



WCCFT Membership Meeting November 4, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

1. The minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting were approved 96% - 0% - 4%
2. The agenda was approved: 100%- 0%-0%.
3. President's Report: Q and A was taken after each item.
 - a. ED-39 has met twice since the last WCCFT meeting. Issues addressed were:
 - i. Mandatory Covid-19 testing
 - ii. The SUNY budget
 - iii. The WCCFT won the award for the most VOTE-COPE contributions in 2019.
 - b. Negotiations update and Partial Settlement MOA: The negotiating team has met twice. The Partial Settlement MOA has still not been approved by the County Executive and County Legislature. Discussion followed.
 - c. Proposed extension of Remote MOA: Jim, Deirdre and Amanda Velasquez have revised the Fall MOA and it is with Dr. Morest. Discussion followed.
 - d. Mandatory COVID-19 testing. All college employees have been contacted by email about this process. Several items were not addressed and the WCCFT is drawing up an MOA to address them. Discussion followed.
 - e. Health Insurance – move to NYSHIP. The 2017 MOA specifies copays but the Empire plan has different (higher) copays. The WCCFT has brought this to the attention of the administration. It may end up being a grievance. Members should keep track of all payments in the meantime. Discussion followed.
 - f. Advisement redesign meetings: Jim and Deirdre have met with the counselors to get feedback. They are scheduled to meet with curriculum chairs for the same purpose. Discussion followed.
 - g. Retiree Liaison: Jim obtained some information about other colleges at the ED39 meeting. The Executive Committee discussed ideas and agreed to discuss further at their next meeting.
4. Continued open discussion of issues with remote instruction/services: There were no further comments or questions.

5. Other reports/updates/announcements
 - a. Sick Bank: Rowan Lindley gave the sick bank report. It will be posted on the WCCFT website.
 - b. Scholarships: Robin Graff reminded us that last year the budget line item was \$500 and fund raising increased it to \$1500. Because of the difficulty of fund raising this year, the Executive Committee raised the line item to \$1500 for three \$500 scholarships.
 - c. Solidarity: Frank Maddalena reported that it is not possible to meet at the moment. Send ideas to Frank.
6. New Business: Sheldon Malev asked if the Executive Committee could ask about a retirement incentive. Jim will bring it to the Committee.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Minutes recorded by Rowan Lindley