

GOVERNANCE STEERING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017
MONKS ROOM at 3:15 P.M.
Meeting Summary

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>GOVERNANCE STEERING COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
X	Selina Boria	Executive Assistant to the President (<i>ex officio, non-voting</i>)
	Selina Boria	Forum Moderator (<i>ex officio, non-voting</i>)
X	Margaret Wong	Parliamentarian
	Greg Mullaney	Learning Council Representative (Chair)
		Learning Council Representative
	Tetteh Abbeyquaye	<i>Learning Council Alternate</i>
X	Juliana Esposito	Operations Council Representative (Chair)
	Kristy Glover	Operations Council Representative
	Deb Fratturelli	<i>Operations Council Alternate</i>
X	Byron Thomas	Diversity Council Representative (Chair)
X	Terri Rodriguez	Diversity Council Representative
	Brenda Safford	<i>Diversity Council Alternate</i>
X	Kristen Proctor	Student Services Council Representative (Chair)
X	Flo Lucci	Student Services Council Representative
	Laurie Behrmann	<i>Student Services Council Alternate</i>
	Betsy Zuegg	Faculty Senate Representative (President)
X	Anne Shull	Faculty Senate Representative
	Mark Bates	<i>Faculty Senate Alternate</i>
X	Ed Reitz	Student Senate Representative (President)
		Student Senate Representative

Agenda Items: Meeting was called to order at 3:20pm

1. **Approval of minutes** of the GSC meeting of October 10, 2017
Upon a motion duly made, the minutes of the 10/10/17 meeting were approved.
2. **Other Business** – for the sake of time, some items were presented out of order:
 - a. Student Voting at the Forum – this topic will be presented at the next Forum (2/6/18). This has not been voted on previously and needs to be decided.
Upon a motion duly made, the Steering Committee voted to support that all faculty, staff, and students present at the Forum have a right to vote.
3. **Vacant/Open Seats on Councils**
 - a. **Student Representatives** – Student Senate President Reitz updated names of students serving on Councils. All lists will be updated on the website and in the guide.
 - i. Governance Steering Committee Rep– Rachel Goldstein
 - ii. Diversity Council – Danaya Chandler & Ahlam Abdelkadar
 - iii. Operations Council – Tia Ferguson & Rachel Goldstein

iv. Student Services Council – Trevor Mackowiak & Philip Saal

- b. **Vacant Seats** – Juliana shared that the Operations Council has an open AFSCME seat and Derek Thomas has been nominated to fill the seat vacated by Ken Dwyer. Selina will send a call out to the campus to fill the AFSCME seat.

4. Updates from the Chairs

- a. **Learning Council** – No representatives present
- b. **Diversity Council** – Chair Thomas was not present yet due to a combined Diversity Council/Caucus meeting with the President. Selina gave an overview of this joint meeting, highlighting some key points presented by the President noting the importance of having a chain of communication in place and infrastructure for addressing diversity concerns. The Caucus will continue to work on a plan.
- c. **Operations Council** – Juliana discussed open seats and changes on Council. Noting that with Derek Thomas serving in the ex officio role as a designee for the Chief Technology Officer, this also leaves a NUP seat open – an IT Representative. Selina will send a call out for nominations to fill this position as well, along with an AFSCME Rep from Administrative Services. Student seats are filled by Tia Ferguson and Rachel Goldstein.

Juliana shared policies under review by Council – Green Building Policy, Environmental Policies, Vehicle Use Policy and Website Policy. The Vehicle Use Policy pertains to campus owned vehicles).

- d. **Student Services Council** - Ed Reitz inquired about the policy relative to absences due to religious reasons and whether this council should review it. It is currently a MA General Law, Ch 151c; S2b from 1985. Selina updated website with most recent version – no changes from 1985. Current link to the law: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXXI/Chapter151C/Section2B>
- e. **Faculty Senate** – Betsy reported the October meeting hosted a Strategic Plan Focus Group for faculty (Taco Thursday). She reported a renewed energy around President Pedraja. The 11/30 meeting will include a visit from Karen Rucks to discuss Early College and to address questions and concerns by the faculty as well as Barbara Zawalich to discuss the exemption policy.
- f. **Student Senate** – Ed reported the students completed a successful spirit week which included a Carnival in the gymnasium. Dr. Pedraja and Dean of Students Terry Vecchio participated in the Pie in the Face Event. There was a drone raffle which had a good showing. They are working on Diversity Week for April. He also invited everyone to attend Matters Arising in the Fuller Center on 11/15 with a conversation around DACA from 11 to 12. Unfortunately it is the same time as the One Book presentation in the Auditorium.

5. Other Business:

- a. Student Voting at the Forum/Remote Voting
 - b. All College Day Preview
 - c. Forum Topics
- 6. Next Forum:** All College Day, January 16, 2018, 8:00am to 11:30am
- 7. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, **December 12**, 3 pm, **Monks Room**