

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
\*\*Virtual Meeting Using Teams\*\*

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Vincent DeTuri, Seth Asumah, Jeremiah Donovan, Patricia Conklin, Gregory Phelan, Paul van der Veur, Flavia Dantas, Andrea Harbin, Scott Anderson, David Barclay, Randi Storch, Alexandru Balas, David Dickerson, Paulo Quaglio, Kevin Halpin, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Douglas Armstead, Mary McGuire, Craig Foster, Sharon Steadman.

**Administrative Update**

- Bruce is doing better and should be back early May
- See notes from Andrea (attached)
- Chair's in Moffett expressed concerns about students with no masks and campus tours

**New Business**

Fourth Quarter options

- 3 credit: COM 100 Human Comm; COM 302 Intercultural Comm; FSA 103 Gender, Race & Class Issues; additional seats in HLH 110 Personal & Community Health
- 1 credit: CHE 129 Chemistry, Cannabis & Society; HLH 229 Balance Approach to Well-Being ; PWR 129 Grammar HIIT

## Andrea Lachance's Chairs' Council Notes – 3/8/21

### Academic Affairs Updates

**Online accommodations for students with in-person classes:** We are maintaining the policy whereby faculty should not be changing the modality of their classes (in-person to online) to accommodate students for any reason except for ADA accommodations (and even then, there may be other methods to accommodate for a disability at this stage of the semester). Students continue to ask to have in-person courses changed to online because they have COVID sanctions barring them from being on campus or they want to go home. We are not supporting these requests. Students with sanctions will be withdrawn from in-person courses if they do not withdraw from them themselves.

**Transformations:** Proposals for presenting at Transformations are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The online application form can be found at <https://www2.cortland.edu/transformations/>

**Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowships:** The Provost is working on plans to open applications for the Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowships for this summer. Fellowships will allow for students to work on research either virtually or in-person if appropriate safety protocols are in place. He hopes to have applications ready by the end of the month.

**Summer Orientation:** The decision has been made to conduct all summer orientation sessions and events online. More information will be shared with departments in the coming weeks.

**Student Advocacy:** The students are advocating for additional wellness days. See: <https://www.change.org/p/suny-cortland-suny-cortland-students-need-more-wellness-days>  
There will be no further changes to the academic calendar for this semester.

### Other Updates

**COVID Testing:** We'll start the new procedure for testing ("spit" testing) next week. Employees will be given supplies when they go to test this week so that they can conduct these tests for themselves off-site and drop them off at locations specified by the campus. Written directions will come via email later this week with an open Q&A meeting on the new testing protocol on **Wednesday, March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m** hosted by HR. See email for link.

**Requests for hosting in-person activities on campus:** The campus is devising a process whereby faculty/staff can apply to have an in-person event on campus this spring or in the summer. The process will involve completing a form that will ask the proposer to describe how the event will be structured to meet state and campus safety protocols. The form will be reviewed by health and safety personnel for compliance with established guidance. More information regarding this process will be shared with faculty and staff next week.

**SUNY Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan:** SUNY recently released a 25 point plan "to close racial equity gaps, and eliminate cultural and institutional racial discrimination across SUNY campuses." Lorraine Lopez-Janove, our Chief Diversity Officer, will be working with colleagues to examine how the campus will integrate the proposals in this plan into our current DEI initiatives. The plan is available here:

<https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/diversity/suny-dei-final-action-plan.pdf>

**SGA Manifesto:** SGA has put forth a “manifesto” which raises concerns about certain processes on campus. Erik will be discussing the various issues in the manifesto with the current SGA leadership and the SGA will be having an open meet on Thursday, 3/11 from 7-9 pm. See attachments for meeting access and a copy of the manifesto.