

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes Sprague room Student Center
February 15, 2017

Present: William Watkins, Kristina Edwards, Gabriella Bierwirth, Sue Sweeney

Meeting was called to order 12:05

- I. The reactivation of Best Buddies Chapter was considered. Dan Purlow, Best Buddies Treasurer explained the mission of Best Buddies as creating one to one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. College Student Volunteers are matched with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to create, affiliation, friendship and support.

S. Sweeney updated committee on constitutional modifications related to associate membership clause and use of Roberts Rules that bring Constitution into compliance with University Policy. Ms. Sweeney shared that Special Education faculty have met with Regional Best Buddies leadership to insure organization is keeping current.

Motion 17-01 was made by William Watkins to support recommendation to the President that Best Buddies become a Recognized Student Run Organization at CCSU. This was seconded by Kristina Edwards.

3 yes votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstentions. **Motion 17-01 passes**

- II. The Committee reviewed the petition and constitution for the Dungeons and Dragons Club. Mr. Chris Solla and Tyler Wonciak represented the group and explained their interest in getting students together to play tabletop roleplaying games. They shared that the initial group has attracted a strong first year student following and that occasionally they have had staff or faculty come to play as well.

Motion 17-02 was made by Gabriella Bierwirth to recommend recognition of Dungeons and Dragons Club to the President. The motion was seconded by Kristina Edwards.

3 yes votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstentions Motion 17-02 passes

- III. The institute of Electronical and Electronic Engineers representatives failed to make the meeting and will therefore be pushed to the March 8 meeting for consideration. No action was taken.
- IV. **Other Business:** Committee decided that W. Watkins would chair next meeting Wednesday March 8 at 12noon and explore hosting meeting in Vance Academic space. K. Edwards will chair the April meeting(suggested for Wed 4/12). S. Sweeney will continue to provide staff support.

Committee discussed the idea that April meeting might involve some information on a new initiative that Student Affairs might want to highlight to faculty senate.

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes Vance 209
March 8, 2017

Present: W. Watkins. K. Edwards. G. Bierwirth(student rep) S. Sweeney
Akai Long absent.

Student Affairs Committee meeting called to order at 12:07 by W. Watkins

- 1.) Institute of Electronical and Electronics Engineers Student Chapter IEEE was represented by Zac Daignault.

Mr. Daignault explained that a chapter of IEEE would be able to bring in speakers for students That are specific to electronical engineering interests. They would like to work collaboratively with other engineering groups that would enable projects to have the different types of engineering concentrations all contributing to joint project. One example might be to motorize the cars that the technology education students have adapted for less able children. The IEEE student chapter was inspired by experience they had when faculty hosted an IEEE event.

Motion #17-03

W. Watkins motioned to recommend recognition of CCSU Student Chapter of the Institute of Electronical and Electronics Engineers.
Gabby Bierwirth 2nd this motion

3 yes votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstentions.

- 2.) Next meeting 4/19 in Vacne 209 at 12:00 noon.

CCSU Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 19 12:00 noon
Vance 209

Present: K. Edwards, W. Watkins. G. Bierwirth(Student rep) D. Solano (student rep) S. Sweeney

Committee Welcomes D. Solano(student rep) to replace Akai Long(former Student Rep.)

Kristina Edwards calls meeting to order at 12:05. The first group on the agenda is the

1.) Central Step and Dance Crew (CSD) represented by President Ms. Janelle Powell.

S. Sweeney provides committee with copies of the proposed group constitution, petition, and elected officer roster. Faculty advisor volunteer will be Stephanie Guerrero.

Ms. Powell explains that there is currently not a dance club that focuses on step and they had a wonderful response when tabling in the lobby showing there is great interest.

S. Sweeney shares with committee that Student Activities has shared with this new group that given construction on campus of a new recreation center finding space on campus would be a challenge and that Student Activities along with the group would need to be creative in order to accommodate their needs. The Dance Center is not yet accessible for club use but there is hope that during the years of the construction something may be worked out to possibly allow its use by clubs.

Motion # 17-04

William Watkins moved to recommend recognition of the new Central Step and Dance Crew.
Dante Salano 2nd this motion

4 yes votes, 0 nays votes, 0 abstentions Motion 17-04 passes

2.) App Development Club represented by new President Arasan Kathiravan, Vice President Robert Gatzak, and secretary Joshua Glynn .

S. Sweeney provided committee with copy's of proposed club constitution, petition, and elected officers roster. Faculty advisor volunteer is Professor Chad Williams.

Mr. Kathiravan lead the conversation explaining that learning to build software is a team experience. The group has interest in development of apps that require more than 20 lines of code. The group plans to vote on(choose) application they want to work on together. All of their work will be released on line in the spirit of academic freedom. They will be working on a Tower defense game. They will develop an App Devel website to share information. The group prepared an impressive power point of their goals and objectives.

K. Edwards asked about name App Dev suggesting we are moving away from Mobile Apps. Club officers

agreed and indicated name is to draw students in. Conversation ensued regarding product ownership not being the clubs but rather the SGA's and university. Again club officers are not interested in sales or patents but education and sharing of knowledge and skill.

Motion # 17-05

**G. Bierwith motioned to recommend recognition of new App Development Club.
William Watkins 2nd this motion.**

4 yes votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstentions Motion 17-05 passes