



Student Achievement & Outcomes Committee
August 21, 2024
MINUTES

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Student Achievement Committee meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please go to: [August 21, 2024 SAC Meeting Recording](#)

PRESENT Committee members: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Maria Simmons (Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Culkin, Jammy Davies (zoom), Michael Dietter, Carly Fortin, Commissioner Lorianne Osenkowski, Scott Redman (zoom), Commissioner Jennifer Van Gorder, Leszek Ward

Call to Order

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2024 meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called for a Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula: yes
Commissioner Giantonio: abstain
Commissioner Simmons: yes

With 2 in favor and 1 abstain, the committee

VOTED: to approve the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2024 meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called for a Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula: abstain
Commissioner Giantonio: yes
Commissioner Simmons: yes

With 2 in favor and 1 abstain, the committee

VOTED: to approve the June 26, 2024 meeting minutes.

Information: Dual Enrollment Grant

Mrs. Carly Fortin, Chief Academic Officer, introduced a discussion on increasing dual enrollment opportunities for high school students that can lead to college credit. Bristol received a two-year grant from the State of Connecticut to expand these opportunities. The

goal is to broaden dual enrollment beyond career and technical areas to include humanities and fine arts.

Questions and comments followed.

Decision: Media: Power and Freedom Curriculum

Mr. Leszek Ward, Secondary Humanities Supervisor, presented the curriculum for Media: Freedom and Power. This will be an elective course and worth 3 Southern CT State University credits. This course will include 4 units: 1. Beginnings, 2. Government and the First Amendment, 3. Society and the Free Press, and 4. Internet and the Future.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, Followed by a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the Media: Power and Freedom curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Introduction to Human Rights

Mr. Ward presented the Introduction to Human Rights which is an elective course worth 3 University of Connecticut credits. This course will include 4 units: 1. History and Frameworks, 2. Examples in Practice, 3. Global Issues, and 4. Critiques and Advocacy.

On a motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, Followed by a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the Introduction to Human Rights curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Holocaust and Human Behavior

Mr. Ward presented the Holocaust and Human Behavior which is an elective course. The course explores the relationship between individuals and society, focusing on historical case studies like the Holocaust. It follows a structured arc: starting with the dynamics of societal divisions, diving into case studies, and ending with discussions on justice, memory, and legacy. This course includes 5 units: 1. Identity and Belonging, 2. Fragility of Democracy, 3. Voices of Victims and Survivors, 4. Range of Human Behavior, and 5. Justice, Judgement and Legacy.

Discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, Followed by a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the Holocaust and Human Behavior curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: French ECE

Mr. Ward presented the French ECE curriculum. This is a full year elective course and worth 3 University of Connecticut credits. This course includes 5 units: 1. Personal Relationships, 2. Lifestyles, 3. Role of the Media, 4. Justice and Politics, and 5. The Generations.

Discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimons Bula and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio,

Following a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the French ECE curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Information: Recharge Program Summary

Mrs. Fortin and Mrs. Jammy Davies presented a summary for the Recharge Program. This program includes alternative classes for high school students that aim at engaging students and helping them recover credits. The program, which involved a strict attendance policy and required students to sign a contract outlining expectations, aimed to increase student engagement and attendance for the thirteen students selected. The program achieved a 100% graduation rate. The students showed significant growth in both academic and personal aspects with many expressing appreciation for the program and its teachers through positive feedback. The program successfully reconnected students with their education and inspired them to pursue further learning opportunities.

Comments and questions followed.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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