minutes from 12/8/21 were approved unanimously. |  |
| 1. Congress Officers Reports | * Updates from Cabinet on -January 4th and February 1st- A. Marvin * Rick Bennett and Andrew Marvin submitted application for shared governance award. * Leanne LaRose is the new faculty at large representative for College Congress, replacing Dov Kugelmass who retired. * Updates from President Jukoski (A. Marvin)  1. All college meeting Friday 2/11 at 2pm with President Jukoski. Focus on substantive change report, GPS update, enrollment information and finances. 2. Commencement planning underway. Joe Selvaggio is the chair. It is unknown at this point if it will be in person or virtual.  * Updates from Dean Barfield (A. Marvin)  1. Enrollment is down for Three Rivers Community College. TRCC enrollment is the 3rd or 4th best in the system. 2. 12-week sessions-all will run. 3. As of 2/1/22-faculty searches were wrapping up. English and Computer Science. Math and business instructors have been hired. Engineering search failed and will be re-evaluated. 4. TRCC is in the process of hiring more guided pathway advisors (GPA) advisors. Joining the campus in April/May.  * Updates from Dean Goetchius (A. Marvin)  1. Covid update-numbers sent out via email-not overwhelming. Have started flagging students that have not attested to their vaccination status. 2. A wing renovations. Moving workforce and community education to the HR suite. Food Pantry is moving to the child-care center. 3. Tom Bayley is the new associate dean of campus operations.  * Per A. Marvin there are no finance updates. * Updates from Skye Cohen, IT (A. Marvin)   A. Skye encourages everyone to use the IT services portal.  B. 110 new monitors are arriving each month.  C. Technology updates are schedule for B125 and B127.  D. We are in phase 2 of the Wi-Fi upgrade. There will be additional interior and exterior Wi-Fi points.  E. Eventually there will only be @ct.edu email addresses.   * Updates from Betty Baillargeon (A. Marvin)  1. There is $100,000 in spring 2022 scholarships. So far 200 have applied and 99 have been awarded. 2. Foundation office will take over summer scholarships. No more department awards. The board will continue awards for merritt and needs based scholarships.  * Updates from A. Shelton (A. Marvin)  1. Working on cleaning up the website. 2. Promoting the 12 week academic sessions.  * Updates from S. Carbone (A. Marvin)  1. Jasmine Rosado is the new HR generalist for TRCC and Middlesex. 2. Ben Barnes is now overseeing HR.  * No updates from C. Arpin or M. Neill |  |
| 1. Committee/Student Government Reports | * Student Government Association (SGA)- L. Enderle.  1. Student advisory committee meeting happened. It was reported that tuition increase is planned, and financial aid increases will also occur. 2. Looking to increase student club activity and student life activities. Contact Lorenzo with any feedback to increase student life. 3. 2 new nominations for VP and treasurer for student government board. |  |
| 1. Unfinished Business | * N/A |  |
| 1. New Business | 1. Fall 2022, elections will happen at end of semester for Congress. Vacancies to be identified. 2 or 3 people are needed to run the elections. 2. Governance structure-This is A. Marvin’s last term. The new governance charter takes effect for Fall 2022. A. Marvin reports to faculty Senate. Faculty Senate should report to College Congress. Structure should be unchanged moving forward. Discussion held of what the new charter will look like. A. Marvin will send out the new charter. 3. Mask mandate. Will it change? Discussion held to continue through the spring 2022 semester. Consider that students signed up for in person classes thinking there will be a mandate in place. It was decided to have an informal vote on this issue and forward our vote as College Congress to President Jukoski. A. Marvin to take to Cabinet. W. O’Hare motioned that College Congress send a message to President Jukoski that mask mandate remains in place through the spring 2022 semester. L. Enderle seconded the motion. Discussion: weekly testing not enforced; hospitals still full of covid patients.   VOTE: 18 members voted. 18 voted in favor of keeping the mask mandate in place through the end of the spring 2022 semester. No one voted no or abstained from voting. |  |
| 1. Announcements | * Next meeting March 9, 2022, at 12:25pm, virtually in teams. * W. O’Hare and L. Enderle are on a search committee for the new one college President. It is called the “CT State President Search”. * R. Spaziani-next month-Jeff Nixon-JED surveys for students in year one and how students can be supported. Up to 190 question survey. Paid for by a grant. Encourage students to register and complete the survey. This is for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. * C. Guild-announced that there is a diversity art exhibit in the library and invited members to view this exhibit. |  |

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:17pm. Motion to adjourn made by R. Spaziani and second by W. Boyko, Jr.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Melissa Neill**