

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York  
**COLLEGE SENATE**

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**Minutes of April 2, 2009**

**Present:** C. Aleong, J. Allen, T. Allen, L. Augustus, R. Bass, M. Bates, R. Bayor, M. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, M. Coleman, F. De Naples, L. Echevarria, J. Freeman, M. Garrido, R. Gillespie, D. Gonsher, C. Grenda, G. Guarnieri, L. Hurley, K. Ismail, D. La Blanc, M. Lewis, C. Maliti, A. McInerney, T. McManus, I. Mirsky, L. Montenegro, K. Morales, H. Papas-Kavalis, M. Pita, D. Read, P. Read, J. Rosa, L. Rosario, G. Sanchez, D. Silverman, H. Skinner, V. Thomas, A. Togha, F. Villar, H. Wach, A. Whittingham, C. Williams, J. Wilson

**Absent:** A. Durante, O. Hill, T. Ingram, A. Maglieri, J. Moghaddasi, L. Sirleaf, R. Wiltshire

**Excused:** D. Mangiante,

**Guests:** A. Abdullah, S. Akkaraju, S. Atamturktur, L. Broughton, G. Burghart, H. Clampman, L. Dieng, M. Fein, B. Gantt, S. Khan, C. Liachovitzky, J. Lopez-Marron, C. Mazzatenta, V. Mishkin, R. Panettier, J. Polanco, N. Posner, J. Ramirez, L. Rice, M. Rogan, R. Sanjuro, C. Savage, C. Simpson, D. Taylor, R. Tian, A. Weaver

1. **Call to order**                    12:35 p.m., R. Bass.
  
2. **Agenda**                            Accepted as amended (add Item 5) by unanimous voice vote.
  
3. **Minutes**                            Accepted as corrected (correction of Gala date—Item 6.B., C. Savage’s report) by unanimous voice vote.
  
4. **Curriculum Committee—Change in Existing Course: ACM 90**  
H. Clampman presented the item (attached). Motion to accept passed by unanimous voice vote. In a related matter, I. Mirsky presented an item from the Committee on Academic Standing, Addition to the Codification—Section 8.2.3 (attached). Motion to accept the addition passed by unanimous voice vote.
  
5. **Resolution Regarding PSC-CUNY Research Awards**  
R. Bass presented the Joint Resolution concerning the PSC-CUNY Research Award Program (see attached). Motion to support the resolution passed with majority voice vote (M. Coleman—abstention).
  
6. **President’s Report**  
C. Williams reported that the College has met all fourteen standards set by Middle States and thanked and congratulated the body for its participation in

the self-study process. The President also reminded the body that the Gala is tonight, April 2, at the Botanical Gardens.

**7. Announcements and Reports**

**A. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson's Reports:**

R. Bass: NR

K. Morales reported on progress in improving services to evening and weekend students. He also reported that SGA is going to lobby in Albany to represent BCC during the budget process. Other upcoming SGA activities will be published in the *Communicator*. F. Villar reported on positive feedback on BCC's Go Green program.

P. Read reported on the 3/19 Faculty Council meeting. Next meeting is 4/30/09.

**B. SVPs and Deans Reports:**

G. Sanchez: NR.

M. Coleman: NR.

C. Savage: Commended the SGA students appearing in the video that will be displayed at the Gala; she also urged the body to attend the Gala.

O.Hill: NR.

B. Gantt reported on preparations for the Fall 2009 advisement period (April 27-May 8).

D. Taylor reported on the process of planting 94 new trees on campus as well as the implementation of recycling on campus. In addition, he reported on preparations for a ten-year sustainability plan, in response to NYC. D. Taylor and M. Coleman both reported on new hires in Public Safety, Payroll, and the Business Office. C. Williams said a list of new hires will be forthcoming.

**8. Auxiliary Enterprises:**

No Report

**9. BCC, Inc.:**

No Report

**10. Committee Reports**

- A. Committee on Academic Standing:** I. Mirsky presented codification changes and additions (see attached). Change to Section 8.5.1 (Z grade): Motion to waive two-meeting rule passed by unanimous voice vote. Motion to accept change passed by unanimous voice vote. The addition to 4.2.1 and change to 4.3.1 were presented and discussed.
- B. Curriculum:** H. Clampman presented recent actions (see attached). Discussion ensued.
- C. Governance and Elections:** NR
- D. Instruction and Professional Development:** NR
- E. Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** NR
- F. Student Activities:** R. Gillespie reported that there are 21 clubs registered, including a new club, Cheerleading. (See attached.)
- G. Student Government Association:** NR
- H. University Faculty Senate:** NR
- I. University Student Senate:** NR
- J. Vice-Presidents and Deans:** NR

**11. New Business:** L. Hurley reported on the Faculty Council Student Scholarship.

**12. Adjournment**      2:00 p.m., R. Bass

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick De Naples, Secretary

## **Resolution on the PSC-CUNY Awards Program**

**Adopted by the UFS Research Committee and the University Committee on Research Awards**

March 12, 2009

### **Prologue:**

In 2007, 1,280 faculty colleagues conducted research and scholarship supported by PSC-CUNY grants averaging \$3,000. Awards are distributed widely across the CUNY campuses. The funds for this program are specified in the PSC-CUNY contract. In 2007-08, the total budget was \$3.6M and the administrative expenses for running the program were only \$165,751 or 4.6%.

The PSC-CUNY Research Award Program is a faculty peer-reviewed grant program designed to assist faculty at all levels to pursue their research and scholarship. The University Committee on Research Awards (UCRA) is responsible for program review. Members of the UCRA are screened and recommended to the Chancellor by the University Faculty Senate. The UFS Research Committee has been in continuous service to CUNY since 1970. This committee initiated review of the FRAP (Faculty Research Award Program) awards that in 1973 became the PSC-CUNY Award program as an allocation from the money set aside for collective bargaining by the city and later also by the state. By arranging for high quality peer-review of PSC-CUNY grant applications, the UFS Research Committee and the UCRA continue to collaborate and support the needs of CUNY faculty members.

In November 2008, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Gillian Small, established a task force based on her assumptions that the program is “unsustainable” and needs “restructuring.” In contrast, broad faculty opinion across the university is strongly supportive of the way the faculty peer-reviewed research program functions now, and is supportive of the manner in which grants are distributed.

During the two meetings of the task force, the arbitrary assumptions that surfaced were:

- Separate, Local campus decision-making is desirable
- Recompensed Peer review is much too expensive
- Too many grants are awarded.

A draft report has emerged. Contrary to Article 25 of the PSC Contract, Vice Chancellor Small's draft report radically alters the present practice of peer-review, which has assured the program's academic integrity, by transferring the authority for grant approval to the provosts on each campus. This would open the way to arbitrarily focusing awards in certain

disciplines, or to politicization of the selection process.

A reading of the PSC-CUNY contract states that responsibility for establishing guidelines rests with the University Committee on Research Awards. That committee consists of faculty members who are recommended by the UFS and appointed by the Chancellor. This Contract makes no reference to having university administrators be part of the review process. There are good reasons for this. In particular, it is not appropriate for administrators to be involved in funding decisions in a program that derives from monies that otherwise would be available for faculty compensation. Therefore, we ask that Vice Chancellor Small's task force on the Restructuring of the PSC-CUNY Research Award Program be disbanded. We further ask all faculty members to place the attached resolution, suitably adapted for your college, on the agenda of your campus governance body. We also ask that the UFS Executive Committee place this resolution on the agenda for the March 31st plenary session of the University Faculty Senate.

### **Resolution:**

**Whereas**, the monies that fund the PSC-CUNY Awards program result from the PSC-CUNY Contract, which are funds that by consent of PSC members, are excluded from use as salary and other compensation and are not part of general city or state funding of the University; and,

**Whereas**, the task force set up by the chancellery is an inappropriate body to alter the present arrangement of making these awards,

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the UFS Research Committee and the University Committee on Research Awards reject the restructuring proposal in the task force draft report, and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the UFS Research Committee and the University Committee on Research Awards ask that the Task Force on the PSC-CUNY Awards Program be disbanded and that its suggestions be presented to the UCRA and its Executive Committee, for their consideration.

For more information on this issue please visit [www.cunyUFS.org](http://www.cunyUFS.org) where you will find the March 3 panel discussion on this issue and background documents.

BCC Senate  
March 5, 2009

**PART A: ACADEMIC MATTERS**

**Section AV: Changes in Existing Courses**

**AV1. Change in prerequisites ACM 90 Animal Care and Management Internship**

FROM:		TO:	
Title	Animal Care and Management Internship	Title	Animal Care and Management Internship
<b>Description</b>	This will be a 500-hour hands-on experience for students who successfully complete the prerequisite courses. The internship will provide valuable opportunities through which students will be able to put into action the practices that they learned in the classroom. Students will focus on procedures and specific applications relating to basic veterinary care, feeding and nutrition, animal handling, animal housing, and sanitation procedures.	<b>Description</b>	This will be a 500-hour hands-on experience for students who successfully complete the prerequisite courses. The internship will provide valuable opportunities through which students will be able to put into action the practices that they learned in the classroom. Students will focus on procedures and specific applications relating to basic veterinary care, feeding and nutrition, animal handling, animal housing, and sanitation procedures.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Bio-15 and Bio 47	<b>Prerequisites</b>	BIO 15 with a grade of C+ or better and BIO 47. Students will be permitted two attempts in BIO 15 to achieve the C+ grade.

**Rationale:** The Certificate program is no longer affiliated with the Bronx Zoo so changes have been made to the program. It has become a small animal care program based in veterinarian offices. Previously, students were required to earn a C+ in ACM 11 before entering ACM 90 (Zoo Internship). Since ACM 11 (Introduction to Animal Care) is no longer part of this program, we believe that a C+ in Biology 15 (Zoology) should be required to be qualified to do an internship in a veterinarian's office. The C+ would reflect a certain level of achievement in students' knowledge of animals' anatomy and physiology.



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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING



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To: The College Senate  
From: Isabel Mirsky, Chairperson, Committee on Academic Standing  
Subject: Addition to the Codification — Section 8.2.3  
Date: First presentation -November 6, 2008,Second Presentation-December 4, 2008(tabled)/Third Presentation-March 5, 2009(tabled)/Fourth Presentation-April 2, 2009

**8.2. Grading requirements in Special Curricula**

**8.2.3 Animal Care management (new section)** Addition passed unanimously by CAS

The minimum acceptable grade in Bio 15 (Zoology) is a C+. Students will be allowed two attempts to achieve the C+ grade. A "W" will not count as an attempt. If a student takes the course two times, the two grades will be averaged in the student's GPA unless the first grade is an "F" and can be removed under the Repeat-Failure Policy.

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Subject: Change to the Codification—Section 8.5.1 , Addition to the Codification -Section 4.2.1, and Change to the Codification-4.3.1  
Date: First presentation-April 2, 2009

**8.5 Special Grades.**

**8.5.1 Special grades defined.**

Current wording:

Z	0.0	An administrative indicator of a missing grade. No grade submitted by instructor for a course in which the student has been registered. Z may not be assigned by an instructor.
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New Wording:

Z	0.0	No grade submitted by the instructor. Grade assigned by Registrar pending receipt of final grade by instructor."
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**4.2.1 Nursing RN Program** ( Addition to statement passed unanimously by CAS)

To be eligible for admission into nursing course work (NUR designated courses) students must achieve:

- A minimum GPA of 2.5 in the pre-nursing sequence (BIO 23, CMS 11, ENG 10 or 11, PHM 10, PSY 11). Grades of C- or below in CMS 11, ENG 10 or 11, or PSY 11 will not be accepted. A C+ or better is required in BIO 23 and PHM 10. If a student has received a failing or passing grade in CMS11, ENG 10 or 11, or PSY 11 and retakes the course, the repeat grade will not be counted for admission into the nursing program.

**4.3.1 Nursing LPN Program**

**Admission Requirements for Licensed Practical Nursing Program Courses**

To be eligible for admission into practical nursing course work (PNR designated courses) students must meet the following criteria.

A. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 must be obtained, with a minimum grade of C or better in the preclinical sequence (CMS 11, PSY 11, ENG 10 or 11), except a grade of C+ or better is required for BIO 23. BIO 23 may be repeated once to achieve a grade of C+ or better. Grades of C- or below in CMS 11, ENG 10 or 11 or PSY 11 will not be accepted. If a student has received a failing or passing grade in CMS11, ENG 10 or 11, or PSY 11 and retakes the course, the repeat grade will not be counted for admission into the nursing program

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**Deleted:** Students may not repeat a preclinical course other than one with a grade of WU or F;



**BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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Curriculum Committee**

To: Members of the College Senate  
From: Professor Howard A. Clampman,  
Chairperson Curriculum Committee *Howard A. Clampman*  
Date: April 2, 2009  
Subject: Report of Actions by the Curriculum Committee through 03/31/2009

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1. Actions previously reported to the Senate
  - a. Proposed Change in an Existing Course  
ACM 90 – Animal Care and Management Internship  
Change in Prerequisite  
From: BIO 15 and BIO 47  
To: BIO 15 with a grade of C+ or better and BIO 47. Students will be permitted two attempts in BIO 15 to achieve the C+ grade.  
Department of Biology & Medical Laboratory Technology  
Approved 02-04-2009 18-0-0
  
2. Actions reported to the Senate for the first time:
  - a. Proposed Changes in Existing Degree Programs
    1. Liberal Arts & Sciences AS Degree – Biology Option
      - a. Addition of ENG 10 and HIS 11 footnotes
    2. Medical Laboratory Technology AAS Degree
      - a. Addition of ENG 10 and HIS 11 footnotes
    3. Ornamental Horticulture AAS Degree
      - a. Addition of ENG 10 and HIS 11 footnotesDepartment of Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology  
Approved 03-24-2009 14-7-0
  
  - b. Proposed Change in Existing Courses
    1. Change in hours, course content & description:
      - a. MTH 01 – Fundamental Concepts and Skills in Arithmetic and Algebra
    2. Change in course content & description:
      - a. MTH 05 – Basic Concepts of Mathematics I
    3. Change in prerequisites:
      - a. MTH 21 – Survey of Mathematics I
      - b. MTH 22 – Survey of Mathematics II
      - c. MTH 23 – Probability and Statistics
      - d. MTH 26 – Mathematics in the Modern World
      - e. MTH 12 – Introduction to Mathematical Thought
    4. Change in Mathematics Sequence by Curriculum  
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science  
Approved 03-24-2009 21-0-0

- c. Proposed Letter of Intent – Biotechnology Joint Degree Program  
AS – Biotechnology – Bronx Community College  
BS – Biotechnology – The City College of New York  
Department of Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology  
Approved 03-24-2009 18-1-1

- d. Proposed Changes in Existing Degree Programs
  - 1. Animal Care and Management Certificate Program
    - a. Addition of ENG 10 footnoteDepartment of Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology

After discussing this item at two meetings the Curriculum Committee voted, by a unanimous voice vote, to waive its customary three meeting rule.

Approved 03-24-2009 16-4-0

- e. Proposed Change in Existing Degree Program
  - 1. Radiologic Technology AAS Degree Program
    - a. Change in course names:
      - i. RAD 11 Introduction to Radiologic Technology
      - ii. RAD 14 Radiographic Processing
      - iii. RAD 15 Topographic Anatomy I
      - iv. RAD 16 Patient Care and Pharmacology
      - v. RAD 25 Topographic Anatomy II
      - vi. RAD 33 Radiographic Procedures III
      - vii. RAD 42 Fundamentals of Radiation Biology
      - viii. RAD 43 Quality Assurance
      - ix. CLE 11 Clinical Education I
      - x. CLE 31 Clinical Education III
      - xi. CLE 41 Clinical Education IV
      - xii. CLE 61 Clinical Education
    - b. Change in course name, content and degree credits
      - i. CLE 21 Clinical Education II 1.0 credits
        - 1. From 1.0 credits to 0.5 credits
      - ii. CLE 51 Clinical Education V
        - 1. From 1.0 credits to 0.5 credits
    - c. Change in course name and content
      - i. RAD 33 Radiographic Procedures III
    - d. Addition of two new courses (formerly experimental courses)
      - i. CLE 15 Clinical Radiography I
      - ii. CLE 45 Clinical Radiography V
    - e. Change in curriculum patternDepartment of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences  
Approved 03-31-2009 21-0-0



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**VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
CHAIRPERSON INTER ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL (IOC)  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES  
REPORT  
FRIDAY, March 13, 2009**

The IOC held its second meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009, this was the first official meeting for the spring semester and there was an excellent turnout.

Pina Martinelli was attendance to talk about the American Cancer Society and Clubs at BCC. The official deadline for returning clubs charters was today at 12pm and we have a total of 20 clubs.

The IOC office has received recertification from the following clubs for the Spring Semester:

1. Anime/Mange Club
2. Alpha Beta Gamma
3. Answer
4. Business Club
5. Christian Club
6. Creative Writers Club
7. Dance Workshop
8. Dominican Students
9. History Club
10. Italian Club
11. Media Technology & Film Club
12. Muslim Student Association
13. Nursing Club
14. Paralegal Society
15. Secular Humanist Club
16. Student World Assembly
17. Speech, Drama, Debate
18. Theatre Workshop
19. Top Models





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**20. Truth Club**

**These clubs have met the basic requirements to be of a part of our club community. All new charters are still able to return their charters to the IOC executive office until March 26, 2009. The only new charter for this semester will be the The Cheerleading Club.**

**The next IOC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 12-2pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Roslyn Gillespie**

