

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

Minutes of April 24, 2014

Present: J. Athanasourelis, R. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, M. Coleman, G. Cooke, S. Davis, W. DeJong-Lambert, A. Durante, M. Fein, J. Freeman, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, T. Ingram, K. Issouf, S. Khan, P. Kolozi, A. Lamazares, L. Lawton, D. Lewis, O. Littlehawk, K. Machirouf, T. Martin, D-E. Matsoukas, A. McNerney, I. Mirsky, J. Molina, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, R. Osbourne, L. Pascoe, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, R. Quinn, N. Reynoso, G. Salgado, J. Sanabria, R. Shane, H. Skinner, T. Tchaa, K. Thomas, S. Utakis

Absent: K. Bailey, A. Depay, D. Genova, A. Levy, Q. Price, M. Thomas, K. Urena

Excused: R. Bass, C. Berotte Joseph, H. Papas-Kavalis, A. Lal, C. Schrader

Present Alternates: L. Brenner (parliamentarian), T. Elmore, M. Jones, K. Lee, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, C. Rivera, S. Skaggs

Guests: E. Bayardelle, T. Fisher, D. Hadaller, P. Zalduonado-Henriquez, A. Laverpool, C. Maliti, L. Montenegro, J. Todaro, C. Vasquez, V. Walker, K. R. Williams

1. **Call to Order:** 12:22 P.M., F. Moore
2. **Approval of the Agenda of April 24, 2014:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of March 27, 2014:** Approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Curriculum Committee:** (see attached report) H. Clampman presented changes in existing courses: ART 55 and 56, BIO 56, SPN 17 and 20, and EDU 26 to be approved by the Senate members. H. Clampman made a motion to approve these items. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Clampman also presented changes in existing programs: Business Administration AS, Accounting AAS, Computer Information Systems AAS, Marketing Management AAS, Paralegal Studies AAS, and Automotive Mechanic Certificate. Clampman will return with these items at the May Senate meeting for further action to be taken then.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Academic Standing:** no report
 - b. **Curriculum:** (see attached report) Following the action items, H. Clampman had no further report.
 - c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McNerney reported that the announcement for vacancies on the UFS went out by broadcast yesterday. Three nominees have been received thus far. McNerney encouraged faculty to self-nominate. Electronic elections for the vacant UFS seats will occur May 7-16. Discussion ensued. McNerney reported the committee has not yet reached a resolution regarding the policies toward interim chairs. Additionally, he reported the committee continues

to work on the draft of an expressive conduct policy. A list of all items under consideration by the committee will be presented at the May Senate meeting.

- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** V. Walker reported that Faculty Day will occur on May 16. Many proposals have been submitted and accepted. Susan Bickerstaff from CCRC at Teacher's College will give the keynote address. Faculty was encouraged to attend. D. Gonsher asked if the annual survey would be sent out. The committee has yet to determine when it will be sent.
 - e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** no report
 - f. **Student Activities:** no report
 - g. **Student Government Association:** no report
 - h. **University Faculty Senate:** L. Lawton reminded Senate members that Tuesday, May 13, is the last plenary meeting. Lawton noted the community college subcommittee is an important one and encouraged faculty to become involved and nominate themselves.
 - i. **University Student Senate:** G. Salgado reported that USS has been working with NYPIRG and PSC on the May 7th advocacy legislative day which will include asking for an increase in CUNY capital budget.
 - j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** no report
 - k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** R. Ben-Nun reported that the final meeting of the semester will be on May 5. The committee will be disseminating a survey to gather information useful for the committee's work on campus.
6. **President's Report:** Vice-President M. Coleman presented the President's report. BCC hosted a delegation of 8 community college presidents on March 28 with conversation centering on possible collaborations and exchanges with the office for International Education and Study Abroad. Bronx Chamber of Commerce honored the President during their 8th annual "[Women of Distinction Luncheon](#)" on March 28, 2014. The HSI planning committee met on March 28 with Haitian Community Board Organizations to discuss the benefits of the institute for their constituents and Haitian communities in general. As part of her role as Co-Chair of Borough President Diaz's Higher Education committee, the President hosted a meeting at BCC of the presidents of all Bronx colleges to discuss the educational needs of Bronx residents and how each college can support those needs and collaborate with the communities. Coleman noted that presidents from 9 of the 13 Bronx colleges were present. C. Schrader, A. Brewer, and the President presented on their work with student success at the [AACC convention](#) in April. All 3 CUNY Bronx presidents met with Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo to discuss bilingual education issues in New York State. Also discussed was BCC's role in parent and teacher training. Additionally, the President met with Ajita Talwalker Menon, Senior Policy Advisor for Higher Education at the White House Domestic Policy Council regarding BCC's work with special needs students. In addition, Future Now and the Black Male Initiative were discussed. A meeting was held with Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, regarding workforce development programs and apprentice certifications. Finally, the President along with the other 6 community college presidents met with the new speaker of the City Council, Melissa Mark-Viverito.
7. **Announcements and Reports:**
- a. **Chairperson:** F. Moore reported that the nominations for the security advisory council will be sent out to the Senate to review before the May meeting where

they will be voted upon. Moore also reported that CUNY-wide CCCR committee nominations for three positions are being sought (*see attached nomination draft*). Nominations are due by May 13. H. Clampman noted there is a stipend attached to the committee. J. Freeman asked if the faculty requirements (tenured and associate or above) to be on the committee were a CUNY or a BCC requirement. Moore reported they were originally from CUNY, but after CUNY deferred requirements to the schools, BCC opted to keep those requirements in place. Freeman suggested less rigorous requirements such as no tenure might provide a broader pool of nominations. Discussion ensued. M. Pita made a motion to include tenured assistant professors in the pool of those eligible for nomination. S. Davis suggested an amendment be added to the motion to also include tenured lecturers. Discussion continued. Due to not having a 2/3 majority of Senate members present, the issue was tabled. Given the impending end of the semester, F. Moore suggested nominations will be sought before the fall semester with a vote on them at the September Senate meeting.

- b. **Faculty Council:** no report
 - c. **Vice-Chairperson:** no report
 - d. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:**
 1. D. Hadaller reported the 2014-15 Chancellor fellowship awarded five of the 20 to BCC faculty: Chris Robinson (Biology and MLT), Luis Fernandez (Mathematics and Computer Science), Christopher Grenda (History), Uma Iyer (Mathematics and Computer Science), and Ted Ingram (Student Affairs).
 2. L. Montenegro reminded the Senate members that the advising enrollment period begins next week.
8. **Auxiliary Enterprises:** no report
9. **BCC, Inc.:** no report
10. **New Business:** none
11. **Adjournment:** 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Gonsler, Secretary
with assistance by Dr. Teresa Fisher, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

Handouts:

- Curriculum Committee report
- CCRC nomination draft