

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 16, 2015

Present: T. Isekenegbe, E. Bayardelle, R. Ben-Nun, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, M. Fein, D. Gonsher, L. Lawton, F. Moore, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

1. Meeting called to order at 2:20 by F. Moore
2. **Approval of SEC agenda:** approved unanimously by voice vote
3. **Approval of SEC minutes from April 20:** approved unanimously by voice vote
4. **Report regarding SGA Election:** A. Brewer reported that SGA elections were not certified. A new election process is ongoing. New SGA to be installed by October 22. Several suggestions on how improve SGA performance were discussed.
5. **Elections to committees:**
 - a. **VP's & Deans Nominees:** A. Robinson, B. Rima, J. Molina, A. Durante, J. Magloire.
1st round results: *A. Robinson-5, B. Rima-1, J. Molina-4, A. Durante-3, J. Magloire-3*. No one was elected. D. Gonsher made a motion to postpone elections. H. Clampman seconded. Gonsher and Clampan voted YES, Fein, Lawton, Skinner and Isekenegbe abstained, Ben-Nun, Moore, and Utakis voted NO. Motion failed.
2nd round results: *A. Robinson-6, B. Rima-0, J. Molina-4, A. Durante-3, J. Magloire-3*. No one was elected. F. Moore postponed the elections.
 - b. **Community Relations & Special Events Nominees:** Prathibha Kanakamedala, Kelvin Cooper, Renee Briggs.
F. Moore postponed the elections.
6. **Chair's Report:** F. Moore reported on upcoming electronic elections at senate and nomination meeting before senate elections.
7. **President's Report:** T. Isekenegbe reported on registration numbers and expansion of ASAP.
8. **SGA Report:** postponed
9. **Faculty Council Report:** R. Ben-Nun reported the election results:
 - a. **R. Ben-Nun** was elected new chair of the F.C.
 - b. **H. Skinner** was re-elected Deputy Chair of F.C.
 - c. **S. Khan** re-elected as F.C. secretary.
 - d. **S. Utakis, H. Skinner, and L. Lawton** were elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

- e. **J. Molina, P. Kolosi, A. McInerney, M. Pita, and J. Sanabria** were elected to the committee on Governance and Elections.
 - f. **L. Lawton** and **J. Ziegler** were elected to the Committee on Student activities.
 - g. **C. Andrews** and **S. Mukherjee** were elected to the committee on Special Relations and Community Events.
 - h. **L. Lawton** and **H. Papas-Kavalis** were elected to the Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans
- 10. Approval of Agenda:** the agendas for the senate meetings for Sep. 17 and 24 were approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- 11. New Business:** no new business was brought up.
- 12. Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 3:25

Respectfully submitted,

Roni Ben-Nun

Bronx Community College
President's Report to the Senate - September 2015
President Thomas A. Isekenegebe, Ph.D.

- I am in my fifth week on Campus and it has been a very positive experience. I am getting to meet and know a lot of the faculty and staff. We have a lot of dedicated faculty and staff on our campus and I am excited about what we can do together. I know that collectively we can do good things for our students. It is with great pleasure that I submit to the College Senate, this report.
- Academic Year Opening – We had a good opening for the 2015-16 academic year. As of 9/21/15, our enrollment numbers, both in FTE and Headcount are higher than they were for Fall 2014. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 headcount is 11,607, which is 102.24% of our CUNY target of 11,352 and 99.55% of our internal target of 11,659. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 FTE is 8,197, which is 100.22% of our CUNY target of 8,179 and 97.58% of our internal target of 8400. These enrollment numbers may change slightly in October when Form A is finalized, which will provide us with official enrollment numbers.

As you walk around campus you can see students rushing back and forth to class and you can feel the excitement our learning community. While our enrollment numbers are encouraging, we must focus our efforts to retain these students. This requires that both faculty and staff work together to ensure our students succeed and ultimately graduate.

- Budget – The College has received its 2015-2016 Budget from the Central Office. Our initial allocation is 79.6 million dollars with an anticipated additional allocation of \$537,000 for a total of \$80,143,000. We project an initial surplus of 2 million dollars, which will be allocated in line with our strategic plan and priorities.

In addition, CUNY central is withholding \$838,000 for performance based funding. To access these funds, BCC will submit up to three proposals to the CUNY Strategic Investment Initiative. Each of the proposals will be in line, as required, with “major goals shared by the University and the State of New York...”

- ASAP – We have been informed by the Central Office of the selection of our College for an all-out expansion of the ASAP program. The Provost is leading a steering committee that is responsible for planning this expansion in time for Fall 2016 semester. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Search for VP for Finance and Administration – As you all know, Richard Elliott is currently our interim VP for Administration and Finance. Plans are underway to commence a search to fill this position on a permanent basis. We are in the process of putting together the search committee, which Professor Howard Clampman has agreed to chair. Additional information will be announced to the College Community within the next couple of weeks.
- President's Listening Tours – I will be hosting several “listening tours” for students, faculty and staff. The forum will provide opportunity for the attendees to share ideas for improvements to our College, aligned with our Strategic Plan. We will use what we learn to help us create a more effective learning and teaching environment, as well as improve services to our students, faculty and staff.