

College Council Minutes

Organizational Meeting November 20, 2024, 3:00 PM

Present:

Chair: Chad Miltenberger

David Johnson	Christy Doyle
Rhonda Miller	Lisa Chamberlin
Lauran Schaefer	Ricardo Chaves
Sara Egbert	Marley Olson
Erika Bockmann	Mike Rostollan
Chad Hickox	Rachel Warren
Angela Evensen	Jacquelyn Ray

- I. Welcome by Chad Miltenberger. Chad asked if everyone had reviewed the draft minutes from the College Council meeting of November 6, 2024, and if there were any changes needed. With no changes requested, a Motion was made by Mike Rostollan Seconded by Ricardo Chavez and approved by quorum to accept the minutes as written.
- II. Lisa provided an update on text messaging and the importance of creating a messaging policy. She has reached out to Faculty Senate to be a part of this discussion as they have a key role in texting students and their input is important as there are several platforms being used to communicate with students that are not in compliance with the FCC Guidelines and the College needs to be abiding these laws as there are monetary penalties. Mike said he would speak with the Faculty Senate and find some representation to be a part of this discussion.
- III. The task force is ready to present their recommendations of the process and procedures for the innovation fund. College Council will provide input and recommendations if needed and the task force will refine the policy and procedures before moving forward to ELT. Discussion followed.
- IV. Jaquelyn Ray discussed a faculty survey that went out in spring that asked Faculty what training they would like and what were some of their key priorities. Faculty expressed an overwhelming interest in learning more about AI for teaching and learning. A proposal has been submitted to ELC initially for teaching and learning but expect for more to come with regards to AI College wide. This discussion is to make College Council aware that there are conversations happening regarding AI and how it could benefit other areas of the College not just teaching and learning.

There is a book available titled Co-Intelligence written by Ethan Mollick for anyone wanting to learn, understand or engage in AI, please contact Jaquelyn as she has 20 copies to loan out. Discussion followed.

- V. Chad spoke about the recommendation form and wanted to clarify for quorum purposes that Lauren and Ricardo were the two representatives for Corrections Council and that Mike and Marley were the two representatives for Faculty Senate which all replied they were. Chad asked Lisa to remove Guided Pathways as they were still listed on the form and to add Connection and Belonging to the form.
- VI. College Council will be cancelling the 12/04/2024 meeting due to the President's Holiday Hoopla in Walla Walla and the next scheduled meeting will be 12/18/2024 at 3:00 PM. The 1/01/2025 meeting will be cancelled as the College is closed that day. Please look at your calendar in February as 2/19/2025 conflicts with the Budget Session so we may want to look at another date in February – this can be discussed at the 1/15/2025 meeting.
- VII. Report Out:

Lisa provided student services information on SLATE, there is no “go-live” date, it rolls out when objects are ready. It is not 100% perfect and changes will evolve over time after use and trial/error.

Sara gave an update on institutional Effectiveness council and at the last meeting they started developing a spreadsheet to align the strategic priorities that are outlined in the current strategic plan with any college entities that might play key roles in implementing those particular strategic priorities. Once that document is finalized, they will be asking that college council reviews that to make sure that the appropriate entities are represented there.

Chad M. discussed Title 9 and student pregnancy. Please refer students who are pregnant to get in touch with Chad or Colleen. They are working on formulating a policy around this but we need to get the word out to and involve Faculty Senate and broadcast very widely. Discussion followed.

Lisa mentioned Narcan supplies and its availability to students and where these locations maybe. It was suggested to reach out to Tracy Klem and Patrick Sisneros.

Mike indicated that Faculty Senate discussed the academic calendar at their most recent meeting and changes were coming. Faculty Senate also discussed the Bookstore and some issues with Follet. Pat and Justin with the Bookstore will be at the December Senate Faculty meeting to discuss the issues. Also, mentioned was the Advisory Committees and how they are making headway, discussion followed.

Good of the Council:

Chad H. mentioned enlisting the support and ambassadorship of College Council with regards to his “view from my window” noting the State budget situation being between 10-15 billion dollars deficit in terms of the revenue forecast. Chad does not believe that the situation at the State is doom and gloom, like everything is terrible. He does believe that it's a serious situation.

So, as you're talking with your constituents please do what you can to keep people calm and even and let them know that we are working on every angle possible. We're not anything like we were in 2019 and 2020. We're not looking at imminent layoffs or doing anything like that. But it is a serious situation, and we need to take it seriously. Discussion followed.

Chad M. was not sure if he mentioned this in the last meeting but he spoke with ELC and Curriculum maintains their title as Council.

Next meeting is December 18, 2024, at 3:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 PM