

**TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE FORUM
APPROVED MINUTES
April 1, 2009**

PRESENT: D. Bethoney, T. Brunner, K. Campbell, K. Caveney, B. Gowe, O. Hersey, R. Kowalski-Oltz, J. MacLain, L. MacLeod, B. Moffett, C. Sammis, L. Thompson, B. Wood.

EXCUSED: A. D'Abbracci, S. Georgiakaki, J. Friends, M. Paucke

ABSENT: K. Reynolds, M. Schmidt.

GUEST: John Conners.

CALL TO ORDER:

K. Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 13, 2009 Minutes: J. MacLain suggested wording be changed from: "If CAPS classes are not required they may not leave TC3 with the computer skills needed." To "If CAPS classes are not required students may leave TC3 without needed computer skills." A motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting with the requested change was made by O. Hersey, seconded by J. MacLain. The minutes were approved with a vote of 11 affirmative, 0 negative and 2 abstentions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Vote on General Education changes: February 25, 2009 the Forum sponsored a college-wide meeting to discuss proposed General Education changes. Discussion was continued at the Forum's next scheduled meeting, which was March 13, 2009. March 16, 2009 an e-mail vote was conducted and the proposed changes were voted down with a vote of 6 affirmative, 9 negative and 2 abstentions.
- B. Vote on revised Policy against Discrimination and Harassment: March 25, 2009 the Forum sponsored a college-wide meeting for a presentation of the revised Policy against Discrimination and Harassment. A motion to approve the revised Policy against Discrimination and Harassment was made by O. Hersey, seconded by B. Moffett. The motion was approved with a vote of 12 affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstention.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. John Conners- discussion on the history of governance: Provost Conners said the General Education proposal was the first proposal that President Haynes chose to take to the Board that had not been recommended by the College Forum. He said, President Haynes wanted to assure the College Forum that he was not rejecting the work of the College Forum, but felt this issue was primarily curricular and a majority of the faculty had supported the proposal. Provost Conners was comfortable presenting whatever the majority of the faculty supported.

Before the Forum was established the college had CAPCOM to oversee the development of curriculum. The group had 15 members, 8 of whom were faculty. If not all of the faculty members were in attendance, curriculum decisions could be made by the non-faculty minority. At the time, Provost Conners was Dean of Academics and was charged with creating the structure of our current Curriculum Committee. The Forum was established to review non-curricular college-wide issues. If an issue is processed through the Curriculum Committee and then goes to the Forum, the Forum should be assured that curriculum issues have been scrutinized and Forum members should only be considering the non-curricular impact on the college.

- B. Selection of nomination committee for 09-10 membership: L. Thompson and M. Schmidt will work on replacing the 5 vacancies.
- C. Discuss Forum voting process: K. Campbell said that although the Forum has a history of voting by email, the bylaws state that an email vote is only allowed to change the bylaws. Since the vote on General Education changes there have been questions about how Forum members should represent the college and what issues should come to the Forum. Because the Forum has representation from faculty, professional and classified staff, are members supposed to vote as a representative body? It was suggested that the Forum revise the bylaws in the fall 2009 semester to clarify the issues that have arisen this semester, as well as to consider allowing FSA staff to be included in Forum membership.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Thompson