BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 25, 2010

Present: P. Barbatis, L. Broughton, M. Coleman, J. Freeman, A. McInerney, L. Montenegro, D. Peters, R. Quinn, D. Read, P. Read, G. Sanchez, H. Skinner, C. Williams

Guests: A. Fuller, O. Murray, C. Savage
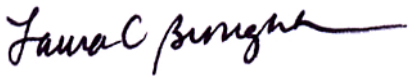
Excused: I. Boubacar, I. Sibabi

Meeting called to order at 2:18 p.m., A. McInerney.

1. **Approval of October 25, 2010 SEC agenda**: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

2. **Approval of October 4, 2010 Minutes**: Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote. *Abstentions:* 1 (P. Read)

3. **Approval of November 4, 2010 Senate Agenda**: Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.

4. **Budget update:** SVP Coleman stated that there is no new information about the budget at this time. It is unlikely that there will be any new information related to the City's final budget prior to this coming Senate meeting on November 4.

5. **Other – the Pharos System:**
   a. D. Peters addressed the student boycott of the previous Senate meeting. There were student protests across CUNY against budget cuts. Students have been providing a lot of feedback to the SGA about the pay-for-print system (Pharos). D. Peters would like to start a conversation about the pros and cons of the pay-for-print system. Students have questions about 1) whether the copying allowance will carry over from one term to the next, 2) will the copying allowance transfer to other places in CUNY, and 3) whether the system is affordable for students.
   b. When SVP Coleman met with student body in a town hall last year, one of the agenda items addressed was the waste from copying in computer labs and the library. SVP Coleman would like to clarify that students are not being charged $25, they are being given $25 in a print allocation from their already charged $100 for the student technology fee; M Coleman confirmed that the technology fee is now $100 (since Fall 2008). The SVP Coleman clarified that the technology fee amount is not set by BCC, it is set by CUNY. BCC and Hostos have set the highest printing allocation of any campus in CUNY. They have not changed the allocation of resources within the technology fee. They have put FAQs on the website in order to inform the public; the budget for the technology fee is on the website.

c. J. Freeman is concerned that there is a miscommunication about what the Pharos system actually is; he indicated that making sure all of the facts were on the table should be a priority, so that accurate information can be provided to the College population.   D. Peters said that there is a student town hall meeting on November 11 at noon in the cafeteria where this issue can be discussed. J. Freeman volunteered to represent faculty in such a discussion between students and M. Coleman.

6. **Other – CUNY Votes:** H. Skinner commented on the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor promoting CUNY Votes. He asked if there is another step – Can we further promote voting? He says it's important to not just to get students registered but also to get students out to vote. O. Murray attended a conference at John Jay with the Chancellor and the president of Barnes & Noble. They are promoting students working as poll workers – he has already forwarded the information to M. Kirk for distribution.

7. **Other – SHARE:** A. Fuller asked about the food program, but President Williams indicated that as the director is ill the program has tapered off, except around Thanksgiving.

Adjournment at 3:02 p.m., A. McInerney

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura C. Broughton
Secretary