

Catonsville Forum

Minutes

March 26, 2007

Senators present: Bill DeLauder, Charles Dowling, Michael Ehrlinger, Don Elliott, Dian Fetter, John Kozarski, Bernadette Low, David Ludwikoski, Kamaria Moir, Carlos Muhammad, Carol Tipton

Others present: Lillian Archer, Carol Byrd, Trude Cooke-Turner, Jeffrey Hahn, Robert Jenkins, Sue Kindred, James Klein, Sandra Kurtinitis, Peter Law, Richared Lilly, Roderick Pullen, Fred Schanken, Toni Siegle, Greg Stibbles, Timothy Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Bernadette Low gave an overview of the process and shared the contents of each chapter in the report: the first chapter is an overview, the second and most complex chapter a response to recommendations from 2002, chapter three a look at the challenges and opportunities, chapter four enrollment and finance trends and projections, chapter five assessment practices and plans, and chapter six linked planning and budget. CCBC has demonstrated outstanding leadership in several areas: We won the Council for Higher Education Accreditation Award for Institutional Progress in Student Learning and Learning Outcomes Assessment. We have also been recognized for Student Services, for the Outcomes Assessment Process Project. The Government Finance Office Association recognized our budget documents, and the new CCBC Foundation has held its first major fundraiser. The final report is due June first, with feedback expected by fall. The report is available on the Innerloop for perusal and comment.

Trude Cooke-Turner gave a report from the CCBC Civility and Community Building Committee. One big initiative is understanding students' perspectives on the meaning of civility. The SGA sponsored a focus group, which submitted some great ideas about how they view civility being actualized on campus. In addition, some faculty members on the committee polled their classes about the meaning of civility. The response from students and alumni was enthusiastic. A major theme was that civility was viewed as respect and an understanding of shared cooperation of what needs to take place on the campus community. Surveys, which are anonymous, continue to come in.

The committee wants to make sure that people are aware of upcoming college events and activities. The idea of using bathroom stalls to post announcements could not be implemented due to concerns from the Physical Plant, so the committee is exploring other options, such as television monitors in the cafeteria and in H Building. A Success Strategist has been hired to work with students in the cafeteria. He is hosting several programs for students. Two upcoming are "Misogyny in the Media (3/28, K-100) and "Is Hip Hop Dead?" (3/29, Cafeteria). Both will occur 11:00am-1:00pm. He is trying to get students to articulate some of the issues they have in order to show that the college cares

about these things and to help them think critically about their world. Success Strategists will soon be identified for the other campuses as well.

For the college as a whole, we are seeing more “Who Am I?” and “I Am CCBC” signage. In K Building, where these posters are displayed, students are no longer noisy, but instead stop and read them quietly. The signs are making a difference. The committee will use the Daily Post to inform the college community about strategies being utilized to promote civility. The committee recently received a Teaching and Learning Roundtable grant (\$3,200) again this year. The money will be used to implement various strategies to promote community building. Part of last year’s grant money was used to create and display the posters. Brown bag lunches for students are being held. April’s theme is “Business Etiquette”, and May’s is “Technological Communications: What You Say Online Can Haunt You”. Finally, at the Professional Development Conference on May 24 the Civility Team will meet to discuss how its efforts on the three campuses are making a difference. The campus chairs currently meet monthly. One concern is to keep abreast of the new student population which enters the college each year. The orientation program needs to make clear what the expectations are regarding civility.

Senate Committee Reports:

Learning Environment/Student and Community Affairs. Charles Dowling reported that the committee was successful in getting a parking proposal passed, which opens up some faculty/staff lots to students after 5:00pm. At Catonsville, this is Lot 8. (President Kurtinitis commented that this is a pilot program this semester.) A proposal to eliminate the extra Tuesday in the Fall semester did not pass. The committee is exploring the civility issue to see if any changes in College policy are needed. The next meeting will be 2:00pm on April 16 directly before the Senate meeting.

Professional Affairs. Michael Ehrlinger reported that the committee is working on a mechanism whereby faculty can choose department chairs. The deans have submitted a counter proposal allowing for more faculty input in the selection process.

Academic Standards. Michael Ehrlinger reported that this committee has been working on the Faculty Handbook, going through it and updating all classroom-related policies, ensuring that the Handbook is in sync with the College Catalogue. This process will be ongoing.

Budget Review. Michael Ehrlinger reported that the committee has researched the role of shared governance in the budget process at other community colleges in MD. Because the Middle States Association would like the college to examine salary issues, the Senate Executive Committee has asked the Budget Review Committee to follow through with this. CCBC does not want to be behind other community colleges in the state on this issue.

Evaluation. Michael Ehrlinger reported that a consultant will be hired to assist in identifying an instrument whereby students can evaluate faculty.

Curriculum and Instruction. Carol Tipton reported that new courses have recently been added in Construction Craft, Criminal Justice and Mathematics.

SGA Report. Kamaria Moir reported that currently 14 out of 15 SGA positions are filled on the Council. One freshman delegate is still needed. Delegates now have shirts identifying them SGA officers. A tri-campus dinner was held last Monday at Dundalk, at which the proposed student-activity fee increase was discussed. A survey is being conducted to feel out student sentiment on this issue. A tri-campus book exchange, which would help students save money on text books, was also discussed. Last Thursday evening was Aquarium Night. This Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm in K-100, a program called “Youth Train” will be held. It is a combination webcast and live training on how to improve and retain leadership in student clubs and organizations. Advocacy Day, at which approximately 20 students and staff visited the MD State Senate and House, allowed students to observe the legislative process. On June 9-10 the SGA will be involved with “Relay for Life” to benefit the American Cancer Society. Last year over \$32,000 was raised at this event. Contact Peter Law for more information. Kamaria was recently elected SGA secretary and can be reached at kmoir@student.cbcmd.edu. CAVOC (Community Against Violence On Campus) meetings have been well attended with lots of support and lively discussions.

Open Forum

President Kurtinitis was commended on the tenure-like proposal she recently introduced to the college community at campus forums. A college-wide memo will go out soon. The proposal will go before the Board of Trustees in April. Comments regarding proposal content can be made to the Senate.

Trude Cooke-Turner announced that Lillian Archer will initiated “First Week Catonsville” activities for new students, similar to what has already been done at Dundalk and Essex. Help is needed for this orientation effort, meeting new students when they first arrive on campus. The Civility Committee will be involved. She also announced the “Multi-Cultural Women’s Symposium” to be held March 29, 2:00-4:00pm, at which Dr. Kurtinitis will be the keynote speaker. Student panelists will talk discuss existing stereotypes regarding their cultural identity.

Public Safety announced that Parking Lot 2, which has been out of service due to nearby construction, will be back in use April 2.

Peter Law announced that the Barnstormers will present the play, High School Musical, starting this Thursday. See Peter for tickets.

David Luwikoski announced that Dr. Barbara Lewis will speak this Thursday, 2:30-3:30 in E-104, about “Life on Mars.” This is part of a lecture series.

Michael Ehrlinger encouraged people to see the art show in the Q Building gallery featuring works by members of the Wilson family, who are Catonsville residents. Will Wilson is painting the official portrait of Governor Ehrlich.

John Kozarski encouraged everyone to check the Innerloop tomorrow for the New Mission, Vision and Values of the College.

The next and last Catonsville Forum meeting will be held April 30. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.