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College Council Meeting

March 24, 2015

11:30-1:00

Room 401

MINUTES

Council Members in Attendance: Scott Evenbeck, Joan Lucariello, Stuart Cochran, Linda Merians, Marcus Allen, Flora Armetta, Kristina Baines, Nila Bhaumik, Nicola Blake, Sebastien Buttet, Marcia Edwards, Forest Fisher, Karla Smith Fuller, Jan Green, Elisa Hertz, Caitlin Irish, Chet Jordan, Parviz Kermani, Claire King, Shirley Law, Molly Makris, Nate Mickelson, Andrea Morrell, Vanita Naidoo, Audrey Nasar, Jinzhong Niu, Nicole Saint-Louis, Naveen Seth, Marla Sole, Lori Ungemah, Rebecca Walker, Xena Yehya, William Marcus Lowenhaupt

Council Members Not in Attendance: Sreenjaya Banerjee, Tracy Daraviras, Ariana Gonzales-Stokas, Chulsung Kim, Megan Lacy, Sophea So, Derek Tesser, Alia Tyner-Mullings, Kathryn Wilson, Randy Hensley, Karen Alvarez

Guests Present: Laura Gambino, Danielle Insalaco-Egan, Bruce Lyons, Paul Naish, Camila Torres

Meeting Notes

Chairperson Evenbeck welcomed attendees and gave opening remarks.

- Chairperson Evenbeck called the meeting to order at 11:40
- Introduced Nila Bhaumick, the new HR Director, who is the newest member of the Council.
- This is an intense time for New York State budget process and negotiations. Please send in your advocacy letters through the portal we included in a GCC email. The Mayor and City Council are supporting CUNY. However, things not looking good for CUNY in the Albany budget negotiations. The senior colleges will suffer more than the community colleges, which receive funding from New York City.
- We have not received any definitive word yet concerning our building in Harlem.
- Commencement is June 17th. Our focus will be on our students.
- SGA President Marcus Lowenhaupt related that the SGA is very active and things are going really well. The election of next year's SGA Executive body will take place soon. The SGA has two great events coming up: (1) Glow in the Dark Party; (2) a Club Fair soon after Spring Break is over. Marcus encourages faculty who might want to help found or lead clubs to attend the Club Fair. In addition, SGA will sponsor a suicide awareness event on April 16 during common hour. The SGA also has plans for two major events leading up to Commencement; one will be an alumni event; the second will be a pre-Commencement cruise.
- About Spring Community Days, students will be doing things specific to the programs of study. Also, each house is doing something for Community Days. For example, some houses are taking students to Ellis Island, and others are organizing visits to non-profits and cultural sites related to immigration. For LAS majors, students will work in teams to create their own service challenge, which they will need to complete by second Community Day.
- The Guttman Global Ambassadors Program will have another trip, this one to Ecuador during Spring 2. Derek Tesser will lead it. This will be the first time that the program will feature a credit-bearing course.
- Guttman students will be on the move during Spring 1. Molly Makris is taking a group of students to the Urban Affairs Conference in Miami, where they will make a presentation on

public spaces in midtown and their accessibility to students of color. Molly's book, *Public Housing and School Choice in a Gentrified City: Youth Experiences of Uneven Opportunity* has just been released by Palgrave.

- There will be a showcase of faculty scholarship at the end of the semester.

Referral of Matters from Standing Committees:

A. Matters referred from the Agenda Committee

- i. Resolved: The Council Approves the Agenda for the March 24, 2015 meeting. (Approved by acclamation).
- ii. Resolved: The Council Approves the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting. (Approved by acclamation).
- iii. The Election of five faculty to serve on the ad hoc Exploratory Committee on Governance as per the February 23, 2015 resolution. Andrea Morrell; Sebastian Buttet; Ariana Gonzales-Stokas; Marcus Allen; Geraldo Vasquez. (Elected by acclamation).

B. Matters referred from the Curriculum Committee

- i. Resolved: The Council approves changes to the program sequence in Business Administration (Approved by acclamation).
- ii. Resolved: The Council approves changes to the Information Technology program requirements. (Approved by acclamation).
- iii. Resolved: The Council approves the addition of a Writing Intensive designation to its courses and the standards for such a designation. (Approved by acclamation).
- iv. Resolved: The Council approves the Policy on Independent Study Courses (Approved: 23 for; 1 opposed; 7 abstentions).
- v. Resolved: The Council approves the Establishment of Independent Study Courses for one, two, or three credits as BUSI 298; HSVC 298; LASC 298 (open to all majors; listed as LAS elective in BUSI); UBST 298 (Approved: 30 for; 1 abstention).
- vi. Resolved: The Council approves the Policy on Initial Statistics and Mathematics (Approved by acclamation).
- vii. Resolved: The Council approves the cross listing of SOCU 231 as HLSC 231 (approved by acclamation).

2. Other Business: None

3. New Business: None

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council will be on April 21, 2015, in room 508, 11:30-1:00.