

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

Minutes of November 20, 2014

Present: G. Agamah, A. Alvarez, Y. Amegatsey, J. Athanasourelis, R. Bass, R. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, L. Brenner, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, G. Cooke, M. Fein, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, I. Kiema, P. Kolozi (*for half of meeting*), A. Lal, A. Lamazares, L. Lawton, C. Lee, A. Levy, D. Lewis, E. Martí, D-E. Matsoukas, A. McInerney, I. Mirsky, F. Moore, D. Nelson, A. Ortiz, J. Osei-Kusi, H. Papas-Kavalis, J. Paoli, D. Pearson, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, Q. Price, R. Quinn, N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis, B. Wigfall

Absent: D. Candelario, S. Davis, W. DeJong-Lambert, A. Durante, P. L. Gomez, T. Ingram, S. Khan, O. Littlehawk, J. Molina, G. Salgado, M. Solomon, K. Thomas

Excused: P. Kolozi (*second half of meeting*)

Present Alternates: M. Coss Aquino, F. Blanchard, T. Fisher, I. Ghafoor, E. Hardman, M. Jones, K. Lee, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, S. Skaggs

Guests: S. Atamturktur, R. Beuka, L. Cummins, V. Flaris, M. Gannon, M. Guishard, J. Heller, J. Lacay, M. Lennerton, O. Lopez, S. Marshall, M. Miller, L. Montenegro, A. Ott, S. Ramdath, N. Ritze, C. Rodriguez, C. Simpson, C. Suarez-Espinal, C. Vasquez, V. Walker

1. **Call to Order:** 12:28 P.M., meeting called to order. F. Moore seated alternates – B. Rima for P. Kolozi, E. Hardman for W. de Jong-Lambert, S. Skaggs for A. Durante, and K. Lee for S. Khan. F. Moore thanked Q. Price for his leadership in the previous meeting.
2. **Approval of the Agenda of November 20, 2014:** Amended agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2014:** Amended minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. Election of Members to the CUNY Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) (see list of nominees):
 - i. Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning, Life and Physical Sciences and Scientific World: The two nominees, V. Flaris and R. Lupo, were invited to speak on behalf of their nomination to the area. V. Flaris spoke briefly to her qualifications. R. Lupo was not present, but his written statement was available. Written ballots were distributed. As a majority was not reached, (Flaris 28, Lupo 15, abstentions 2, spoiled 2), a second vote was held. In the second voting, Flaris was elected (Flaris 32, Lupo 13, spoiled 1).
 - ii. World Cultures and Global Issues and US Experience in its Diversity: M. Guishard was the only nominee for the area. M. Guishard spoke briefly to her qualifications. Written ballots were distributed. M. Guishard was elected (43 yes, 3 no).
 - iii. English Composition, Creative Expression and Individual & Society: D. Gonsher was the only nominee for the area. Written ballots were distributed. With 34 yes votes (4 no, 4 abstentions, 2 spoiled), D. Gonsher was elected.

- b. Selection of Faculty to recommend to the President for service on the below named committees. After reviewing the list of received nominees (see list), R. Bass made a suggestion to approve all nominees as a single slate. Although A. McNerny seconded the suggestion as a motion, it was not officially presented as such. Instead, additional nominations were offered. A motion was then made and passed unanimously by voice vote to close nominations. Subsequently, a motion was made and passed unanimously by voice vote to reopen the nominations for the Student-Election Review Committee. Following an additional nomination to that committee, a motion was made and passed unanimously by voice vote to close all nominations. In response to a request made to send the list of eight names for BCC, Inc. to the President, F. Moore reported that only six names could be sent. A. McNerny made an omnibus motion that the nominations for ii, iii, and iv (below) be passed collectively. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Discussion ensued regarding BCC, Inc. D. Gonsler made a motion to suspend the rules to allow that 8 names be sent for BCC, Inc. The motion was seconded. Discussion in favor and opposition to the motion ensued. However, it was noted that the request for a slate of 6 names is in the by-laws, so the motion was retracted. D. Gonsler then made a new motion to postpone the selection of a slate of names for BCC, Inc. to the next meeting so that the Senate can make a more informed decision in selecting the slate of six. Discussion in favor and opposition to the motion ensued. S. Skaggs noted that the current BCC, Inc. committee members are serving through the end of the semester. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstention (K. Issouf).
 - i. BCC, Inc.: The eight nominees for the slate are: V. Bernard, M. Jones, A. Reid, S. Skaggs, F. Tanaka, A. Vuagniaux, Q. Fang and C. Meyers.
 - ii. Auxiliary Enterprises: The following names will be forwarded to the President: C. Meyers, M. R. Briggs, J. Acevedo, and A. Ortiz.
 - iii. Student-Election Review Committee: The following names will be forwarded to the President: V. Bernard, A. Ortund, S. Atanturker, and N. Reynoso.
 - iv. Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee: The following names will be forwarded to the President: V. Bernard, M. Jones, L. Barberan Reinares, C. Rodriguez, F. Tanaka, M. Vizcarrondo, H. Papas –Kavalis, and S. Khan.
- c. Curriculum Committee: H. Clampman reported on actionable items previously reported to the Senate. After receiving no questions, H. Clampman moved to accept items 1a-f (see report). The items passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Academic Standing:** no report
- b. **Curriculum:** (see report for items 2a-f) H. Clampman reported on items from the curriculum committee report. The items will return to the December Senate meeting.
- c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McNerny reported the committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The committee continues to review the governance plan. A. McNerny reported the committee is working on “Rules on Procedures of the Senate” that will eventually be brought to the Senate in its entirety. He reviewed one item – Election Procedures: College Senate – with the Senate (see document). As this was the first presentation of the material, and there was a very full agenda, questions were withheld until the next Senate meeting.

- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** V. Walker reported on the faculty and staff satisfaction survey (see report). V. Walker noted the Committee is compiling findings based on the survey results. F. Moore requested that the Committee create a list of recommendations to offer to the Senate at a later meeting.

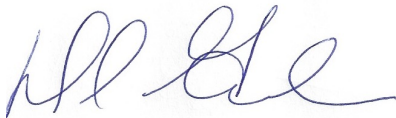
Due to time constraints, F. Moore requested the remaining committee reports be waived until the next Senate meeting.

6. **President's Report:** (see report) Interim President E. Martí referred members to his written report. He briefly discussed the budget and the need to recruit students. With respect to development, Martí suggested that philanthropy be revisited for raising both funds and awareness of the College. He suggested the Senate has the opportunity to mold the campus climate before the next president is selected. Martí introduced and briefly discussed the draft of the strategic plan for the Senate's consideration (see draft report). Questions were asked and answered. R. Bass asked if CUNY has started the search for a new president. Martí noted CUNY will begin the process in January. A. McInerney referred to "Goal 1: Build a Community of Excellence" of the strategic plan. McInerney suggested that faculty scholarship be integrated into "Goal 1". F. Moore noted that the strategic plan discussion will continue in December.

Due to time constraints, F. Moore requested announcements and reports be waived until the next Senate meeting. He acknowledged the two new senators – J. Paoli and D. Pearson – elected to the Senate.

7. **Adjournment:** 1:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Gonsher, Secretary

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

Handouts:

- List of nominees for CCCRC
- List of nominees for committees (BCC, Inc; Auxiliary Enterprises; Student-Election, Student-Faculty Disciplinary)
- Curriculum report
- Rules and Procedures for the College Senate
- Faculty and Staff Survey results
- President's Report (presented in the meeting, submitted electronically post-meeting)
- Draft of Strategic Plan