School of Education and Professional Studies
Governance Council
2012-2013

- September 20, 2012
- October 25, 2012
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School of Education and Professional Studies
Governance Council
Thursday, September 20, 2012
Philbrick Camp Room, 12:15

Meeting minutes
Prepared by: Kurt Love

In attendance:

1. Approval of minutes
   a. Minutes from April 26 were approved

2. Dean’s Remarks:
   a. Will be offering opportunities for faculty to go to grant workshops
   b. Accreditation is happening with Social Work
   c. Nursing received full accreditation from the State
   d. NCATE meetings are beginning, we are now on the State’s cycle for accreditation, not the NCATE cycle.
   e. Reported on initial meetings discussing strategies and needs with the upcoming NCATE accreditation process
      • Dr. Abadiano is spearheading the NCATE process
   f. Budget cuts across campus equaling $800,000, which will affect reassigned time and use of adjuncts

3. Dean’s Diversity Sub-Committee Task Force on Student Evaluation Statements
   a. Summary of Student Evaluation Statements provided (E. Retelle)
   b. Summary of Faculty Diversity Survey provided (V. Percy)
   c. Summary of follow-up survey report for professional development provided. Two events (P. Lisi):
      i. NECME conference at CCSU on Oct 18
      ii. Christine Sleeter will give a workshop for SEPS faculty from 1-4pm on Oct 17, contact Liz Brown
      iii. Committee will be providing ongoing professional development focusing on best practices in the college classrooms
   d. Diversity Library report at the Dean’s Office available for faculty (S. LoGuidice)
      i. All information will be made available on a website

4. SEPS Committee Reports
   b. Assessment (K. Kostelis):
      i. Nothing to report
c. Partnerships (T. Rigazio-Digillo)
   i. Committee is being revived

d. Creative Activities (D. Mulcahy):
   i. Faculty database is available
   ii. Edited book including many CCSU faculty members in contract *Transforming Schools: Alternative Perspectives on School Reform* and expected to be published early 2013
   iii. Commendations provided for moral and financial support from Dean Sakofs

e. Curriculum (J. Nicholl-Seft)
   i. Many changes for Nursing have occurred
   ii. E. Retelle has joined as Secretary

f. Senate Committee
   i. Resolution to support the Chicago Teachers

g. Parking and Traffic Appeals
   i. Nothing to report

h. Academic Standards
   i. Need an additional member, nominations are open

i. Technology (C. Kurkjian):
   i. Sherry Persino is leaving to work with VOR to oversee the transition of Blackboard Learn
   ii. Tutorial available for software
   iii. Moodle is available

6. Announcements
   a. Oct 6 - Dance performance at CCSU. Registration is open until today.
   b. Sept 27 - Teaching and Faculty Development (CTFD) will officially launch its programs for the year. The guest speaker, Dr. Richard Arum, is co-author of * Academically Adrift.*
   c. Agenda and past minutes will be provided only as electronic copies for SEPS-GC meetings
   d. Oct 13 - Homecoming weekend

7. Resolution of Gratitude and Appreciation to Dr. Mitchell Sakofs, Dean, School of Education and Professional Studies (J. Turner, D. Mulcahy)
   a. Edits can be sent to Dr. Turner
   b. Motion to accept the Resolution with edits: D. Mulcahy; Second: E. Demos
   c. Motion approved unanimously

8. Motion for a vote of no confidence in the administration’s decision of the non-renewal of Dean Sakofs
   a. Motion: O. Segunro; Second: D. Mulcahy
   b. Motion tabled until next meeting so that all SEPS members have time for consideration

Motion to adjourn at 1:25pm: R. Casella, Second: J. Turner
School of Education and Professional Studies
Governance Council
Thursday, October 25, 2012
Student Center Room 121, 12:15 - 1:48pm

Meeting minutes
Prepared by: Kurt Love

In attendance:
H. Abadiano, R. Casella, M. Bigley, G. Cueto, M. Dischino, K. Kostelis, K. Love, C.
Mulcahy, D. Mulcahy, J. Nicholl-Senft, E. Pancsofar, E. Retelle, T. Rigazio-Digillo, M.

1. Approval of minutes
   a. Minutes from Sep 20 were approved without amendment

1. Dean’s Remarks:
   a. NCATE process starting Oct 26
      i. 1st Draft of SPA reports March 2013, Final drafts August 2013, institutional
         reports due Oct 31, 2014
      ii. M. Sakofs will provide a list of who are the lead faculty members for the
          reports
   b. Reminder to participate in the institutional satisfaction survey sent out from
      Human Resources
   c. Enrollments are down across the board. There is an interest to pursue degree
      programs and other entrepreneurial programs.

2. SEPS Committee Reports
   b. Assessment (K. Kostelis):
      i. Nothing to report
   c. Partnerships (T. Rigazio-Digillo)
      i. L. Valerie and B. Summers have been going to department meetings and
         creating a list of names of faculty who are doing community engagement for
         three reasons: 1. Know who are participating, 2. find out potential impact and
         possibilities for integration of experiences, and 3. possible grant opportunities.
   d. Creative Activities (C. Mulcahy):
      i. C. Mulcahy provided a brief summary of the edited book including many CCSU
         faculty members in contract *Transforming Schools: Alternative Perspectives on
         School Reform* and expected to be published early 2013
   e. Curriculum (J. Nicholl-Senft)
      i. Teacher Education courses were reviewed for d-designation (diversity). J.
         Nicholl-Senft suggested having more SEPS course sections apply for the
         d-designation.
      ii. The next d-designation workshop is scheduled for Nov. 9 from 9am-1pm.
      iii. L. Valerie/J. Nicholl-Senft suggested having another d-designation
          workshop held for SEPS faculty before a future SEPS-GC meeting. Date was
          not set.
a. Senate Committee
   i. Nothing to report
a. Parking and Traffic Appeals
   i. Nothing to report
a. Academic Standards
   i. Nothing to report
a. Technology (C. Kurkjian):
   i. Nothing to report

5. Resolution on Dean Sakofs
   a. The letter was read in the Faculty Senate meeting on Oct 22 by E. Pancsofar
   b. Statement to be read to the Faculty Senate along with the letter from the Chairs: “The School of Education and Professional Studies requests that the Faculty Senate examine to see if there are breaches of shared governance practice at the School of Education and Professional Studies or at other Schools at CCSU.”
   c. Review language from NEASC that might apply to shared governance.

1. Discussion on no-confidence vote in the administration’s decision of the non-renewal of Dean Sakofs
   a. The focus is on what is the proper treatment and operation of shared governance, especially when the faculty is overwhelmingly in support of a dean.
   b. Bring vote of no confidence to departments to determine how much support exists. E. Retelle proposed using paper ballots at all department meetings and doing one tally for SEPS. Administrative staff is welcome to participate.
   c. H. Abadiano called for a quorum.

6. Announcements
   a. Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn at 1:48pm: E. Retelle, Second: J. Turner
Meeting minutes
Prepared by: Kurt Love

In attendance:
M. Bigley, B. Clark, M. Dischino, L. George, L. Jacobson, C. Kurtz, K. Love, C.
Mulcahy, D. Mulcahy, J. Nicholl-Senft, E. Pancsofar, L. Valerie., J. Werblow

1. Approval of minutes
   a. Minutes from October 25 were approved without amendment

2. Dean’s Remarks (presented by C. Mulcahy):
   a. Budget is not decreasing, but because of state deficit looming, there may be cuts
      at the school levels for the next school year.
   b. AACTE-CT will meet with Diane Ullman, Nancy Puglese and Commissioner Pryor
      on November 30. Dean Sakofs sent a letter to AACTE-CT outlining their concerns.

3. SEPS Committee Reports
   a. NCATE
      i. Nothing to report
   b. By-laws
      i. Nothing to report
   c. Assessment:
      i. Nothing to report
   c. Partnerships:
      i. Nothing to report
   d. Creative Activities (C. Mulcahy):
      i. Nothing new to report, edited book is in print and may be released in early 2013
   e. Curriculum (J. Nicholl-Senft)
      i. Discussion about the curriculum approval process. A question was raised as to
         whether or not SEPS-GC needs to continue to have a role in the curriculum
         approval process. J. Nicholl-Senft will develop two motions for the next
         meeting.
      ii. C. Mulcahy will communicate the two motions with Chairs before asking for a
          vote from SEPS-GC members
   a. Faculty Senate Committee
      i. Discussion of the spirit of collegiality and shared governance that might be
         discussed at the last Faculty Senate Committee
   a. Parking and Traffic Appeals
      i. Committee met twice this semester and continued doing normal business
   a. Academic Standards
      i. Nothing to report
a. Technology:
   i. Software can be funded if there are similar requests for software. Deadline is Monday, December 3.
   ii. Identity finder software is available for faculty and staff. Discussion followed about its ease of use and functionality.

4. Discussion of the Chairs' letter of the non-renewal of Dean Sakofs at the Faculty Senate
   a. J. Mulrooney stated that the Steering Committee saw no call to action as of yet regarding the letter. The reading of the SEPS Resolution seemed to have
   b. Chairs are no longer interested in reading the letter. There is interest in investigating the issue of shared governance.
   c. Motion to merge SEPS concern regarding shared governance with the resolution that S. Adair is putting forward at the Faculty Senate.

5. Announcements
   a. Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn at 1:03pm
School of Education and Professional Studies
Governance Council
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Barnard Hall 229, 12:15 - 1:30pm

Meeting minutes
Prepared by: Cara Mulcahy

In attendance:
A. Ayalon, R. Casella, R. Fuentes, C. Mulcahy, D. Mulcahy, E. Pancsofar, E. Retelle, T.
Rigazio-Digillo, J. Turner, L. Valerie, E. Wilson, J. Werblow.

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks (Cara Mulcahy, President)

2. NCATE update from Elaine Wilson

3. Cara relayed information regarding potential budgetary constrictions which may impact
discretionary reassigned time.

4. Presentation of Maxine Ursery’s research: Black Teachers’ Perceptions of the Obstacles
and Catalysts to Becoming and Remaining Teachers in Connecticut by Ellen Retelle.

5. Presentation by the Creative Activities Committee Chaired by Daniel Mulcahy. The
presentation focused on the work in their upcoming edited book, Transforming Schools:
Alternative Perspectives on School Reform

School of Education and Professional Studies  
Governance Council  
Thursday, March 21, 2013  
Barnard Room 229, 12:15 - 1:22pm

Meeting minutes  
Prepared by: Kurt Love

In attendance:  
H. Abadiano, M. Bigley, J. Bishop, R. Casella, B. Clark, J. DeLaura, E. Demos, S. Drew,  
Nicholl-Senft, E. Pancsofar, E. Retelle, K. Riem

1. Update on Dean of Graduate Studies Search (Siamack Shojai)  
a. 60 applicants, 16 phone interviews, 3 in-person interviews, at the stage of  
reference checks. Interviews on-campus in April and finalists will be publicized by  
Monday.

2. Approval of minutes  
a. Minutes from November 29, 2012 and February 25, 2013 were approved without  
amendment

3. Dean’s Remarks (presented by C. Mulcahy):  
a. Assessment: TK20 assessment database review process, having a few faculty  
members review and the new Assessment Committee Chair (K. Kostelis is  
stepping down as Chair and coordinator).

b. NCATE update (H. Abadiano)  
i. SPA reports are in process

4. Dean of SEPS Candidates (J. Nicholl-Senft)  
ii. 3 finalists, 1 presented last week with 2 more upcoming in April

 iii. April 3, 2pm (Faculty), 3pm (Students) - Founder’s Hall  
iv. Community partners are invited to a reception at 5:30 in Clock Tower Room,  
Student Center April 17, 1:30 (Faculty), 2:30 (Students) - Founder’s Hall. Community  
partners are invited to a reception at 5:30 in Nutmeg Room  
v. Feedback should also be allowed in written form from SEPS faculty (E.  
Retelle)  
vi. Feedback needs to be returned by April 18 to the search committee  
vii. Feedback forms may be made available at the presentations for  
audience members  
viii. SEPS-GC can provide a list of dates and candidates via email
ix. Share with students that they are invited to the Dean’s sessions

5. SEPS Committee Reports  
i. By-laws (C. Mulcahy)  
a. C. Mulcahy, J. Nicholl-Senft, D. Mulcahy, Sheldon, K. Kostelis  
b. Reviewing by-laws and willing to report at the end of the semester  
c. Create it as a standing committee

ii. Partnerships:
a. Nothing to report

iii. Creative Activities (J. French):
   a. Inviting more representatives across SEPS departments

iv. Curriculum (J. Nicholl-Senft):
   a. April 5th is the last day for proposed curriculum changes for the end of the semester.
   b. Technology & Engineering Education with Science Education created a combined Master's STEM Program

v. Faculty Senate Committee (E. Pancsofar):
   a. Interest in aligning with students in protesting against tuition raise
   b. Ernie reminded us that, "CSU-AAUP proposed legislation allowing the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to be ex-officio, nonvoting members of the Board of Regents. The legislation also proposes that there be two faculty representatives, appointed by the FAC, on all standing and special committees of the BOR except those responsible for personnel matters. The bill has recently been raised by the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee and given a number, SB 867" (Capitol Monitor, 2013).

vi. Parking and Traffic Appeals (L. Jacobson):
   a. Students are receiving tickets for parking in the lot behind Willard
   b. Students need to follow the parking rules during the summer months.
   c. Free parking passes for visitors are available at security

vii. Academic Standards (M. Bigley):
   a. Students are upset with graduation policies for student teachers who cannot walk at May graduation before they student teach in the Fall.

5. Defending Public Education (E. Retelle):
   i. E. Retelle announced the Defending Public Education event happening on April 28. The theme of the event is Empowering Educators, Parents and Students.

6. Discussion for a SEPS-GC gift for Dean Sakofs
   i. A separate collection for Dean Sakofs of about $5 from SEPS faculty
   ii. H. Abadiano will collect the money, needed by April

7. Announcements
   a. STEM Initiatives Conference at CCSU, May 8
   b. Jesse Turner is running for AAUP President
   c. Reception for Dean Sakofs on April 25
   d. Literacy Essentials Conference on April 6
      i. SEPS faculty can attend for free, but need to fill out registration and return to Reading & Literacy Department
   e. Graduates Reception in Education Leadership on April 1, 4:30, Founder's Hall
   f. Student Leadership Conference from Physical Education April 1
   g. Faculty Appreciation Day on April 19
   h. New Britain Museum of Modern Art on April 18, 1-8pm focusing on New Britain's homelessness initiative
Motion to adjourn: H. Abadiano, second: E. Retelle at 1:22pm