## Meeting Minutes May 18, 2023 9:00am – 10:00am Regular Meeting Zoom ID: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85415342861</u>

## **MEMBERS:**

VOTING –						
х	John Rodriguez (Chair, Biology Faculty, Guided Pathways Pillar 4 Lead)	х	Chriss Foster (Dean of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences)			
х	Sun Young Ban (Co-Chair of Math/Physical Sciences, Math Faculty)	х	Nghiêm Thái (Interim Dean of Allied Health & Public Safety)			
Х	Margarita Baez (Notetaker, Counseling Faculty)		Margie Rubio (NextUp Program Manager)			
х	Doris Hankins (Director of Student Activities and Campus Life)		Marisol Roque-Chaves (Admissions and Records Specialist)			
			Nancy Moreno (Division III Staff Assistant)			
NON-VOTING –						
	Jamila Saleh (Bookkeeper)					

## GUESTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
I. Call to Order	<ul> <li>Meeting called to order at 9:14am.</li> </ul>	
	Quorum established.	
II. Adoption of Agenda	Doris Hankins moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded.	
	Passed unanimously.	
III. Approval of Minutes	No meeting minutes from April 20 <sup>th</sup> were completed yet,	
	so they could not be approved. The committee	
	informally approved the meeting minutes from May 4 <sup>th</sup>	
	as there was not quorum met that day and no official	
	business was conducted.	
IV. Action Items/	Allocate up to \$2200 for Breakfast for Fall Flex Day	
Presentations	(August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023).	
	<ul> <li>Nghiem Thai brought up that we should support</li> </ul>	
	our in-house breakfast catering Fresh N Natural.	
	In the past, breakfasts were above \$3,000, which	
	is a price too high for the PDC to continue	
	paying. Solutions include cutting the servings	
	and having it be more "first come first serve."	
	Sun Young suggested to see if we could	
	negotiate a lower price while having the same	
	amount of servings. Dr. Foster suggested we	
	could use other breakfast catering quotes from	
	places like L'acajou to negotiate a better price	
	with Fresh and Natural.	

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•	John suggested that we could bring salt and	
	spices to make the breakfast more tasty for	
	some people who may find the breakfast bland.	
•	John will reach out to Fresh and Natural to see if	
	they could reduce their costs for breakfast, or if	
•	John will taste the food at L'acajou to see if it's	
	of good quality.	
•	Doris Hankins moved to allocate up to \$2200 for	
	breakfast from L'acajou Bakery for Fall Flex Day.	
	<ul> <li>Subsidiary Motion: Margarita moved to</li> </ul>	
	amend the motion to "allocate up to	
	\$2200 for breakfast for Fall Flex Day."	
	Seconded. Passed unanimously.	
	nine release time for Chair position for the	
acade	mic year 2023-2024.	
•	John Rodriguez showed a document to help	
	evaluate how much money each release time	
	represents (e.g., 0.30 release time would be	
	equivalent to \$X dollars). Nghiem Thai	
	mentioned that the math was off because it	
	should be based off of 30 hours a week non-	
	instructional hours, not the 15 hours a week	
	instructional hours, when calculating pay. John	
	will reach out to Jane Fong, and VPI Richardson for further clarification.	
	Nghiem Thai moved to set the release time as	
•	0.30 for the academic year 2023-2024.	
	Seconded. Passed unanimously.	
Identi	fy and Elect a Chair for the academic year 2023-	
2024.		
•	As there were no other interested candidates,	
	Nghiem Thai moved to set the release time as	
	0.30 for the academic year 2023-2024 by	
	acclamation. No opposition. Passed	
	unanimously.	
Alloca	te up to \$1000 for hiring Ronit Matabuena-Lev	
for on	e of the Fall Flex Days (August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 or	
Octob	er 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023)	
•	Doris discussed the importance of considering	
	the intersectionality of all our students, so Ronit	
	may cater their presentation to supporting our	
	LBGTQIA+ students throughout the semester.	
•	As an additional supporting mechanism, Dean	
	Foster suggested including LGBTQIA+ statements	
	in the syllabus template. And to make it a point	
	in division meetings.	
•	Nghiem Thai mentioned that there may be funds	
	available via state initiative for hiring Ronit to do	
	this activity for Flex Day. Doris Hankins	
	mentioned we have a little over \$50,000 in the	
	state initiative (needs to be spent by end of Fall	
1	semester). For this reason, a motion was not	

	made as we can fund Ronit through other avenues.	
V. Standing Items	None	
VI. Old Business	None	
VII. New Business	None	
VIII. Announcements	• Next PDC meeting will be September 7 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.	
IX. Adjournment	<ul><li>Meeting adjourned at 10:04am.</li><li>Minutes submitted by John Rodriguez.</li></ul>	