

## CSPP Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

**Present:** Matt Bender, David Blake, James Felton, Jana Gevertz, Suchir Govindarajan, David Hunt, Debra Klokis, Bryanna O’Keefe, Joe O’Brien, Jeff Osborn, Dave Prensky, Lee Ann Riccardi, Nino Scarpati, Sean Stallings

**Absent:** Samah Mubin, Lloyd Ricketts

### 1) February 24th meeting minutes

A. Approved

### 2) Visit from Frank Cooper, Executive Director of the Office of Records and Registration on proposal to suspend classes on November election day

A. Issues to consider

1. Instructional hours minimum (Course unit is 60 contact hours) during the semester. So, eliminating a Tuesday is a problem because fall is already short a class day.
2. State holidays and energy days interact for staff
3. Fall semester starts with convocation
4. Contract with Sodexo incorporates “feeding days”
5. Tuesday off might cause students to skip the Monday before
6. Alternative forms of voting might reduce need to leave campus to vote
  - (1) Voting is not the only form of engagement on election day
  - (2) A ballot drop-off box has been installed

B. Discussion of whether to take election day off and alternatives for implementation

1. Passed motion to support voting on Election Day and broad, deep civic engagement by students, staff, and faculty; recommend that the academic readiness guidelines task force incorporate a call to encourage voting; and table the formal request to suspend classes on election day in November 2021 and consider it again at the beginning of fall semester 2021.

### 3) Discussion led by James Felton, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence

A. Proposal to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the college calendar

B. Discussion

1. Passed motion to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the college calendar

### 4) Update on modified timeline for Strategy Framework

A. Sent out RFP to a number of firms to consult on strategic planning; proposals due in early April

B. Consultant will be selected mid-to-late April

C. Begin work with CSPP by the end of the semester

Minutes: Dave Prensky