

FACULTY CAUCUS MINUTES
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
2:30PM PH 300

Present: J. Baumann, L. Charbonneau, S. Dar, A. Doughtie, A. Haines-Stephan, C. Miller, R. Mink, A. Radlowski, N. Rosero, R. Santos, B. Scantlebury, G. Searles

CALL TO ORDER

The Caucus was called to order at 2:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were approved.

CHAIR REMARKS

C. Miller sent the charge to the microcredential team and asked them to attend the November meeting to give feedback. She will also plan a meeting with Jim Lynch and Maryrose Eannace to discuss Starfish.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL CONVERSATION

Representative: Shahida Dar

As D. Elseth mentioned at the All Faculty Meeting in August, the EMC is looking for ideas from faculty, staff, and the College community at large about any programs that we should advertise or develop to better fulfill the needs of the community, as well as to improve our enrollment. Ideas will be prioritized and discussed by focus groups. Moreover, the Council feels that by 2025, the classroom will not exist as we know it today, and learning will happen in a variety of spaces and in myriad ways. How do we keep up with that future? A survey will be sent via email in the Spring, but in the meantime, if you have any recommendations, please email Shahida Dar, Dayton Elseth, or Jennifer DeWeerth.

FACULTY CAUCUS PRESENTER FORM

S. Dar presented the form she and G. Searles created through Google Forms. While the Caucus was impressed by the layout (and sparkling lanterns!), right now the information is sent to S. Dar's gmail account when a form is submitted since a gmail account is required by Google Forms. After some discussion, it was decided that N. Chrisman would be contacted about housing the form on MVCC's website instead, with a few alterations made to the format of the date. We also discussed putting a statement on the form to better explain the 2-month timeline required for Caucus to read and discuss the submission before presenters can present.

MICROCREDENTIAL TEAM UPDATE

C. Miller crafted a charge for the Microcredential Team based on conversations held at Caucus when it was first discussed. Members of the Team include Kate Barefoot (registrar), Anastasia Kalashnik (student), Denis Kulev (student), Mike Pede (financial aid), Carlos Pulquerio (CSTEP), Anna Radlowski (faculty), Jim Roberts (faculty), Tim Thomas (associate dean), and Gail Warchol (CCED). At their first meeting, the team discussed how financial aid might work with microcredentials, as well as what exactly a microcredential is, and whether we should explore microcredentials that involve credit courses, non-credit courses, or a blend of both. The

Caucus expressed some concerns, including the need to maintain the quality of our courses and programs, as well as the need to include the Curriculum Committee in the creation of microcredentials. Additionally, we want to make sure that microcredentials will still hold some meaning if the jobs they prepare students for end up vanishing. When APSC discussed microcredentials in the past, they recommended putting forth a rigorous program for the first microcredential, to set the standard of rigor for all future microcredentials.

OPEN FORUM

Copiers were again discussed during the Open Forum, as the copiers in AB were not functioning. While the Print Shop will turn out copies in a few days, it isn't always feasible to get materials to them soon enough to have them ready for our classes. There are always last-minute copies to be made, and the copiers are an essential tool for faculty to be able have the flexibility necessary to do their work well. The copier in AB160 is no longer accessible, and the question was raised about when it will be moved. C. Miller will investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Caucus adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Senate Faculty Caucus will be Tuesday, November 15th at 2:15 p.m. in PH 300.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Radlowski