

CSPP Minutes
December 11, 2019

In attendance: Connie Hall, Rob McGreevey, Amanda Norvell, Dave Prenskey, Sean Stallings, Kiara Mayhand, Dave Hunt, Joe O'Brien, Matt Bender, Nino Scarpati, Patty Kou, Suchir Govindarajan

1. Approval of minutes for Nov 13, 2019 meeting postponed to Feb 12th meeting
2. Members of the Environmental Sustainability Council (formerly the President's Climate Committee) , Brian Potter and Michael Dixon, attended and were seeking CSPP input, as well as informing CSPP of activities.
 - a. The Council will write a Sustainability plan for the campus. They presented a timeline for the process and outlined the goals. These were provided to CSPP
 - b. The Plan is set for completion in May 2020 and will be submitted to CSPP
 - c. The plan will better present the Council's mission, goals and also provide as guide for ensuring progress to better sustainability practices
 - d. They will hire a sustainability director – the process to do this has begun with a job description recently drafted and goal to hire by May 2020.
 - e. The sustainability plan will fit within the larger campus strategic plan which will be developed next academic year.
 - f. Improvements are needed although TCNJ is considered a 'green' campus according to some organizations.
 - g. There is an sustainability organization specifically for academic institutions that TCNJ does not yet belong to due to additional requirements for membership, one of which includes relevant academic programs
 - h. Students are bringing issues to the Council regarding many areas of improvement from use of plastic bags, to pesticides, etc.
 1. Students can bring issues to Steering, as can any campus constituent.
 2. Students should also consider meeting with the Council and then doing a cost/benefit analysis for the particular issue before submitting to Steering.
 - i. The state of NJ has not made any specific demands of state institutions regarding sustainability practices.
 - j. WE do not actually compare favorably to some other state institutions or to other universities such as Princeton and Rider.
3. Discuss of the proposal for the MS in Nursing educational track. This is a specialization within the existing MS in Nursing and not a new degree.
 - a. CSPP reviews new program proposals only. This is to determine if it is consistent with the College mission and strategic plan.

Decision regarding MSN educational specialization proposal: CSPP determined that the MSN-educational specialization it is not a new program, but a modification of an existing program and thus does not need to review the proposal.

4. Sub-Committee updates

- a. The strategic planning questions were discussed in faculty senate and Matt Bender (faculty senate president) and CSPP Chair, Amanda Norvell met with Provost, president and VP of enrollment to discuss them.
- b. The sub-committees are struggling with these broad questions. How can we present them to the campus community next semester and get meaningful input.
- c. Comparison to the LL Council and the proposals for change. These questions are much broader and the 4 questions are very interdependent.
- d. The Cabinet is working on different models of growth that should come to CSPP.

Action: At the next cabinet meeting, Sean will ask that the models be shared with CSPP at our first spring meeting

- e. The campus community needs to understand the challenges related to demographics and that we must respond to this issue in the strategic plan.
- f. Some possible important principle/facts to present:
 1. Size vs selectivity
 2. Finances are based on tuition dollars
 3. Adding grad programs may be too late—we may have missed the opportunity to tap into the groups seeking grad programs
- g. Then base some possible scenarios on the principles
 1. eg, size vs selectivity? What does that mean quantitatively and how does it affect finances? Decreased revenue has implications for program closure

Action: Amanda will ask Kate for a 1 ½ year timeline for her next meeting with CSPP so we can plan our schedule

We discussed a January retreat, but many members not available. The first official meeting day in the spring is Wednesday Feb 12, 2020.

- h. Each sub-committee will prepare notes, ideas and we will combine them into several scenarios