

Minutes of the Senate of Bronx Community College

Meeting of September 24, 2015

Voting Members Present: J. Athanasourelis, R. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, L. Brenner, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, L. Cummins, S. Davis, A. Durante, R. Elliot, M. Fein, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, W. Guerrier, T. Isekenegbe, J. Katz, S. Khan, A. Lal, A. McInerney, M. Miller, J. Molina, F. Moore, S. Offenbach, A. Ortiz, H. Papas-Kavalis, J. Pineiro, M. Pita, S. Ramdath, N. Reynoso, A. Robinson, L. Rosario, J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

Absent: 15 as-yet-to-be-elected SGA members, P. Kolozi, D-E. Matsoukas, D. Pearson

Excused: I. Ghafoor, L. Lawton

Present At-Large Alternates: C. Maliti, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, J. Ziegler

Present Departmental Alternates: J. Acevedo, R. Bass, N. Knight, P. Laul, K. Lee

Guests: J. Simpson, R. Lupo, A. Ott, C. Vasquez, F. Green, C. Espinal, V. Walker, D. Weathers, N. Ritze, J. Heller, D. Taylor, O. Melendez, L. Montenegro, M. Muishard, E. Welser, J. Agnelli, K. Williams, G. Nadal, J. Arias

1. **Call to Order:** 12:25pm by F.Moore.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** F. Moore seated alternates – C. Maliti, B. Rima, K. Lee, N. Knight.
3. **Approval of Agenda of September 24, 2015:** Agenda approved by unanimous electronic vote.
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **Minutes of May 14, 2015:** Minutes approved by electronic vote (Yes – 38, Abstain – 2).
 - b. **Minutes of September 17, 2015:** Minutes approved by electronic vote (Yes – 35, No – 3, Abstain – 2).
5. **Action Items**
 - a. Election of Officers of the Senate
 - i. Chair: F. Moore was elected by electronic vote (Yes – 37, No – 1, Abstain – 2).
 - ii. Vice Chair: Postponed until seating of student officers.

- iii. Secretary: J. Katz was elected by electronic vote (Yes - 38, No - 1, Abstain - 1). Prior to J. Katz being elected, K. Ojakian, who had been previously nominated, withdrew his candidacy. His withdrawal was followed by a motion to reopen nominations, during which time J. Katz was nominated.
- iv. Parliamentarian: L. Brenner was elected unanimously by electronic vote.
- b. Election of Members of the Academic Review Committee: Prior to the vote, F. Moore stated that T. McManus had declined her nomination. H. Papa-Kavalis was elected (33 votes). After the fourth round of voting, a motion was made and accepted to table the vote for the remaining seat until next the next meeting.

	Round One (electronic)	Round Two (paper)	Round Three (paper)	Round Four (paper)
V. Mishkin	24	23	18	24
T. Brennen	27	28	28	30
S. Davis	23	21	16	
H. Papa-Kavalis	33			
Abstain		1	1	2

- c. Election of a Student Ombudsperson: Postponed until seating of student officers. F. Moore explained that in the election of a student ombudsperson student votes count 3-to-1, making a quorum impossible to achieve without student officers.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Academic Standing:** No Report.
- b. **Curriculum:** H. Clampman reported that he was elected Chair Person and M. Gannon was elected Secretary.
- c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McInerney reported that the committee met once, to discuss an issue regarding an adjunct senate seat. He had announced the findings of that meeting previously, but today he submitted those findings in writing (see report). Additionally, he stated that the committee plans to consider potential revisions to governance plans. In response to a question, he stated that anyone could submit recommendations to the committee, by notifying him or any other member of the committee. Lastly, he mentioned that the committee's meetings were now on the college calendar.
- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** No report.
- e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** No report.
- f. **Student Activities:** J. Agnelli III, Director of Student Life, stated that he was working on the process of electing student Senators. Voting would take place from September 30 to October 6. He expected to have results by October 22. He also stated that a calendar of events would be available by September 25. One event, a campus visit by Junot Diaz, would occur on October 12 at 12pm.
- g. **Student Government Association:** No report.

- h. **University Faculty Senate:** No report. L. Lawton excused.
 - i. **University Student Senate:** No report.
 - j. **Vice Presidents and Deans:** No report – not fully constituted. Still awaiting the election of two members from Senate Executive Committee.
 - k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** Not convened. Still awaiting the election of members from Senate Executive Committee.
7. **President’s Report (see report):** (see report) President T. Isekenegbe referred to his report and stated that the budget would be released by Wednesday, September 30. He also encouraged faculty, staff, and students to sign up for his listening tours. He also distributed an organization chart (attached).
8. **Announcements and Reports**
- a. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson
 - i. F. Moore – F. Moore introduced the new Faculty Council Chairperson, R. Ben-Nun.
 - ii. R. Ben-Nun - R. Ben-Nun reported results of elections to Senate Executive Committee (Sharon Utakis, Henry Skinner, and LaRoi Lawton), Governance & Elections (Andy McInerney, Marianne Pita, Jesus Sanabria, Peter Kolozi, and John Molina), Student Activities (LaRoi Lawton and John Ziegler), Community Relations & Special Events (Sharmila Mukherjee and Carl Andrews), and Vice Presidents & Deans (LaRoi Lawton and Helen Papas-Kavalis).
 - b. Vice Presidents and Deans
 - i. C. Schrader - C. Schrader discussed the college’s assessment initiative, including an upcoming assessment workshop, and the implementation of software for collecting assessment data. She also discussed New York State’s experiential learning requirement, and the college’s efforts to research the ways in which other colleges meet the requirement. Lastly, she discussed the early alert grading system and COPE attendance.
 - ii. A. Brewer – A. Brewer reported that the college hit its enrollment target.
 - iii. R. Elliot – R. Elliot brought greetings.
 - iv. E. Bayardelle – No report.
9. **Auxiliary Enterprises** – No report.
10. **BCC, Inc.** – No report.
11. **New Business** – No new business.
12. **Adjournment:** 1:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Katz, Secretary

Handouts:

- Governance and Elections Report
- President's Report
- Organizational Chart

Committee on Governance and Elections
BCC College Senate

September 16, 2015

Dear Prof. Moore,

At the Faculty Council meeting of September 3, you requested that the Committee on Governance and Elections consider the case of the duly elected adjunct Senator, James Simpson, who no longer holds an adjunct title.

Today, after extensive discussion, the committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend not seating Mr. Simpson to the BCC Senate.

Two competing issues were discussed. On the one hand, the Governance Plan clearly anticipates "constituent seats" to be filled by members of the constituency. In the language of rights, the adjunct constituency has a right, according to the Governance Plan, to be represented by adjuncts. On the other hand, the language on vacancies is specifically written specifically strongly to protect the rights of elected Senators to hold their elected seat, despite temporary changes in circumstances. Making the issue even more complicated is the fact that Mr. Simpson is moving from one contingent title (adjunct lecturer) to another contingent title (substitute lecturer). Substitute faculty occupy a nebulous space in the Governance Plan, clearly belonging to neither the full-time faculty nor part-time faculty. At the end of the discussion, the committee felt that the right of a constituency to be represented by a member of their constituency was primary, and that to rule otherwise could set a potentially unwanted precedent.

From the point of view of procedure, the committee felt that it would be ideal if Mr. Simpson would resign his seat, no longer holding the title appropriate for the seat to which he was elected. It is understood that he is under no obligation to do so. It was further recognized that this set of circumstances should not prejudice Mr. Simpson's future candidacies to any seat for which he is entitled to run.

Finally, the committee recognizes the need to address the issue of change of title in the language of the Governance Plan to bring the above competing issues into accord.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew McInerney
Chair, Committee on Governance and Elections

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President's Report to the Senate - September 2015
President Thomas A. Isekenegbe, Ph.D.

- I am in my fifth week on Campus and it has been a very positive experience. I am getting to meet and know a lot of the faculty and staff. We have a lot of dedicated faculty and staff on our campus and I am excited about what we can do together. I know that collectively we can do good things for our students. It is with great pleasure that I submit to the College Senate, this report.
- Academic Year Opening – We had a good opening for the 2015-16 academic year. As of 9/21/15, our enrollment numbers, both in FTE and Headcount are higher than they were for Fall 2014. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 headcount is 11,607, which is 102.24% of our CUNY target of 11,352 and 99.55% of our internal target of 11,659. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 FTE is 8,197, which is 100.22% of our CUNY target of 8,179 and 97.58% of our internal target of 8400. These enrollment numbers may change slightly in October when Form A is finalized, which will provide us with official enrollment numbers.

As you walk around campus you can see students rushing back and forth to class and you can feel the excitement our learning community. While our enrollment numbers are encouraging, we must focus our efforts to retain these students. This requires that both faculty and staff work together to ensure our students succeed and ultimately graduate.

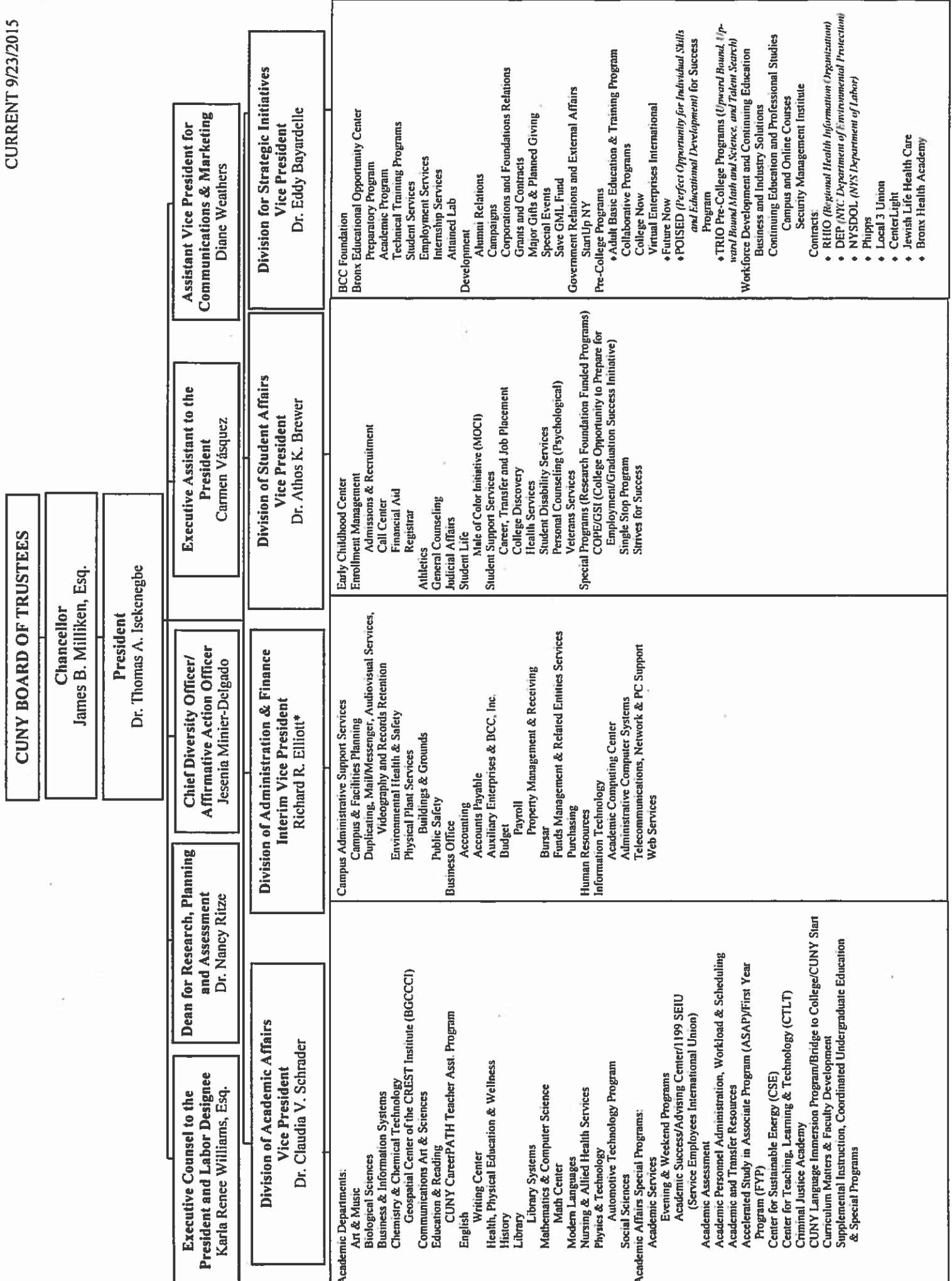
- Budget – The College has received its 2015-2016 Budget from the Central Office. Our initial allocation is 79.6 million dollars with an anticipated additional allocation of \$537,000 for a total of \$80,143,000. We project an initial surplus of 2 million dollars, which will be allocated in line with our strategic plan and priorities.

In addition, CUNY central is withholding \$838,000 for performance based funding. To access these funds, BCC will submit up to three proposals to the CUNY Strategic Investment Initiative. Each of the proposals will be in line, as required, with “major goals shared by the University and the State of New York...”

- ASAP – We have been informed by the Central Office of the selection of our College for an all-out expansion of the ASAP program. The Provost is leading a steering committee that is responsible for planning this expansion in time for Fall 2016 semester. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Search for VP for Finance and Administration – As you all know, Richard Elliott is currently our interim VP for Administration and Finance. Plans are underway to commence a search to fill this position on a permanent basis. We are in the process of putting together the search committee, which Professor Howard Clampman has agreed to chair. Additional information will be announced to the College Community within the next couple of weeks.
- President's Listening Tours – I will be hosting several “listening tours” for students, faculty and staff. The forum will provide opportunity for the attendees to share ideas for improvements to our College, aligned with our Strategic Plan. We will use what we learn to help us create a more effective learning and teaching environment, as well as improve services to our students, faculty and staff.

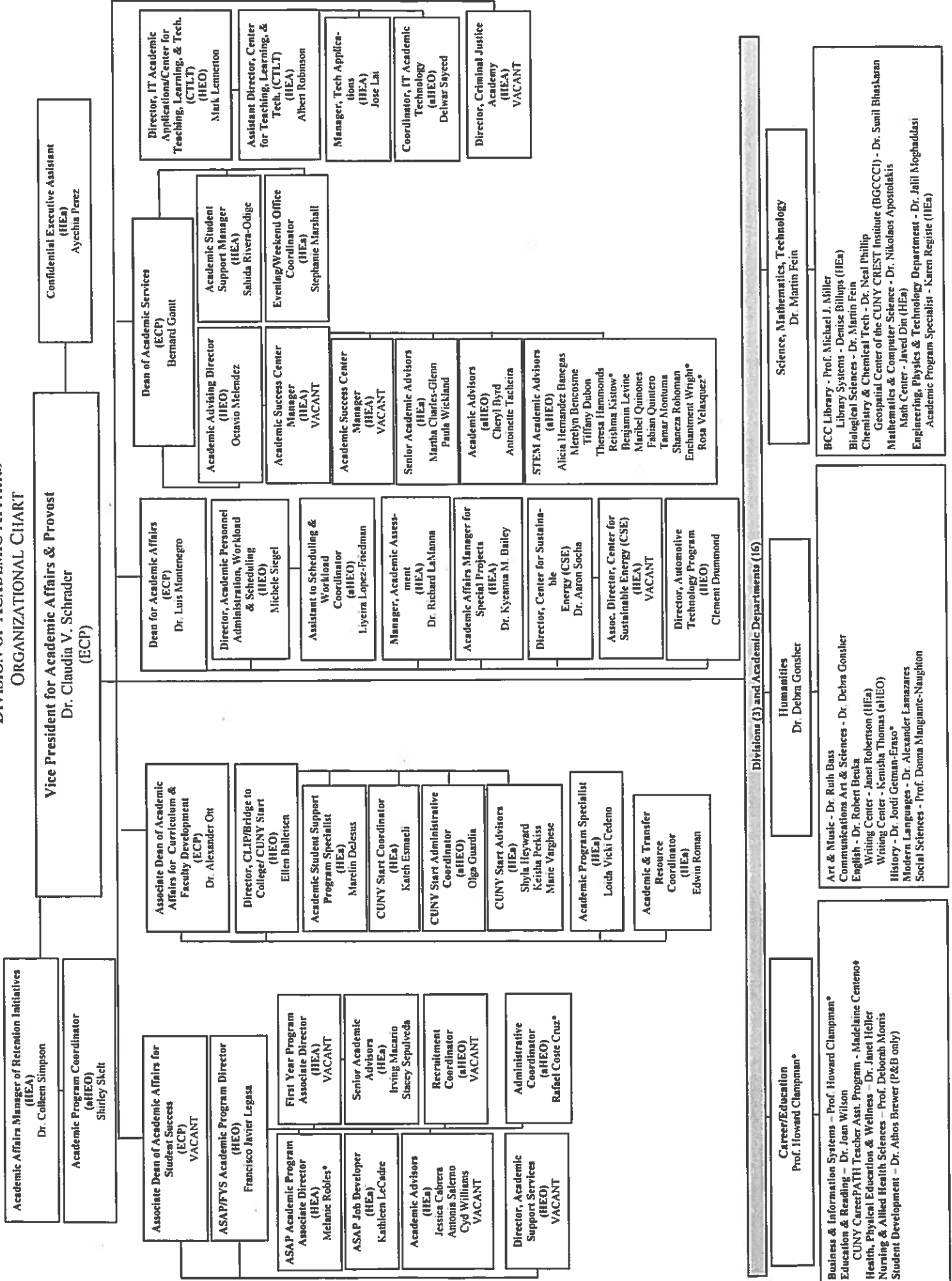
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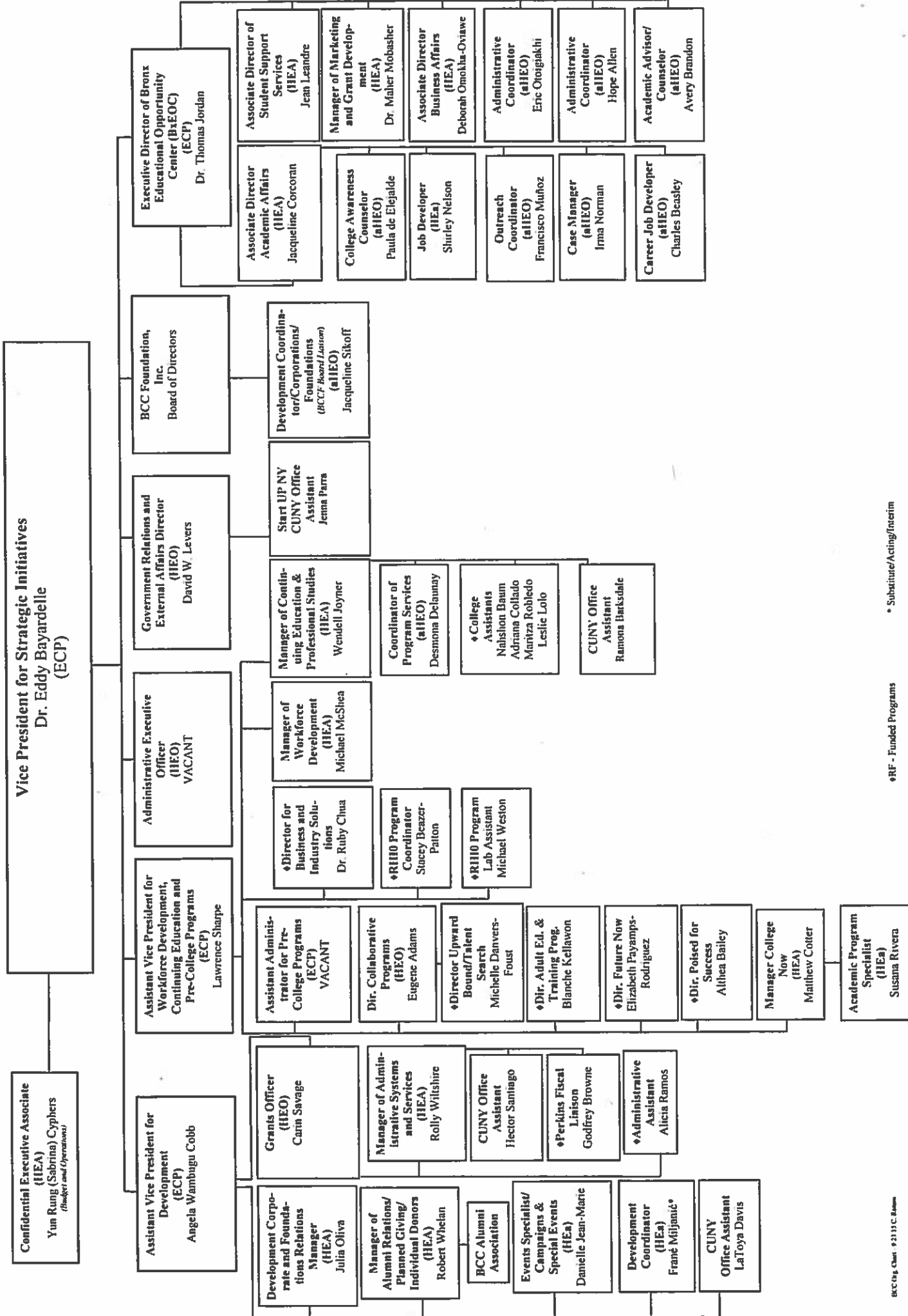
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Division for Strategic Initiatives
Organizational Chart

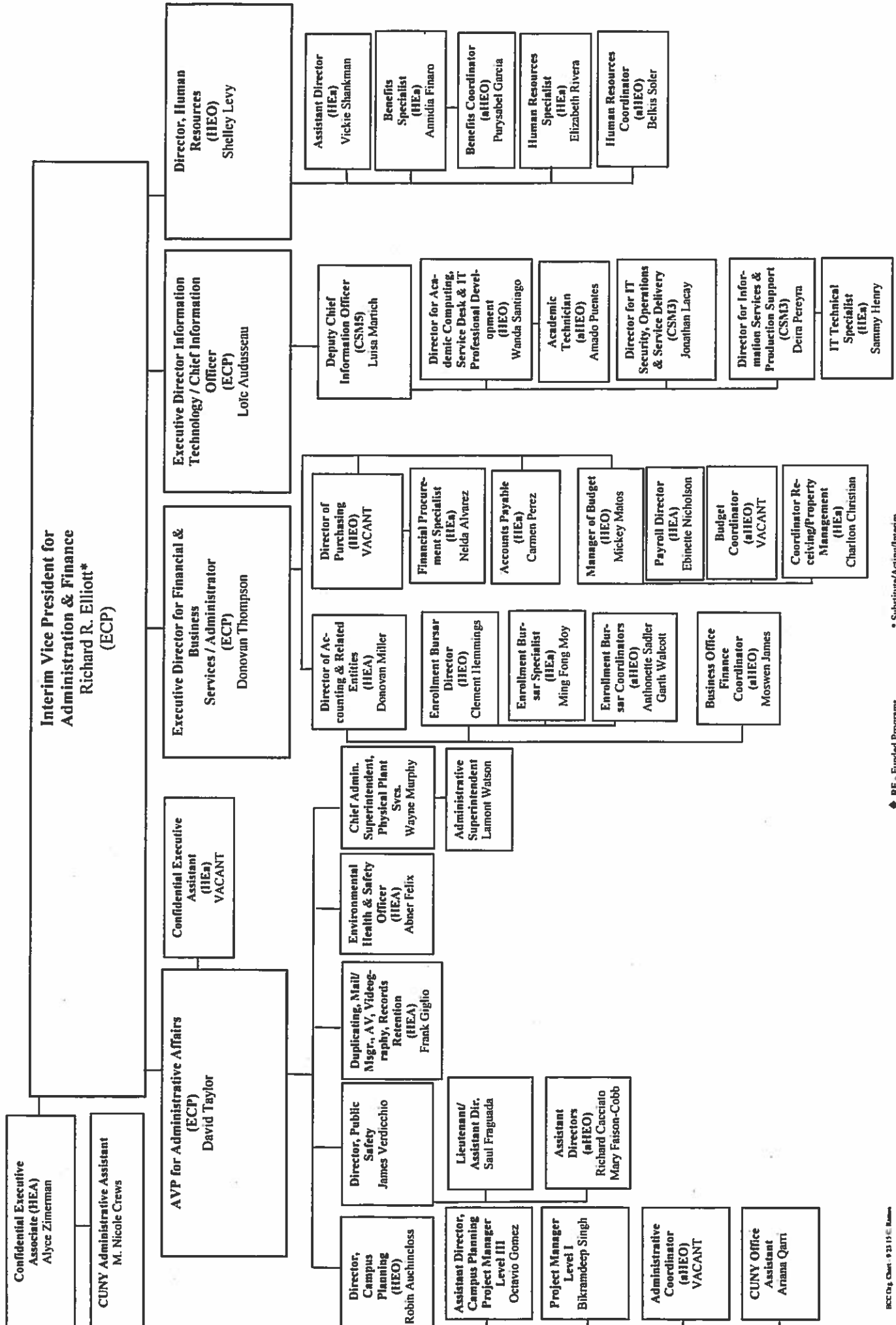


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