

**Minutes of the College Assembly Meeting
November 7, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

DEANS: R. Bucciarelli

ASST. DEANS/DEPARTMENT CHAIRS/DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS: G. Abbott, M. Ansonoff,
N. Berger, C. Green, T. O'Reilly, T. Orosz, T. Sabol

FACULTY: N. Archer, C. Condie, T. Corrigan, K. Costanzo, S. Kim, D. Markowicz, P. Muley, L. Nagarajan-
Iyer, J. Nesi, M. Nigam, I. Pavlyuk, R. Thompson, N. Thompson, L. Tobin

STUDENTS: A. Bhavsar, P. Dawoud, M. Mejia-Martinez, D. Patel, H. Patel, M. Patel, T. Reid, A.
Rusinovich, D. Thaker, D. Vachhani, E. Varghese

SUPPORT STAFF: M. Ambroziak, F. Conte, K. Hogue

TASK FORCE CHAIRS:

Academic Standards: T. Halasinski

Accessibility: M. Ellis, K. Nagy

Bylaws: G. Abbott

Campus Diversity: n/a

Campus Life and Community Concerns: n/a

Curriculum: K. Costanzo

Educational Resources: J. Aubourg

Guests: E. Ampareng, A. Cakmak, M. Spano, M. Tejada, D. Howell, R. Dave, T. Hack, G. Goros

Parliamentarian: J. Kruszewski

Chair-Elect:

MEMBERS ABSENT

DEANS: M. Brinson

ASST. DEANS/DEPARTMENT CHAIRS/DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS: M. Maciolek, F. Stowe

FACULTY: A. Castiglia, G. Leoniy

STUDENTS: D. Irani, S. Janvier, J. Ogidi

SUPPORT STAFF: M. Rothstein, T. Varites

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With a quorum present the November 7, 2019 meeting of the College Assembly was called to order at 2:03 PM by Dr. Peter Farrett, Chair of the College Assembly, in the Rose M. Channing Danziz Amphitheater, L'Hommedieu Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 3, 2019:

Motion to accept minutes

MOT: G. Abbott

SEC: P. Muley

No Discussion

Vote to accept minutes

Fav: 36 Opp: 0 Abst: 0

The minutes of October 3, 2019 are accepted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

TASK FORCES

Academic Standards: T. Halasinski, Chair

Charge #AS1920-04:

Consider the need for a policy requiring permission from the department chair for *non-matriculated* students enrolling in any science course requiring prerequisite of one or more college-level laboratory courses.

Report:

The Academic Standards Task Force has recommended that the charge be withdrawn and a new charge be submitted to the College Assembly office that includes students with bachelor's degrees.

Following a discussion with the authors of the charge in our monthly Task Force meeting, it was determined that the charge was meant to cover all students and not just non-matriculated students. While the rationale for the charge indicated the need for a policy concerning both "visiting students" and "students holding a bachelor's degree or

higher”, the charge only referred to “non-matriculated students”. We have a population of matriculated students who also have bachelor’s degrees and this group of students is not covered in the charge as currently written.

As it is the intention to submit in the near future a new charge to the College Assembly, our Task Force is continuing to study the possible policy change. We are looking into the policies at other institutions as well as investigating the success rate of visiting students and students with bachelor’s degrees in the BIO-211 and BIO-221 courses.

Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities: M. Ellis, K. Nagy, Co-Chairs

K. Nagy updated the Assembly on the task force’s progress. The group is considering submitting a charge regarding emergency call boxes. They are also arranging guest speakers for their meetings.

Bylaws: G. Abbott, Chair

Dr. Abbott announced a new task force member, Dr. Donna Howell, who will fill the vacancy created when T. Hack moved to the Curriculum Task Force.

The following new charges were introduced:

BL1920-03 Following the recommendation from the Ad-Hoc Committee’s Assessment of College Governance, investigate the creation of an Executive Committee for College Assembly, including membership and scope of authority.

BL1920-04 Standing charge to review the By-Laws. Make appropriate recommendations. As it stands now, the Bylaws task force has no way to review the bylaws on a regular basis unless we receive a specific charge. We can add this in to our bylaws and we can make the changes and investigations as needed.

The task force continues to discuss the creation of an Executive Committee for College Assembly, and has been reaching out to other county colleges in the state which operate on similar models

Campus Diversity: Jose Laureano, Chair

n/a

Campus Life and Community Concerns: Annie Hogan, Chair

n/a

Curriculum: K. Costanzo,

BIO 135 Concepts of Biology

Department: Natural Sciences

Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 4

Lecture Hours: 2

Lab Hours: 2

Scheduled: Fall, Spring and Summer (day and evening)

Course Description:

A survey of principles and concepts in biological sciences. The topics include the scientific method, evolution, the cell theory, genetics and applications of biotechnology and the human body. The ethical issues emerging from advances in sciences will be emphasized throughout the course using relevant case studies and current news articles.

Course Objectives

1. Apply the general principles of scientific method to analyze data and draw valid conclusions.
2. Demonstrate the knowledge and application of concepts in biology.
3. Identify various human organ systems and their functions.
4. Discuss and form an opinion on the ethical issues arising from advances in scientific knowledge and technology.

Motion to approve BIO 135

Mot: C. Condie Sec: T. Orosz

Vote to approve BIO 135

Fav: 36 Opp: 0 Abs: 0

BIO 135 passes

SCI 179 Climate Science

Department: Natural Sciences

Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 4

Lecture Hours: 2

Lab Hours: 2

Scheduled: Fall, Spring and Summer (Day)

Course Description

This course is designed to engage students in critical thinking about contemporary issues in climate science. Students will be introduced to science that describes the major forces, feedbacks, cycles and oscillations that create climate at a local and global scale. Changes in climate over geological as well as historic time will be studied and the impact on biodiversity and society will be discussed. Students will use Climate Science as a tool to understand how modern science is practiced and how evidence is assessed by the scientific community. Students will also gain an understanding of global issues and challenges and be able to formulate solutions.

Learning Objectives:

1. Apply the general principles of the scientific method to analyze data and draw valid conclusions.
2. Explain the complexity and functioning of the Earth's climate systems as they impact the biological and chemical processes on our planet.
3. Examine the contemporary climate issues.
4. Investigate the impact of human activities on climate.
5. Discuss the cultural, social, and economic issues affecting the potential solutions to address the climate change.
6. Evaluate the global impact of carbon emissions and other human activities on climate and ocean chemistry.
7. Evaluate the impact of climate change on the survival and evolution of species.

Motion to approve SCI 179

Mot: L. Tobin Sec: N. Thompson

Discussion: n/a

Vote to approve SCI 179

Fav: 36 Opp: 0 Abs: 0

SCI 179 passes

Educational Resources: J. Aubourg, Chair

n/a

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The following fast track curricula have been approved since the last meeting of the college assembly:

ESL (multiple)	Change ESL course titles to reflect new level numbering system
LAMLA.AA	Liberal Arts: Modern Language Associate of Arts degree Revised program learning outcomes
CSNN.AAS	Network Administration and Support Associate of Applied Science Correct requirements on previous fast track

The next meeting of the college assembly will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

RECOGNITION AND HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Mot: T. Orosz

Sec: S. Kim

Vote to adjourn

Fav: 36 Opp: 0 Abst: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.