

**All College Assembly Meeting Minutes
TC 103AB, Haverhill Campus & LA 101, Lawrence Campus
February 11, 2019**

Co-Chair Amy Callahan called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. The minutes of the December 10th meeting were unanimously approved.

Realities of student food insecurity

- Janel D'Agata-Lynch, M.S.W., Coordinator of Civic Engagement, Service-Learning, & Community Resources and SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for Homeless & Hungry Students presented on current housing insecurity issues at NECC compared to national statistics (54% v 46%). Many initiatives around the campus are addressing the food insecurity faced by our students, faculty and staff.
- The Smart Meals; which are created from donations made by hotels and restaurants and repurposed into a healthy meal containing protein, vegetable, and carbohydrates; delivers a frozen meal available in the Welcome Express in Student Center and in the Mini-hub in Riverwalk on Wednesdays.
- The pop-up peanut butter and jelly stations are also embraced by the Academic Centers (bread donated by Haverhill's Fantini Bakery and peanut butter donated by Teddie Peanut Butter in Everett and jellies from R. E. Kimball & Co in Amesbury) The initiative is seeking additional donations of peanut butter-dropped off directly in Centers off the Express window.
- The Farmers Market has delivered more than 26,000 lbs of produce this fall. Each shopper receives 20 to 25 lbs. Applicants are encouraged to sign up under their name and if they can not pick up the food themselves they can sent a representative to pick up for them.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is available and if students receive financial aid, they can also qualify for SNAP. A question regarding the impact of the government shut down on SNAP was brought out and it seems that the February benefits were paid out in January so families will not be impacted but the threat of another shut down may affect that.
- Care & Concern Outreach Team (CCOT) form is a mechanism for faculty and staff to inform the department (Janel D'Agata-Lynch at jdagatalynch@necc.mass.edu or Vengerflutta Smith at vsmith@necc.mass.edu.) of student concerns (CCOT form link: <https://goo.gl/Sj1xLR>) Forms are reviewed regularly.

Athletics expansion

- Mike McCarthy, Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO, joined by Dan Blair Director of Athletics and Recreation, explained rationale behind the expansion of athletics department as a strategic move to increase enrollment since all athletes must register for 12 credits per semester. Currently, NECC has 90 athletes and is projecting to have 134 by next year. McCarthy said that any sport introduced undergoes a rigorous business plan and cost/benefit analysis. E-Sports (sanctioned by NJCAA), soccer, and more sports for women were discussed. Members of the assembly asked about the expense of Esports computer equipment and contrasted to lesser quality computer equipment available to students on the academic side. Mike said he would look into the possibility of sharing the Esports equipment and announced the Athletic Open House on 2/19/19.
- Concern for the cleanliness of the gym facilities was raised and Dan acknowledged the issue and stated that a deep cleaning was done to remove all the sand brought in from outside.
- Lance Hidy also provided information on the new icons designed for the various intercollegiate athletic programs on campus, similar to those designed for the academic programs and Centers, for anyone interested.

Constituency concerns

Amy Callahan relayed a note from Isabella Gagne, chair of the Student Affairs Committee regarding signage inaccuracies around the campus that they committee is taking on.

With no further issues, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Muller.

February 23, 2019