

College Council Minutes

1.13.21

Present: Shaylea Scribner, Greg Davis, Pat Boera, Lauren Bruneau, Linda Goodrum, Christina Erickson, Dave Kopec, JoAnn Patel, Cathy Duffy, Jonathan Banfill, Patti Aldredge, Sarah Jerger, Leandre Waldo, Sandy Yusen, Nic Anderson, Wendy Duncan, Madison Sumpf, Kyle Vigneau, John McCarthy, JJ Anderson, President Akande, David Mills, Laurel Bongiorno, Paula Willoquet-Maricondi, Scott Baker, Scott Stevens

The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Christina Erickson and JJ Anderson at 9:04 a.m. After a round of introductions, President Akande articulated his vision for the Council: to serve as a sounding board for the president and to collaborate on issues that affect the entire constituency of Champlain College.

Three potential issues were proposed for discussion during the spring semester:

1. Campus Security and Surveillance
2. Adjunct Faculty Representation
3. Procedures – use of breakout groups for initial discussion

As some people were unaware of campus security issues, multiple incidents of vandalism and theft were described. Issues of safety were also discussed – for example some locations on campus could be vulnerable should an active shooter incident occur on campus. The discussion then turned to the philosophical issue of surveillance and its effects on the Champlain culture. What level of surveillance would achieve the aim of supporting a safe environment for faculty, staff and students at Champlain while continuing to honor the Champlain culture. It was suggested that Bruce Bovat, Director of Public Safety at Champlain, be invited to the next College Council meeting to discuss issues associated with and plans for campus safety and security.

The discussion then turned to the participation of adjunct faculty on the College Council. Although they represent a significant amount of what is taught at Champlain, they essentially have no voice. To remedy this situation, the College Council bylaws would have to be amended. To address this issue, the Bylaws Committee was formed and charged to bring a proposal to the next meeting of the Council. John McCarthy, Paula Willoquet-Maricondi, and Greg Davis volunteered to serve on this committee.