**CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY / CONSTITUTION DAY COMMITTEE**

Minutes
March 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m., A101 College Center

**Present:** Kraig Archer, Bonnie DiNardo, Ethan Flick, Brent Forsgren, Bob Hunckler, Jane Lewandoski, Cori Krohn, Jim Jones

**Election of a Chair and Vice Chair.**
Brent Forsgren nominated Ethan Flick as Chair of the committee. An invitation to nominate yourself or others for the Chair and Vice Chair positions will be emailed to all members asking for a response by 4:00 p.m., March 21.

**Name of the Committee**
The name Civic and Democratic Learning Committee was proposed for the committee’s name. Send any other ideas to the group for consideration.

**Meeting Dates / Contact Methods**
Committee will meet as group about three or four times a year, and will communicate by email. Note takers for the meeting will rotate among the group. The Chair will be responsible for arranging the meetings.

**Mission Statement**
The mission statement will be decided by an email poll of all members. Once chosen, the group can modify as needed.

Potential mission statements/phrases:
- Dedicated to the advancement of civic and democratic learning and engagement in society.
- Keeping community college members informed and active citizens and mobilize leaders in our democracy in addition to the workforce, their careers, and continued education.

**Opening the Committee to Students**
Once the mission statement is written, the committee will decide how to invite students to join.

**Potential Activities**
Constitution Day was initially created in response to a federal mandate requiring all public educational institutions to hold an educational event about the U.S. Constitution near Constitution Day on September 17. However, the committee is interested in having events throughout the year to promote civic engagement and responsibility throughout the community. In addition, Civic Responsibility is a General Education Competency and Civic Engagement is going to be a criterion for evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission.

Jim Jones suggested that the committee look at some of the activities we already have on campus, and ask how we can enhance the things we already do? Such activities include previous and upcoming workshops/seminars on human trafficking, opioid abuse, diversity in the
community, the PTK Black History Month events, Jim Soto’s mini conference on urban planning, etc.

Below is a list of additional potential activities.

- Organizing a field trip to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.
- Asking faculty from different disciplines to highlight how the constitutional issues affect their areas (e.g. cybersecurity, etc.).
- Asking students and faculty: How do current constitutional issues affect your lives and careers as professionals?
- Post a question to students online or in public related to the Bill of Rights. For example: What does the freedom of religion mean to you?
- Have guest speakers on campus to talk about current issues.
- Hold a town hall meeting inviting different government representatives. The town hall does not have to be specifically about constitutional issues.
- Hold a naturalization ceremony on campus.

Adjourned 3:55pm
Jane Lewandoski