

Bristol Community College Council Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017 - 2pm

Faculty/Staff Lounge G Building, Fall River

Remote locations in NB and Attleboro

52 members in attendance in Fall River, none in NB or Attleboro

I. Call to Order

President Susan McCourt called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

Pres. McCourt welcomed new members

Motion to accept agenda and minutes from 4/24/17 BrCCC chapter meeting. A suggestion by member to alter wording. Sowa/Pelletier. **Passed.** One abstention (note: the corrected version of the minutes is available on the chapter website: <http://bristolcommunitycollege.mtasites.org>).

II. President Report:

A. Announcement of new Chapter Meeting format:

BRCCC Executive Committee Reports will be emailed to members and posted on chapter website prior to chapter meetings. There will be no more reports from Executive Committee during meetings. Time instead will be given for member questions.

B. Executive Committee Strategic Plan - Five main goals:

1. Engage part-time and adjunct members on all campuses, 2. Engage all members in discussions and unity/solidarity, 3. Educate members in all aspects of their contracts, 4. Engage with the new President and Board of Trustees, 5. Envision the Future of BCC with Students, Staff and Faculty: The College our Communities Deserve.

C. DCE Contract update and Bargaining Team Support Event:

Saturday, Sept 30th meeting, 10am at BCC Fall River, Faculty/Staff Lounge
Union will send out minutes from this meeting

Note: BCC Community Day also on Sept. 30th, 11 am-3 pm at BCC Fall River campus.

Other activities to support DCE contract ("count on me" post cards, etc.)

D. MACER Meetings

Discussion with members about format of MACER meetings. Past practice: Entire Executive Committee meets with Management (President, Vice Presidents' Council), Day and DCE issues discussed together. VP Sethares would like to follow contract language: 3 representatives from union, three from management, Day and DCE MACER meet separately.

Motion: *That the MACER meeting structure continue to combine the Day and DCE members, and include the full team from this point, just as we always have.* Tinberg/Dorsey. Amended language offered by Sowa. **Passed.** Unanimous.

E. Announcements:

- a. PHENOM Delegate Assembly Meeting Wednesday, Sept 27th, 5 - 7 pm in L108. Pizza served. All are welcome.
- b. MTA Election for Higher Ed Representative. Ballots mailed home.
- c. PACE survey: During November 2017, Bristol Community College will conduct the Personal Assessment of the College Environment (PACE). Send suggestions for questions to Susan McCourt.
- d. Reminder: Enrollment Verification due 9/28.
- e. Diana Yohe retired from BCC June 30, 2017. Congratulations!

III. Member Comments/Questions:

A. Distance Learning – Maureen Sowa

Survey sent to faculty regarding student access to Blackboard course space had 50% response, with half choosing one option. The two options were to turn off student access to course spaces at the end of the academic term OR to make the time students have access to course spaces be consistent with college policy regarding the timeline for clearing an incomplete grade. Should we have new survey?

Concerns raised by members: the grade portal needs to be addressed. Students can still access assignments through this.

The MCCC Distance Learning Committee will need new volunteers. Mo Sowa is retiring in December, 2017.

B. Motion: *That Mary Rapien bring to the statewide MCCC Board of Directors: the Bristol Chapter would like to move toward having one contract (Day and DCE together).* Pelletier/Dorsey. **Motion withdrawn.**

C. MCCC Guidelines for Student Complaints – Paulette Howarth

There are concerns over a recent increase in student complaints against BCC faculty. Grievance Coordinator Howarth shared with members a handout with information for faculty who may be notified of a student complaint.

Questions from members: What are the consequences for students who make false allegations? How are derogatory comments in student evaluations handled? Why is there no consistency between the policy for removal of student from class and policy for removal of faculty from class? This should be brought to MACER.

IV. Meeting Adjournment:

President McCourt adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Avedikian, BrCCC Secretary