

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
College Senate

Minutes of March 8, 2012

Present: S. Atamturktur, P. Barbatis, R. Bass, T. Brennan, L. Broughton, G. Burghart, H. Clampman, M. Coleman, S. Davis, W. DeJong-Lambert, A. Durante, J. Freeman, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, G. Guarneri, A. Guy, C. Harding, T. Ingram, M. Kirk, P. Kolozi, A. Levy, C. Maliti, D-E. Matsoukas, K. Maynard, A. McInerney, T. McManus, I. Mirsky, J. Molina, A. Montalvo, L. Montenegro, W. Murray, H. Papas-Kavalis, M. Pita, R. Quinn, M. Refling, L. Rosario, H. Skinner, E. Sutton, K. Taylor, K. Thomas, H. Wach, T. Warren, W. Washington, J. Wilson, B. Yarmolinsky

Absent: J. Altieri, K. Boateng, J. Braham, F. Gimballa, C. Jallow, A. Lal, L. A. Moses, A. Prieto

Excused: C. Berotte Joseph, L. Hurley, R. Shane, E. Smith (alternate)

Present Alternates: R. Ben-Nun, M. Gannon

Guests: A. Baez, L. Brenner, M. Fein, A. Fuller, C. Gordon, S. Gupta, D. Hadaller, E. Hoist, K. Ismail, D. Koenigstein, O. Melendez, F. Moore, D. Morris, N. Posner, N. Ritze, M. Rogan, J. Sanabria, C. Savage

1. **Call to Order:** 12:20 P.M., A. McInerney
2. **Greetings:** A. McInerney welcomed the body.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2012:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. **CAS:** Proposed President's List
 - i. One typo was changed (see attachment). Students would be included on the President's list with 12 hours and a minimum 3.7 GPA.
 - ii. L. Montenegro asked if there would be a note with an explanation made on the transcript for the student.
 - iii. I. Mirksy accepted this suggestion as a friendly amendment.
 - iv. The amended CAS report on the President's List was approved unanimously by voice vote.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Announcements and Reports**
 - a. **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson**
 - i. A. McInerney noted that the Senate Executive Committee had a short discussion on the Pathways Initiative.
 - ii. T. Warren stated that this was an historic year for BCC and the Student Government Association. On March 2, 2012 the SGA constitution passed with more than 10% participation of the student body. T. Warren thanked the faculty and staff who support and helped with this effort. It is 28 years since any changes have been made to the SGA constitution.

The SGA has several upcoming events including the talent show and Oxfam.

b. Vice-Presidents and Deans

- i. H. Wach reminded the body that the Early Academic Progress Grade is still available and will be open until March 16th.
- ii. M. Coleman announced that SIMS will be shut down on March 14th. SIMS will be back up for viewing only (but not updating) at the beginning of April assuming CUNY FIRST comes online as expected. The CUNY FIRST module is expected to be available as of April 2nd. CUNY FIRST training is ongoing. N. Ritze offered the services of her office for data requests prior to SIMS going down.
- iii. P. Barbatis announced that the men's basketball team is in the National Championship and play next Thursday evening. There will be buses taking fans to the game from campus. Students cannot file for financial aid until they file their taxes by going through the IRS portal. Single Stop on campus provides tax preparation for free. The University is putting caps on enrollments for the schools. BCC's enrollment cap will be just over 11,000.
- iv. C. Savage announced that May 17th will be the annual Gala, with cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM at the Bronx Zoo. They are accepting donations for the silent auction.
- v. A. Fuller asked A. McInerney to announce the Irish Heritage luncheon which will be Friday, March 16th.

8. **Pathways** (<http://www.cuny.edu/pathways>): H. Clampman announced that they have made tremendous progress and anticipate having assigned all courses to the appropriate areas by this coming Tuesday. Curriculum committee will resume meeting as soon as the Steering committee has finished "filling the buckets."
- a. All new or modified courses approved by the Steering committee must be approved by the Curriculum committee, then by the Senate, then by the Pathways Common Core Course Review Committee.
 - b. The BCC representatives on the Common Core Course Review Committee are R. Bass, L. Broughton, F. DeNaples, D. Gonsler, R. Gouraige, G. Marzan, I. Mirsky, and R. Shane.

9. **Auxiliary Enterprises:** No Report.

10. **BCC, Inc.:** M. Kirk announced that both the board and budget committee will be meeting within the next two weeks.

11. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Academic Standing:** I. Mirsky presented the criteria to register in distance learning courses (see attachment). This request was made by Academic Affairs based on data showing that students with GPA < 2.0 do poorly in these courses. A request was made to present the data at the next Senate meeting.
- b. **Curriculum:** No Report
- c. **Governance and Elections:** F. Moore announced that the Committee on Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant was entirely constituted. Congratulations to V. Mishkin from the careers division. There will be elections for the UFS, it's a 3

year term, and we need to elect 1 full-time faculty, 2 alternate full-time faculty, and 1 adjunct alternate faculty representatives.

- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** B. Yarmolinsky announced they are working on revising their functions in the Governance Plan which will be submitted by the end of the semester.
- e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** No Report.
- f. **Student Activities:** No Report.
- g. **Student Government Association:** No Report.
- h. **University Faculty Senate** (see attachment): H. Skinner announced that the UFS passed two resolutions 1) on the Common Core criticizing the lack of continuity and consistency, and 2) endorsing the pending legislation on changing rules regarding the qualifications and choosing of the Trustees.
- i. **University Student Senate:** No Report
- j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans** (see attachment): A. McInerney presented the report from the last meeting which includes the names of faculty members forwarded to the President for the search committee for the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. The President selected 3 of the 6 names for the search committee; an additional 2 faculty members were also chosen for the search committee.

12. New Business: None.

13. Adjournment: 1:14 P.M., A. McInerney

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Broughton, Secretary

Handouts:

- CAS: Addition to the Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations Section 5
- Report from the Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans, February 22, 2012
- CAS: Eligibility Criteria to Register in Distance Learning Courses
- UFS: Letter to the CUNY Board of Trustees from Sandi E. Cooper, Chair, February 29, 2012 with attached Resolution on the Common Core and Resolution on the UFS Endorsement of Pending Legislation Regarding the Trustees of CUNY

To: The College Senate

From: The Committee on Academic Standing/ Addition to the Codification of Academic Rules and Regulation Section 5

Date: February 9, 2012 First Presentation/ March 8, 2012 Second Presentation

From	To
	<p data-bbox="1052 524 1577 563">5.6 Eligibility for President's List</p> <p data-bbox="1052 602 1871 743">Students shall be eligible for inclusion on the President's List if they have been assigned academic grades for a minimum of twelve (12) college-level credits in a semester with an average of 3.7 or higher.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 786 1604 824">5.7 Evaluation for President's List</p> <p data-bbox="1052 863 1850 932">Students shall be evaluated for the President's List upon successful completion of:</p> <p data-bbox="1052 938 1619 971">12 or more college credits in a semester</p> <p data-bbox="1052 1013 1738 1052">5.8 Limitations Governing President's List</p> <p data-bbox="1052 1091 1850 1198">A student who qualifies for the President's List in a given semester or at graduation is not eligible to be on the Dean's List at the same time.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 1237 1860 1419">A student with a grade of F or WU shall not be eligible for that semester. An INC or PEN grade must be completed before the start of the following semester for a student to be considered for President's List. A student with a Z grade shall not be considered until the grade is resolved.</p>

	<p>5.9 Regulations for Part-Time Students</p> <p>All of the aforementioned criteria for full-time matriculated students shall be applicable to part-time matriculated students. A part-time matriculated student shall be eligible for the President's List upon completion of twelve (12) college-level credits during an "accumulation period."</p> <p>An "accumulation period" will consist of two consecutive semesters completing twelve (12) college-level credits.</p> <p>5.10 President's List for Graduation</p> <p>To be considered for the President's List at the time of graduation a student must have a cumulative Grade-Point Average (GPA) of 3.7, with no PEN or INC grades.</p>
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Rationale: During discussion of revisions to the Dean's List, it was brought up by CAS representatives that a higher standard could be in place for very high achieving students. The standards from other colleges within and external to CUNY were researched. A proposed policy was created based upon the research and the revised wording of the Dean's List Policy for BCC. This policy will take effect Fall 2012.

BCC COLLEGE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON VICE PRESIDENTS AND DEANS

CANDIDATES FOR FACULTY MEMBERS
SEARCH COMMITTEE * VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

February 22, 2012

In attendance: A. McInerney (Chair), T. Brennan, G. Burghardt, H. Clampman, W. Washington

The following faculty submitted self-nominations to the Senate Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans to serve on the search committee for the Bronx Community College Vice President of Academic Affairs. After deliberation, the committee unanimously approved forwarding the six names in BOLD (Clampman, Fein, Freeman, Hoist, Maryks, Moore) to Pres. Berotte Joseph, from which she has indicated that she will select three.

1. Dr. Sunil Bhaskaran (Assistant Professor, Chemistry)
2. **Prof. Howard Clampman (Professor, Business)**
3. Dr. William de Jong – Lambert (Associate Professor, History)
4. **Dr. Martin Fein (Professor, Biology)**
5. **Dr. James Freeman (Professor, Social Sciences)**
6. **Prof. Ellen Hoist (Professor, Nursing)**
7. Mr. Alan Levy (Adjunct lecturer, Mathematics and Computer Science)
8. **Dr. Robert Maryks (Professor, History)**
9. **Prof. Franklin Moore (Assistant Professor, Business)**

To: The College Senate

From: The Committee on Academic Standing/ Addition to the Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations

Date: First Presentation March 8, 2012

Addition To Codification: Eligibility Criteria to Register in Distance Learning Courses

From	To
	Eligibility Criteria to Register in Distance Learning Courses Students registering in online (hybrid, blended, or asynchronous) courses must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

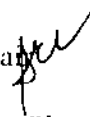
Rationale: Data for Fall 2009 show a significant disparity in online course pass rates for students in good academic standing vs. students with GPAs below 2.0, regardless of remediation level.

Passed 19-0-1

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February 29, 2012

TO: CUNY Board of Trustees
FR: Sandi E. Cooper, Chair 
RE: Resolutions from the Plenary, University Faculty Senate, February 28, 2012

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

Please find attached the texts of two resolutions passed by the plenary of the University Faculty Senate (a body composed of elected faculty from the undergraduate colleges and The Graduate School). The charter of the University Faculty Senate, approved by the Board, authorizes the UFS to play a central role in all academic programs which cut across all colleges.

The resolution on the Common Core can serve as a balance to the presentation on Pathways provided at the Board meeting on February 27. In contrast to the optimistic description of progress, the faculty are reporting increasing difficulties with compliance given the convoluted requirements of the resolution, the timetable which is overly restrictive, the complexity of guidelines (see the link: <http://cunyufs.org/Guidelines.pdf>) and the sense that the recommendations of the handful of faculty, students and administrators on the Steering Committee can only be implemented at the cost of educational quality. Faculty from the English Discipline Council, the sciences, and foreign languages are vehement in objections because their offerings are cut down to levels tantamount to high school work. One community college professor of Physics who served on the Working Committee was vehement in his protest on the plenary floor that the Office of Academic Affairs has dictated a science requirement that will not allow transfer out of CUNY. (The UFS keeps a verbatim tape of its proceedings).

The second resolution in support of proposed State Senate and Assembly legislation on the selection of trustees for the public universities, while lengthy, is self explanatory.

I am available to answer any questions you might have. For those of you who are interested, the UFS website, section on General Education, continues to post correspondence from CUNY faculty regarding the problems with Pathways. See <http://cunyufs.org/A/>

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

Sandi E Cooper, Chair

cc: CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein & Cabinet
CUNY UFS Senators
CUNY College Presidents
CUNY Provosts
CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders

University Faculty Senate

Proposed: February 28, 2012
Adopted: by hand vote 58-3-4

RESOLUTION ON THE COMMON CORE

Whereas, the common core guidelines as required by CUNY's implementation of the "Pathways Resolution" has ignored criticism by faculty groups, learned societies, departmental resolutions and college senates,

The University Faculty Senate, mindful of the need to improve transfer policies equally with preserving academic excellence and the reputation of the University, strongly opposes the Pathways resolution.

Proponent: Executive Committee

University Faculty Senate

Proposed: February 28, 2012

Adopted: unanimously

RESOLUTION ON THE UFS ENDORSEMENT OF PENDING LEGISLATION
REGARDING THE TRUSTEES OF CUNY

Whereas, The City University of New York ("CUNY") is governed by a board of trustees ("the CUNY Board of Trustees"), 15 of whose 17 members are politically appointed either by the Governor of New York State or the Mayor of the City of New York, and

Whereas, The CUNY Faculty Senate acknowledges the work of CUNY's current trustees, who serve without compensation and who spend many hours in service, and

Whereas, Notwithstanding the work of CUNY's current trustees, over the years many trustee appointments at CUNY and at other New York State public higher education institutions have been made based on political alliances rather than qualifications in public higher education, and

Whereas, These selections have, on occasion, created potential conflicts of interest that may have interfered with service to public higher education, and

Whereas, A university's trustees should be selected based on their skills and commitment to public higher education, and

Whereas, Nonpartisan, independent nominating commissions for trustee appointments to New York State's public higher education institutional boards would recruit trustees able to act independently in the best interests of our institutions, and

Whereas, A pending New York State Legislature bill, S-5321-2011/A-159-2011 would create 11-member non-partisan commissions to interview, evaluate, and recommend trustee candidates to serve on New York State higher education institutional boards, including a commission for the CUNY Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, S-5321-2011/A-159-2011 would also prohibit, except for the chair of the University Faculty Senate and the Chair of the University Student Senate, who are ex officio members, any member of the CUNY Board of Trustees to be the employee of, or under the supervision of, the Governor or the Mayor,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the University Faculty Senate endorses Bill S-5321-2011/A-159-2011.

Explanation:

"The City University of New York's Independent Commission on Board of Trustees Nominations" that would be created by Bill S-5321-2011/A-159-2011 would consist of 11 members, of whom three would be appointed by the Governor of New York State; two would be appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York; two by the Speaker of the Assembly; two by the Temporary President of the Senate; and one each by the Chair of the University Faculty

Senate and the Chair of the University Student Senate; furthermore, of the three members appointed by the Governor, no more than two would be enrolled in the same political party, and two of these three members would be required to be graduates of CUNY. Also, no member of the Commission would be permitted to hold any elected public office or office in any political party or be an employee of or under the supervision of any person who holds such elected public office or office of a political party. Also, no member of the Commission would be permitted to serve in any public or political office within one year of the member's period of service on the Commission and all members of the Commission must be residents of the State of New York.

The purpose and role of the Commission is to consider and evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the CUNY Board of Trustees and, as vacancies occur on the Board, is to recommend persons who by their "character, temperament, professional aptitude and experience are well qualified to be a member of such a board." Such "qualifications shall include, but not be limited to: a baccalaureate degree as the minimum educational criteria; familiarity with addressing policy issues in a unionized environment; understanding of public sector intergovernmental relations as they relate to higher education institutions; understanding of and familiarity with the kinds of issues arising in large complex organizations; current interest in the institution; a commitment to public higher education; a general background that would allow the members to make decisions in the best interests of the institution; an ability to recognize the sometimes ambiguous distinction between management and governance; and an actual and perceived independence from political interference in the governance of the institution."

The bill also provides that no person shall be recommended for appointment to serve on the CUNY board of trustees who has not been personally interviewed by a quorum (7 members) of the Commission and who has not filed a financial statement with the Commission.

N. B. Bill S-5321-2011/A-159-2011 actually calls for the creation of 3 Commissions: one to recommend members of the CUNY Board of Trustees; one to recommend members of the SUNY Board of Trustees; and one to recommend members of the Board of Trustees of the State Community Colleges.

If S-5321-2011/A-159-2011 is approved by the NYS Senate and by the NYS Assembly and signed into law by the Governor, the NYS Education Law establishing the membership of the board of trustees of CUNY would have been amended to read as follows; the new provisions are indicated by underlining:

The board of trustees shall consist of seventeen trustees. Ten of the trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate; provided, however, that no such trustees shall be an employee of, or under the supervision of, any of such appointing authorities. Five of the trustees shall be appointed by the mayor of the City of New York with the advice and consent of the senate; provided, however, that no such trustees shall be an employee of, or under the supervision of, any of such appointing authorities. The senate upon receiving the Governor's nomination of a trustee to be

considered for confirmation shall consult with the chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and shall publicize its consideration of said nominee. The Senate shall vote to confirm the nominee no earlier than twenty-one days after the nominee's consideration has been publicized. One ex-officio trustee shall be the chairperson of the University Student Senate. One ex-officio non-voting trustee shall be the chairperson of the University Faculty Senate. Such trustees, except the chairperson of the University Student Senate, ex-officio, and the chairperson of the University Faculty Senate, ex-officio, must be recommended and approved by the City University of New York's independent commission on board of trustee nominations.

Proponent: Executive Committee