

**Community College Interest Group Business Meeting**  
**Central States Communication Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 1, 2022**  
**11:00am-12:15 pm**  
**Conference Room I - Madison, WI**

Meeting called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting was read and approved.

Members in attendance: Julie Semlak, Jacob Isaacs, Sandra Arumugam-Osburn, Mark Smeltzer, Daniel McRoberts, Jeremy Basso, Tammie, Wiebers, Edward Schwarz, Jacki Brucher Moore, Julie Weishar, Jen DeRouchey, David Bodary, Shweta Arpit Srivastava, Becky Belter-Roberts, Marg Yaroslaski, Darren Osburn, Bruce PUNCHES.

**Old Business:**

**A) Interest Group Number Discussion**

We currently have 56 members in our interest group. In order to maintain our status, we must have at least 50. Members are reminded to select Community College Interest Group when renewing membership and to encourage our colleagues to do the same.

To be a Caucus, we only need 30 members although it's uncertain how that may affect the number of presentation slots, etc. This is not a pressing issue but worth looking into. Currently, we need to work to encourage membership and participation. Several ideas were suggested:

- i. Create virtual connections every couple of months.
- ii. Create monthly or bi-monthly panel discussions, which may result in ideas and opportunities for the annual convention.
  - a. September virtual meeting may be a good idea to reconnect.
  - b. October 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submission for the 2023 convention.
- iii. Make our Facebook and LinkedIn more engaging.

**B) Conference Attendance and Professional Development Discussion**

Community College Interest Group had three panels, one business meeting, and one reconnect session this year.

**New Business:**

**A) Election of Officers**

- a) **Election of Chair:** Shweta Arpit Srivastava

- b) **Election of Vice-Chair:** Julie Semlak
- c) **Election of Secretary:** Sandra Arumugam-Osburn

**B) 2023 Conference: St. Louis**

- a) **Program Theme Review:** Intersections, Transitions and Silenced Voices, March 29–April 2, 2023.
- b) Program planners are open to alternative forms of knowing such as performance, etc.
- c) Consider collaborating with colleagues from other disciplines.

**C) Panel Discussions Ideas:**

- a) Digital Maturity: When Do We Use them to Advance Ourselves? (David B.)
- b) The Role of Faculty in Helping Students Decide about Retention (Tammie W.)
  - i) Systemic v. Individual Interventions (Marg Y.)
- c) Mentoring and Evaluating Adjunct Faculty (Dan M. and Jeremy B.)
- d) Supporting Neurodivergence (David B., Marg Y. and Jacki Brucher-Moore)
- e) Dual Enrolled High School Students in the College Classroom (Dan M., Sandra O. Julie W. and Marg Y.)
- f) Customizing Courses for Specialized Populations (Dan from North Central, WI)
- g) Assessing Oral Communication as a General Education Outcome (Marg Y., Shweta S., Jacki, and Jen D.)
- h) Marginalization in the Discipline
  - i) We would need to invite others to attend.
- i) Popping Bubbles—Sharing activities that will help pop the social bubbles (Mark S.)
- j) Competing Against Other Institutions for the Same Students (Dan M. and Marg Y.)
- k) Collaboration with Graduate Caucus to share Community College Teaching Experience (Sandra O, Beck Belter-Roberts, Marg Y., Darren O. and Tammie W.)
- l) Discipline Specific Oral Communication Courses (Dan M. and Jacki Brucher-Moore)

**D) Announcements**

- a) HOPE Conference information located at the NCA Table
- b) Dr. Mulafi Assante Presentation
- c) Kirkwood CC is hiring a dean
- d) Bruce PUNCHES - Kalamazoo CC, MI– has written an Interpersonal textbook geared toward CC students.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.