**MINUTES**

**April 3, 2019 – 12:00-1:20pm – SCP117**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Baker, Becker, Bellino, Bender, Borders, Bowen, Brennan, Bwire, Curtis, Dempf, Fazio, Fienberg, Gevertz, Grega, Hall, Kim, Le Morvan, Leonard, Li, McGreevey, McMann, Meixner, Morin, Norvell, Peel, Prensky, Schwarz, Sorokina, Steinberg, Tang, Tucci.

**Excused:** Boero, Bunagan, Bush, Byrne, Dickinson, LaJevic, Wiita.

**Absent:** Krimmel

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes from 3/6/19 meeting accepted as submitted.

**Announcements**

* President Foster has been holding budget discussions on campus. The third and last one will be April 8th from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Library Auditorium. Please attend if you have the chance. She and Treasurer Ricketts will be coming to the next Senate meeting to give their annual budget presentation.
* Dave Muha has announced that the college has started a modest advertising campaign. It’s mostly in-state and will go live on April 8th. There are 3 billboards and radio spots on NPR and other stations.
* Self-nominations for the Board of Trustees are due by Friday. Dave Prensky has applied for a second term.
* Rebecca Li has sent an email out about 2 seminars and a panel discussion tomorrow given by Patricia Hill Collins.

**CFA Open Forum on Modification of Duties Preliminary RecommendationTCNJ**

* Andy Leynes presented the preliminary recommendation from CFA for the modification of duties teaching policy.
* He reviewed the current policy and solicited input and suggestions from the Senate.
* He also went over some ideas the committee had for potential changes to the policy.
* Discussion, questions, and suggestions.

**TCNJ Sustainability Initiatives (Brian Potter)**

* Brian Potter reviewed the proposal for a sustainability council in TCNJ governance.
* It is currently a President’s committee, and they’d like to have it act as part of the college’s formal governance, with the mission of reducing emissions, decreasing energy use, environmental sustainability, and planning.
* Moving it to formal governance would allow for increased interaction with campus communities and might encourage more faculty to participate.
* They are currently in the middle of a search for a new vice president of facilities.
* There is also an Environmental Studies major in the works.
* They have just gotten permission to create a position of Sustainability Coordinator.
* The document outlining the council’s objectives is currently in Steering.
* Motion made to approve the inclusion of the Sustainability Council in the college’s governance structure; seconded.
* Approved unanimously.

**Honors Program (Stephanie Sen and Glenn Steinberg)**

* Stephanie reviewed the updates to the honors program and the program’s strategic plan.
* Currently the college has approximately 120-150 students participating each year and less than 500 in the program overall. The national average is ~10%, so we are below that.
* Questions and discussion.
* Stephanie will send Amanda a link to a Google form for additional comments, which Amanda will then forward to the Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.