

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 7, 2015

Present: T. Isekenegbe, A. Alvarez, R. Ben-Nun, H. Clampman, R. Elliott, M. Fein, D. Gonsher, J. Katz, L. Lawton, F. Moore, C. Schrader, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

Excused: N. Asamoah, K. Matos

1. **Meeting called to order** at 2:22PM by F. Moore.
2. **Approval of December 7, 2015 SEC agenda:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of November 16, 2015 SEC Minutes:** Approved with correction by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Report of the Chair:**
 - a. **Release/reassign time for Senate Secretary:** F. Moore explained the proposal and the rationale for it, and discussion ensued. C. Schrader voiced opposition to the request.
 - b. **Veterans' Day Observance Resolution:** (see report) F. Moore explained the proposal and the rationale for it. Discussion ensued regarding the statements pertaining to Columbus Day.
5. **President's Report:** T. Isekenegbe discussed the items that would appear on his report.
6. **Report from SGA:** A. Alvarez reported on SGA events.
7. **Report from the Faculty Council:** R. Ben-Nun relayed council discussions surrounding the COACHE survey.
8. **Approval of December 10, 2015 Senate agenda:** Approved with amendments by unanimous voice vote. Prior to vote, F. Moore explained the agenda, and discussion ensued.
9. **New Business:** None.

Adjournment at 3:20 PM by F. Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Katz, Secretary

Attachment(s):

- Senate Agenda
- Proposed Resolution Regarding the Observance of Veteran's Day

**AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE SENATE
December 10, 2015, 12:15 - 1:45 P.M.
Nichols Hall 104**

1. Call to Order
2. Seating of Alternates
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2015
5. Action Items:
 - a. Academic Standing – Proposed Changes to the Registered Nursing Program **(10 Minutes)**
 - b. Curriculum Committee – Item numbers refer to the report submitted in November – see minutes. **(15 Minutes)**
 - i. Item 2 (a) Proposed changes to existing courses
 - ii. Item 2 (b) Proposed changes to existing course
 - iii. Item 2 (c) Proposed change to existing degree program – change in program name
 - iv. Item 2 (d) Proposed change to existing degree program
 - v. Item 2 (e) Proposed changes to Department Name
 - vi. Item 2 (f) Proposed deregulation of existing degree program
 - vii. Item 2 (g) Changes to existing courses
 - viii. Item 2 (h) Proposed new degree program
 - c. Governance And Elections
 - i. Amendment to the Governance Plan relating to Power to adopt Rules for Departments **(10 Minutes)**
6. President's Report **(15 minutes)**
7. Committee Reports **(2 minutes each unless otherwise noted)**
 - a. Academic Standing **(included in action items above)**
 - b. Curriculum **(included in action items above)**
 - c. Governance and Elections **(included in action items above)**
 - d. Instruction and Professional Development
 - e. Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant
 - f. Student Activities
 - g. Student Government Association
 - h. University Faculty Senate
 - i. University Student Senate
 - j. Vice-Presidents and Deans
 - k. Community Relations and Special Events

8. **Announcements and Reports (2 minutes each)**
 - a. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson
 - b. Vice Presidents and Deans
9. **Auxiliary Enterprises (2 minutes)**
10. **BCC, Inc. (2 minutes)**
11. **New Business (time remaining)**
12. **Adjournment**

Proposed Resolution
Regarding the Observance of Veterans' Day

WHEREAS, Veterans' Day is a holiday recognized by the United States, the State of New York and the City of New York to recognize and honor the service of members of the armed forces of the United States;

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the Bronx Community College community, as well as the wider CUNY Community, including students, alumni, faculty and staff are veterans who have served the United States honorably and at great personal sacrifice to the themselves and to their families;

WHEREAS, Veterans' Day is not currently recognized as a holiday by the City University of New York, including Bronx Community College, thereby requiring members of the college and wider university communities who are veterans, to forsake events intended on honoring them for their service to the United States;

WHEREAS, the City University of New York, including Bronx Community College, currently recognizes Columbus Day as a holiday.

WHEREAS, Columbus Day falls early in the month of October, closely following multiple September holidays thereby resulting in a greater disturbance to the educational rhythm of the college than would a holiday in November;

WHEREAS, Columbus Day, in and of itself has become a controversial holiday causing an increasing number of governmental and non-governmental entities to either suspend observation of the day or to change its name;

WHEREAS, without weighing in upon the controversies surrounding Columbus Day, the day is of less relevance and importance to members of the college and university communities than is Veterans' Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Bronx Community College Senate requests that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the City University of New York replace Columbus Day with Veterans' Day as an officially recognized holiday throughout the CUNY system.

IN FURTHERENCE of this resolution, the Bronx Community College Senate:

1. Requests that the Chair of the Senate, reach out to the Chairs of the governance bodies of the other CUNY colleges and seek their support for this resolution.
2. Requests that the delegation of Bronx Community College to the University Faculty Senate seek its support for this resolution
3. Requests that the delegation of Bronx Community College to the University Student Senate seek its support for this resolution;

4. Request that the President of Bronx Community College reach out to the Presidents of other CUNY colleges and seek their support for this resolution.