

Stamford Faculty Council Meeting
Sep 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Minutes by Stephanie Rugg

OPEN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- I. Approve 8/30/2021 Minutes (attached)
 - a. Approved by Carol and seconded by Beth
 - b. 11 approved, 1 abstained
- II. Interim Director Souder meeting status
 - a. Doodle pool – One option is during the next meeting. Do we want to have the meeting during the SFC time? *Update from Marta Calderon– meeting is scheduled for Friday Sept 24th from 12:00-1pm.
 - b. Discussion Points
 - i. SFC represented in the Director search committee
 - ii. Class cap (Prof Garinger issue)/Appears arbitrary
 1. Why do the caps for class keep increasing without faculty knowledge?
 2. Suman. Caps have been an issue since pre-COVID. Negotiations are in progress, and Proposal for class capacity is in Article 30 at <http://uconnaaup.org/progression-of-article-proposals/>
 - a. Faculty determine appropriate enrollment capacity in individual courses, which is approved by Senate
 - b. For “large lecture” courses that split into “discussion/laboratory sections”, department head decides number of sections for large lecture course
 - c. If demand exceeds capacity by more than 10%, then approval by Courses and Curricula Committees must occur before section is open for enrollment
 - d. Only instructors have authority to issue permission numbers to over-enroll a section
 - iii. COVID (seat capacity/air/building concerns)
 1. Will Non-vaccinated Students be tested? According to website, <https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/updates-events/coronavirus/>, off-campus and commuter and residential students that are not fully vaccinated are required to be tested weekly.
 2. Random Surveillance Testing of vaccinated students: The Executive Committee of UConn-AAUP has discussed whether to request the Administration to carry out Random Surveillance Testing of vaccinated students, but no decision has been made yet.
 3. Confusion remains regarding students regarding COVID, if they test positive – are there accommodations? If a student is not vaccinated and does not have an exemption, how is it enforced that they not come onto campus?

- iv. Lack of tutors, disability services
- v. Director's/Program Committee Fund (for outside speakers, admission to different spaces – museums, etc.
- vi. Reconfiguring the building to accommodate different spaces, including Dance

III. Union

- a. negotiation / Contract Status w/ Mbailey – available on Wednesdays.
- b. COVID / Seating / Capacity. Should OSHA be involved?

IV. CSD Stamford (Bill) (Center for Students with Disabilities)

- a. Emily Sears is our contact person to help provide students their accommodations (double/triple time, etc.). An email from Emily Sears on 8/30/21 indicated that the deadline was Sept 10th to get request assistance in reserving space/proctors for students needing accommodations. However the website under “Faculty Process to Request Room/Proctor Reservation” indicates requests for CSD assistance MUST be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the class exam date.
<https://csd.uconn.edu/testing-accommodations/>

V. SFC role: Lead issue?

VI. SFC Awareness/Branding

- a. Flyers (Kriti)
 - i. Draft of flyer shown. Review in executive section.
- b. Web Presence (Meredith)
 - i. Meredith started building a website with William. She needs bios from the council members.
- c. <https://draft.facultycouncil.stamford.uconn.edu/>

VII. Communications Team

- a. Meredith Rusoff, Kriti Bhargava, Jane Perry

VIII. Upcoming guest speakers to SFC.

- a. Manuela Wagner and Tom Long (GEOC), 9/23 at 4:00 pm SFC Call. To discuss the Restructuring of general education. Room and Zoom link TBA
 - i. Bill will create zoom link and send to Beth and Kriti
 - ii. New general education system will not be implemented until Fall 2022, and old (current) system will need to be continued
 - iii. <https://geoc.uconn.edu/>
- b. Nancy Bilmes / Tara Malone (Career Services) 10/28 SFC Call
- c. Phara Bayonne, Library Services, 11/18 Call
- d. Mike Bailey/Suman

IX. Luciana's SFC seat replacement

- a. Communication sent (9/4. Delivered to 45 targeted Stamford Faculty, specifically social sciences)
- b. Candidate identified: Johanna Ortner (History & Woman's Gender Studies)
- c. Moved to executive discussion – only one candidate volunteered

X. Adjunct Concerns

- a. New room in 340, but very cramped. Appliances not plugged in (copier, fridge). No room for private conversations.

- b. Parking for adjuncts – where can they park? Target, Washington Blvd parking lot <https://park.uconn.edu/stamford-campus-staff/>
- XI. Next SFC Meeting Thursday, 9/23, 4pm (in person and zoom)

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- Stamford faculty questions/requests – Already asked and answered.