

# Minutes of the Senate of Bronx Community College

Meeting of September 17, 2015

**Voting Members Present:** Thomas Brennan Laurel Cummins; Simon Davis Jonathan Katz; Laroï Lawton; Andrew McInerney; Franklin Moore; Helen Papas-kavalis; Marianne Pita; Jesus Sanabria; Randi Shane; Henry Skinner; Sharon Utakis; Roni Ben-nun; Shazia Khan; Imran Ghafoor; Anthony Durante; Laurence Brenner; Tonya Johnson; John Athanasourelis; Seth Offenbach; Michael Miller; Jorge Pineiro ; Wedsly T. Guerrier Annette Ortiz; Akhil Lal; Peter Kolozi; Nelson Reynoso; Martin Fein;; Howard Clampman; Debra Gonsher ; Lourdes Rosario; Albert Robinson ; Sanjay Ramdath; Brandi Rima<sup>1</sup>; Kerry Ojakian<sup>2</sup>; Jose Acevedo<sup>3</sup>

**Alternate/ Non-Voting Members Present:** John Molina<sup>4</sup>; James Simpson Jr<sup>5</sup>; Ruth Bass; Elissa Nelson;

**Guests:** David McElrath;

**Absent:** Rony Gouraige; Donna Genova; Dennis Pearson;

**Excused:** Thomas A. Isekenegbe; Claudia Schrader; Athos Brewer; Richard Elliott

1. Call to Order 12:20 by F.Moore
2. Seating of Alternates as noted above. F. Moore noted that on the unanimous advice of the Committee on Governance and Elections he was denying J. Simpson seating as a voting member due to the fact that he no longer held an adjunct title. While he had been duly elected as a Senator representing the Adjunct Faculty, he no longer held an adjunct title as he was on a substitute line as a lecturer. The Chair's ruling was challenged, a motion was made and seconded to sustain the ruling. Said motion needs a majority negative vote to overrule the Chair. Paper ballots were used and the vote was 16 Yes, 22 No, 0 abstentions. The vote having failed to obtain the required 30 negative votes, the Chairs ruling was sustained.
3. F. Moore reported that the spring 2015 SGA elections had not been certified due to voting irregularities. New Elections were ongoing, and SGA senators were expected to be sworn in and available for seating by the October meeting of the Senate.
4. The floor was open for nominations for Senate Officers:<sup>6</sup> The following nominations were made:

**Chair:**

1. Franklin Moore<sup>7</sup>

**Vice Chair:** *(Postponed)*

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<sup>1</sup> Alternate member seated as voting member

<sup>2</sup> Alternate member seated as voting member

<sup>3</sup> Alternate member seated as voting member

<sup>4</sup> At large member arrived after seating of alternates.

<sup>5</sup> Adjunct member denied seating by Chair due to change in title.

<sup>6</sup> A fire drill interrupted the meeting for approximately 5 minutes during the call for nominations for secretary.

<sup>7</sup> Nominations were closed by a unanimous voice vote

**Secretary:**

1. Kerry Ojakian<sup>8</sup>

**Parliamentarian:**

1. Laurence Brenner<sup>9</sup>

**Academic Review Committee:**<sup>10</sup>

1. Helen Papa-Kavalis
2. Thomas Brennen
3. Simon Davis
4. Virginia Mishkin
5. Teresa McManus (it is unknown whether Prof. McManus will accept or decline this nomination)

Elections will take place at the September 24, 2015 meeting of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Moore  
Chair and Secretary *pro tem*

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<sup>8</sup> Nominations were closed by vote of 31 to 5; all members voting to close except: R. Ben-Nun; H. Clampman; M. Fein; D. Gonsler; L. Brenner

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