

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

Minutes of May 14, 2015

**Present:** G. Agamah, Y. Amegatsey, S. Atamturktur, J. Athanasourelis, M. Bah (*SGA, not listed*), R. Bass, R. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, L. Brenner, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, G. Cooke, S. Davis, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, T. Ingram (at 1:23), I. Kiema, P. Kolozi, A. Lamazares, L. Lawton, C. Lee, A. Levy, O. Littlehawk, E. Martí, D-E. Matsoukas, A. McInerney, I. Mirsky, J. Molina, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, J. Paoli, H. Papas-Kavalis, D. Pearson, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, P. Ramos (*Student Affairs, not on list*), J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, R. Shane, H. Skinner, B. Wigfall

**Absent:** A. Alvarez, D. Candelario, A. Durante, M. Fein, P. L. Gomez, T. Ingram, S. Khan, A. Lal, D. Lewis, D. Nelson, J. Osei-Kusi, Q. Price, N. Reynoso, G. Salgado, M. Solomon, K. Thomas, S. Utakis

**Excused:** W. DeJong-Lambert

**Present Alternates:** T. Fisher, E. Hardman, K. Lee, K. Ojakian, B. Rima

**Guests:** K. Bailey, E. Bayardelle, A. W. Cobb, L. Cummins, M. Guishard, J. Heller, W. Kim, L. Kosariv (CLT), R. Lupo, D. McElrath, O. Melendez, M. Miller, D. S. Montock, L. Montenegro, A. Ott, S. Persinger, N. Ritze, C. Suarez-Espinal, D. Taylor, C. Vasquez, J. Vichot, V. Walker, R. Whelan, K. R. Williams

1. **Call to Order:** 12:25 P.M., meeting called to order.
2. **Seating of alternates:** F. Moore seated alternates – E. Hardman for W. DeJong-Lambert who is on fellowship leave and K. Lee for S. Khan.
3. **Approval of the Agenda of May 14, 2015:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2015:** Minutes amended to reflect J. Molina as excused from the April meeting. Amended minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Announcements:**
  - a. **Resolution of gratitude:** (see resolution) After thanking the Senate members for their leadership through the year, F. Moore proposed a resolution to honor the work of E. Martí. A motion was made to pass the resolution. The motion carried with one abstention by voice vote (E. Martí – abstention). Martí offered his thanks to the Senate and the BCC community. The SGA members also presented E. Martí with a plaque to express their gratitude for his service.
6. **Action Items:**
  - a. **Curriculum Committee:** (see reports) H. Clampman reported on items (1a-g). No questions or discussion. The items were approved by unanimous voice vote. L. Brenner made a motion to table item 2a (PHL 90). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman gave the Committee's annual report.
  - b. **Naming of a Library Study Room:** (see proposals) A. Wambugu Cobb reported on a proposal to name a study room in the new library after the Pershing Rifles, Company E-8, the unit who was active on campus during its NYU years and whose alumni donated scholarship money to the College. Questions were asked

and answered. A motion was made to call the question. After halting the voice vote due to lack of clarity, ballots were distributed. The proposal passed (39- yes, 1-no, 3-abstentions).

## 7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Academic Standing:** (see report) After I. Mirsky spoke of the Committee's support for the proposal, K. Ojakian presented for the second time on a proposal from the Math department to eliminate D grades from MTH 01. Questions were asked and answered. A motion was made and passed by unanimous voice vote to extend the discussion by 5 minutes. Discussion continued. A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion passed by voice vote with 2 no and 3 abstentions (all SGA members).
  - b. **Curriculum:** (see report) A motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to return item 2a. H. Clampman presented the item. A motion was made to waive the 2-meeting rule. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion was then made to approve item 2a. The item (2a) was approved by unanimous voice vote.
  - c. **Governance and Elections:** (see reports) A. McInerney tabled a previously discussed proposal to amend the Governance Plan. McInerney noted a discussion of the ombudsman was missing from the annual report (see report). F. Moore will distribute a corrected version. McInerney then reviewed the election and referendum results. Questions were asked and answered.
  - d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** (see report) V. Walker reported on the 4/24 BCC Faculty Day and the annual Faculty and Staff survey. F. Moore asked about results of the COACHE survey. N. Ritze and C. Schrader noted those results were not yet in.
  - e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** no report
  - f. **Student Activities:** T. Ingram reported leadership awards were recently held.
  - g. **Student Government Association:** no report
  - h. **University Faculty Senate:** L. Lawton reported on the May 5 UFS meeting. Lawton will distribute UFS committee reports to anyone who would like to see them. He reported there are now 5 members from community colleges attending UFS.
  - i. **University Student Senate:** Y. Amegatsey reported that a resolution regarding concerns about a tuition increase will be presented to the Governor.
  - j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report, but F. Moore reminded the Senate members that committees need to send calendar items in.
  - k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** R. Ben-Nun gave the committee's annual report. Questions were asked and answered.
8. **President's Report:** (see report) Interim President E. Martí referred to his report and suggested that the 2016 graduation list of names be brought to the Senate and approved by the Senate. I. Mirsky noted that the Committee on Academic Standing makes that motion each year and suggested in subsequent years the committee could bring that motion to the Senate once it has been approved at CAS.
9. **Reports of Vice Presidents and Deans**
- a. **C. Schrader** – no report
  - b. **E. Bayardelle** – no report

- c. **A. Brewer** – A. Brewer recognized and thanked the SGA members. In addition, he thanked A. Ott for his assistance with graduation. He reported there could be 2,200 2015 graduates.
- d. **A. Ott** – no report
- e. **D. Taylor** – D. Taylor spoke of commencement and upcoming construction projects on campus. Questions were asked and answered. N. Ritze reported that BCC is ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the country in minority associate degrees and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hispanic associate degrees.

**10. Announcements and Reports:**

- a. **Chairperson and Faculty Council:** no report
- b. **Vice-Chairperson:** no report
- c. **BCC, Inc.:** no report
- d. **Auxiliary Enterprise:** no report

**11. New Business:** No new business

**12. Adjournment:** 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Gonsher, Secretary

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

Handouts:

- Resolution to honor President Martí
- Curriculum report
- Curriculum Committee annual report
- President's Report
- Election results (7)
- Governance and Elections annual report
- Math 01 proposal (2)
- Naming proposal (4)
- CIPD annual report