

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, February 26, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Location: Founder's Auditorium (Bedford Building)

Agenda

I. Call to Order

The quorum of 39 members was not met. Any item below that requires a vote will be moved to the March meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda and the meeting minutes from December 11, 2023

III. The President's Report

The MEC Track & Field teams won the championships. The men's team (first time champions) will be honored at the New York State Senate.

The college enrollment is increasing for traditional students across the country. The Gainful Employment Act (effective in summer 2024) states that students must graduate programs that lead to "recognized occupation" by the time of completion. This Act currently governs public institutions, particularly those categorized as 'For Profit'. However, certificate programs traditional institutions will likely be impacted as well (e.g. Nursing PN). Notably the Act does not include any provisions for delays in completion due to health issues such as pregnancy.

Funding opportunities are presented in formal and informal situations so being present and representing the College well in Washington matters. Currently, the College has a proposal with Congress and one on the legislative branch. The College was recognized for its honor to Dr. Flateau (who's family received his award), 18 students attended, and a NY Senator has gifted the College **\$1M dollars**. We have a guardian angel in public advocate Jumaane Williams, who is always vocal in his support of MEC.

IV. Introduction of College Council Standing Committee Chairpersons

Dr. Dent, secretary of the College Council, reported that the Curriculum Committee selected a chairperson, Susan Fischer. All committees must meet and select chairpersons by the next meeting of the College Council.

Comments:

Dr. Daniel's commented that the committees must keep accurate records as this impacts the Accreditation process (ability to prove progress is being made)

Dr. Greene clarified, the General Education only forwards new courses to the Curriculum Committee, while existing courses (general education) are approved by Pathways and then the College Council.

Dr. Johnson requested that the names of the committee members be redistributed.

Dr. Ramsey, governance is one of the standards of Middle States accreditation. We must be mindful of any perception that we are not serious about governance, academics, or institutional relationships both internally and externally.

- V. Re-alignment of Departments: Philosophy and Religious Studies, and World Languages and Cultures (vote item)
- VI. Standing Committee Reports: Committee on Advisory, Curriculum, Governance, and Student Life

The Curriculum Committee has convened and selected a chairperson. All other committees have met but without quorum or have not met.

- VII. Announcement of Honorary Degree Candidates

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.