

**TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE FORUM
APPROVED MINUTES
March 13, 2009**

PRESENT: A. Bair, D. Bethoney, T. Brunner, K. Campbell, K. Caveney, A. D'Abbracci, J. Friends, S. Georgiakaki, O. Hersey, R. Kowalski-Oltz, L. MacLeod, B. Moffett, M. Paucke, C. Sammis, M. Schmidt, L. Thompson.

EXCUSED: B. Gowe, J. MacLain.

ABSENT: K. Reynolds, B. Wood.

GUEST: Jamie Rattray, Sharon Wavle.

CALL TO ORDER:

S. Georgiakaki called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 13, 2009 Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2009 meeting was made by O. Hersey, seconded by L. MacLeod. The minutes were approved with a vote of 12 affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. February 16, 2009 the Forum sponsored a college-wide meeting for a presentation of the revised Information Security Policy. On 2/17/09, an email vote was conducted and the Information Security Policy was approved with a vote of 16 affirmative, 0 negative and 2 abstentions.
- B. Continue the discussion of the General Education Proposal: Jamie Rattray, adjunct professor teaching Fitness introduced himself. He expressed concern that the health and fitness adjuncts be informed that they may not be needed in 2010 when the new General Education requirements take effect. J. Rattray also expressed concern that he and Gary MacDowell were notified in the beginning of the process but may not have been included to the same extent that other programs with full-time chairs were. Sharon Wavle said that CAPS adjuncts had input in the process through their program chair. S. Wavle said she served on the General Education committee with Jeanne Cameron. They discussed what skills students come to TC3 with. She said that 7 year olds are learning keyboarding and basic computer skill and so most high school graduates come here highly computer literate. Others felt that with the current economic changes we will have a substantial increase in older students that don't have computer skills. If CAPS classes are not required the student may leave TC3 without needed computer skills. Advisement would be the key to catch these students but people were concerned with proper advisement. One computer literate student felt he was forced to waste his time and money taking

CAPS classes. Another student pointed out that students come to TC3 with a large range of skill levels. It was suggested that CAPS courses could still be required as part of TC3's general education requirement, and students could be allowed to test out. Additional placement testing would take more resources and money. The proposal would allow flexibility in a program and may allow a student to try something different that could be life changing. Program chairs should have the flexibility to require or not require CAPS or Fitness courses. Any problems should be worked out by looking at each program. K. Campbell reminded the Forum that the majority of the faculty supported the proposal. The Forum will vote by email by Monday 3/16 so the recommendation can go to the 3/18/09 Board of Trustees meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. was made by O. Hersey; seconded by M. Paucke; approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Thompson