

Council of Rhode Island College 2020-2021
Council Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2020
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting via:

<https://ri-college.zoom.us/j/4335179823?pwd=Y3hNdXQwSG9Uc1pCT1o4ekxNVytCZz09>

Minutes

Present: J. Arango, A. Barlow, E. Basile, D. Bissonnette, V. Bohlinger, A. Bousseau, K. Brabeck, P. Brown, C. Connolly, C. Creamer, A. Del Vecchio, J. Diem, V. Endress, R. Franzblau, B. Holmes, D. Kaspin, R. Kirkwood Auld (for C. Cummings), M. Lawrence, P. Little, M. Lynch, C. McKamey (for D. Brell), M. Medwid, S. Mello-Stark, P. Molloy (for M. Mock), A. Montali, J. Murphy, A. Patrie, M. Raimondo, C. Ramos, K. Saatcioglu, President F. Sánchez, T. Schmeling, J. Spas, A. Smuts, Provost H. Tate, K. Tunnicliffe, S. Turki, T. Vutech, S. Weiss, J. Zornado

Guests: J. Aflague, A. Allard, M. Arthur, G. Auger, G. August, L. Bain, S. Bery, L. Blanchette, T. Borgerding, M. Brophy-Baermann, A. Cano-Morales, L. Church, T. Coffman, S. Conklin, J. DiLibero, R. Eaton, C. Hourigan, Q. Hughes, D. Huntley-Newby, M. Kim, A. Kiser, K. Lacasse, R. Linde, P. Lynch-Gadaleta, B. MacDonald, E. Magyar, J. Magyar, C. Marco, M. Marcotte, M.E. McGuire-Schwartz, P. Mettauer, C. Milbourne, M. Motte, Y. Noh, J. Pearson, L. Pinheiro, D. Ramirez, G. Rawson, V. Restler, S. Ross, K. Rossi-D'entremont, L. Sevey, R. Sparks, J. Stillman, J. Sumerlin, J. Walrad

Absent: L. Downes

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:02 pm
2. Minutes of the September 11, 2020 Council Meeting	- Motion to accept minutes made by Jason Spas with a second from Robin Kirkwood Auld. No corrections or additions noted. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. President's Discussion Items	President Sánchez began his updates by expressing his appreciation and thanks to the entire Council membership for their leadership over the past several months and for coordinating the additional faculty meetings. No final budget will be presented until after the November election; will continue to monitor. Ongoing work continues to monitor, track, and mitigate the Covid19 situation. RIC has one of the best plans in the state. Clark Greene will

	<p>be overseeing and coordinating the campus Covid19 Steering Committee.</p> <p>RIC Concert Chorus has been long-listed for 2 Grammy Awards. The performance is available on YouTube.</p> <p>RIC Homecoming kicked off this past weekend. The class of 1970 held a virtual reunion. The class will be raising money for student scholarships.</p> <p>At the next Council meeting the President will provide insight and information on how the budget has unfolded over the past few years and how that plays out in administration. Faculty and staff will be able to see percentages as well as the monetary cuts.</p>
<p>4. Provost's Discussion Items</p>	<p>Provost Tate reported that Sue Pearlmutter is doing well and recovering at home. Sue did make a surprise visit to a recent tenure and promotion informational zoom meeting.</p> <p>The Provost will be sending out a notice by email later today regarding opportunities for funding and co-sponsorship around diversity and inclusion. The funding is to support programming on campus.</p> <p>In the near future, the Provost will be planning and organizing listening tours. Deans will be putting together a schedule for their respective schools.</p>
<p>5. Course Evaluation Committee Update</p>	<p>Patrice Mettauer (Chair of the Course Evaluation Committee) provided Council with an update on the Course Evaluation Committee's work.</p> <p>The Committee is working on the design and implementation of a survey for online and hybrid courses with the goal of looking for the general experience students are having with online learning.</p> <p>The tools used for faculty evaluation (course and teaching) used by various departments will remain the same with some additional questions added to assess online learning.</p> <p>The Committee is working with MIS to move to an online survey process using the Qualtrics platform.</p> <p>Results will only be shared with Department Chairs and the instructor. Aggregate data regarding evaluation of student experiences with</p>

	<p>online learning will be shared with the Administration: Chairs, Deans, Provost, and President.</p> <p>Aggregate data will not be used for tenure and promotion or evaluation.</p>
<p>6. Accelerate Program</p>	<p>Patrice Mettauer (Director of Academic Initiatives) reported on the Accelerate Program.</p> <p>The Accelerate Program offers an alternative senior year to students in the Providence School system who meet criteria for participation to earn credits towards graduation from high school while earning credit for college courses. This is a partnership supported through federal funding with RIDE, College Crusade, and the Providence School Department. With approval from OPC, the college is able to offer two pathways, one to Honors and the second to Excellence in college learners.</p> <p>29 students are currently enrolled.</p> <p>Continuation of this program will be dependent on funding and the inclusion of other districts.</p> <p>For RIC it provides an opportunity to develop further partnerships.</p>
<p>7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update</p>	<p>Anna Cano-Morales (Assistant Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) provided an update on work being done as a result of the Campus Climate Survey.</p> <p>From the survey results, action towards changing campus climate will need to be done but will take time and planning. However, certain responses from the survey required quicker action.</p> <p>One item that needed to be developed was in response to perceived biases. A bias reporting form has been developed and benchmarked against similar institutions. The form will be online and will use the Maxient platform.</p> <p>The draft being worked on has been benchmarked against other similar institutions. Faculty input on the form will be welcome.</p> <p>Updates that were mandated to by changes to Title IX have been completed. There is need for faculty to assist with any Title IX investigations.</p>

	<p>DSC assessment identified some risk management issues and data needs for the current program. One issue is the need to become paperless. AIM is the program that will be used and will plug into the existing system and should be live for spring semester.</p> <p>DDI is a Presidential committee and functions as a liaison to the President. The Summer institute will be focused on difficult topics, specifically racism.</p>
8. Accessibility Committee	<p>Keri Rossi-D'entremont & Mikaila Arthur (Co-chairs of Accessibility Committee) provided an update on the new Accessibility Committee.</p> <p>The work of the committee is focused on issues of accessibility. The need to make a distinction between accommodation and accessibility is under discussion. An attempt to be proactive in looking at design concepts that are not necessarily retrofitted. Focus will also be on design for in-person or virtual as well as different types of technology and resources. Identified needs include captioning and web accessibility, two biggest needs in terms of technology. Identified barriers include budget, workflow, and implementation in one process that is seamless.</p>
9. SBRPC: Discussion of Delaware Cost Study Data	<p>Christopher Hourigan (Director of Institutional Research & Member of the Strategic Budget and Resources Planning Committee) provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Delaware Cost Study. PowerPoint distributed via email attachment.</p>
10. Discussion of Shared Governance	<p>The discussion on Shared Governance is deferred to a later meeting. Faculty comments or ideas should be sent to Vince Bohlinger.</p>
11. Open Discussion	<p>None</p>
12. Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 4:02 pm; motion made by Christine Connelly and seconded by Peter Brown with all members in favor and no objections.</p>
	<p>Minutes taken by Claire Creamer, Secretary of Council</p>