

## Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 19, 2024

Faculty/Staff Members: Karen Dafoe, Ryan Davis, Eric Edlund, Margaret Gichuru, Christina Knopf, Jason Parks, Abby Thomas, Jeff Walkuski, Chris Widdall

Student Members: none

Ex-Officio Members: Carol Van Der Karr, Jennifer Martin Tse

Guests: Nancy Diller

Members Absent: Christina Knopf, Jason Parks, Chris Widdall, Carol Van Der Karr

| Topic                            | Comments/Discussion  | Action  |
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| Approval of minutes              | Minutes from April 4 reviewed  | Minutes accepted  |
| General discussion/announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two EPC proposals were introduced for clarifying questions at the last Faculty Senate meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Credit for prior learning</li><li>Modifications to EPC procedures defined under Section 415 of the Handbook (related to the ROG)</li></ul></li></ul>   |   |
| Old business                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brief discussion of the faculty survey results<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unclear if the data available represents the final and complete set submissions or if the files available were taken a preview</li><li>Eric pointed out that there are important inconsistencies in statements regarding attendance policies, with some SUNY Cortland webpages stating that we have no such policies (e.g. <a href="https://www2.cortland.edu/parents-families/family-page-emergencies-absences.dot">https://www2.cortland.edu/parents-families/family-page-emergencies-absences.dot</a>) and others saying that we do and that faculty and student attendance is required and faculty can consider attendance their assessment of students (e.g. <a href="https://www2.cortland.edu/offices/publications/handbook/part-four/#Anchor-410.11">https://www2.cortland.edu/offices/publications/handbook/part-four/#Anchor-410.11</a>) and others saying that faculty should not enforce attendance (<a href="https://www2.cortland.edu/offices/student-health-service/policyrequirements-/medical-excuse-policy-.dot">https://www2.cortland.edu/offices/student-health-service/policyrequirements-/medical-excuse-policy-.dot</a>).</li></ul></li></ul> | <b>Question for Carol:</b> are the survey results posted in the files in Teams the final version? |

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|                     | These competing statements have left some faculty very unclear on what we can and cannot enforce/require.  |                               |
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| <b>New business</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't have any new policy work at this time</li> <li>• The only final business that we have to take care of is election of the chair for next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eric cannot be chair since he has a teaching conflict at 10 AM in the and will not be able to attend (plans to stay on the committee to resume in the spring).</li> <li>○ Agreed to take nominations in writing and will set up a google forms survey or the like to cast votes, if necessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                               |
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| <b>Adjourned</b>    |  | Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am |
|                     | Respectfully submitted by Eric Edlund  |                               |

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