

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

Minutes of November 21, 2013

Present: J. Athanasourelis, K. Bailey, R. Bass, R. Ben-Nun, C. Berotte Joseph, T. Brennan, A. Brewer, D. Castellanos, K. Cedano, Jr., H. Clampman, M. Coleman, S. Davis, W. DeJong-Lambert, A. Depay, A. Durante, M. Fein, J. Freeman, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, K. Issouf, M. Kirk, P. Kolozi, A. Lal, A. Lamazares, L. Lawton, D. Lewis, O. Littlehawk, K. Machirouf, T. Martin, D-E. Matsoukas, A. McInerney, I. Mirsky, J. Molina, F. Moore, R. Nunez, A. Ortiz, H. Papas-Kavalis, L. Pascoe, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, R. Quinn, N. Reynoso, G. Salgado, J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, R. Shane, H. Skinner, T. Tchaa, K. Thomas, M. Thomas, S. Utakis

Absent:

Excused: T. Ingram, S. Khan, A. Levy, J. Serrano, K. Urena

Present Alternates: M. Bates, F. Blanchard, L. Brenner (parliamentarian), R. Dempsey, T. Elmore, H. Hizmetli, K. Lee, M. Jones, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, C. Rivera, S. Skaggs

Guests: E. Bayardelle, J. Berman, Y. Bondar, L. Broughton, L. Cummins, Y.R. Cyphers, S. Duvivier, M. L. Elgirus, C. Efthimiou, T. Fisher, B. Gantt, D. Hadaller, J. Heller, M. Hermina, C. Maliti, M. Maroon, O. Melendez, M. Miller, L. Montenegro, S. Persinger, N. Ritze, A. Romito, C. Vasquez, D. Weathers, K. R. Williams

1. **Call to Order:** 12:19 P.M., F. Moore
2. **Approval of the Agenda of November 21, 2013:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of October 24, 2013:** Approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. From the Curriculum Committee (see one page report): H. Clampman reported on the two action items. There were no questions on either item.
 1. New Course: FYS 11 – First Year Seminar: A motion was made to pass the course. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to call the question. The vote passed by paper ballot (43 yes, 4 no, 2 abstentions, 2 spoiled ballots).
 2. Change in Existing Program, Education Associates AAS Degree: A motion was made to pass the change in the program to add FYS 11. The vote passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Elections:**
 - a. **Committee for Academic Review** (*members must be full professors who do not serve on the College P&B and do not have titles of VP, dean, or director*):
 1. Two members were to be elected. I. Mirsky and H. Clampman had been already voted onto the committee by the College's Personnel and Budget Committee so their names were removed from the ballot. M. Pita asked to have her name removed from the ballot given the caliber of the remaining

nominees. H. Papas-Kavalis and M. Bates were both elected by unanimous voice vote.

b. **College Ombudsperson** (*student members have three votes each*):

1. R. Shane and M. Kirk were the two nominees. F. Moore confirmed that M. Kirk removed her name from the ballot. Discussion ensued. D. Weathers suggested the position needs a higher campus profile. She also suggested the name be changed to Student Advocate. F. Moore noted that suggestion will be taken under advisement and that it requires a change in governance to be done. A motion was made to call the vote. R. Shane was elected by unanimous voice vote.

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Academic Standing:** no report
- b. **Curriculum:** (see attached report) In addition to the action items noted previously, H. Clampman reported on new business items. All items were being presented for the first time at Senate. As there were no questions, the items will be brought again to the December Senate meeting.
 1. **Old Business**
 - a) None
 2. **New Business**
 - a) ACS XX Air Brakes and Suspension and ACS YY Hybrid/Electric Vehicles: Two proposed new courses from the Department of Physics and Technology. Both were passed unanimously by the Curriculum Committee.
 - b) HIS 11: A clarification of pre- and co-requisites for the course.
 - c) ARB 111/112: A request to add a fourth contact hour to both existing courses. The request was passed unanimously by the Curriculum Committee.
 - d) Automotive Technology AAS: A proposed change in the existing degree program to include the two new proposed courses, ACS XX and ACS YY. The change was passed unanimously by the Curriculum Committee.
 - e) POL XX – A proposed new experimental course, Introduction to Politics, which will be a core course in the Political Science discipline.
- c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McInerney summarized recent events addressed by the committee including noting the proper storage of paper ballots and allowable sharing of that information. McInerney also reported on the committee's progress with the governance plan. He noted that a question of special elections was discussed by the committee, but no action has yet been taken.
- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** V. Walker reported on the faculty and staff survey noting an increase in satisfaction with safety and security, but an upward trend in dissatisfaction with other areas in campus culture and support services. He also posed to the Senate how these concerns should be addressed. Discussion ensued including questions about moving forward and making changes based on the survey data.
- e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** No report
- f. **Student Activities:** A student representative reported it was an active day on campus with the Math, Writing, and Biology Clubs holding challenges. He also noted that Phi Beta Kappa is working with ESL students. He reported the library

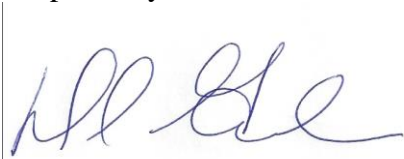
can drive continues with students who bring in canned goods earning amnesty for late fees. M. Kirk noted difficulty in obtaining a quorum for SGA meetings. The next meeting will be scheduled after Thanksgiving.

- g. **Student Government Association:** SGA President G. Salgado reported they are hosting a town hall meeting with the Political Science club on December 3rd to discuss the CUNY expressive conduct policy. She also reported they are working with the Math department to establish study-athons with 8 faculty signed on so far to participate. The SGA is also launching a presentation competition. The question for the competition is “a tangible solution to a problem in our society” with \$1000 award available for the winner. Faculty is highly encouraged to come support. Faculty is also needed for judging. The competition will be held on December 19th, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
 - h. **University Faculty Senate:** Did not meet this month. Will be meeting December 3rd. They are having their annual fall conference on Friday, December 6th, with the topic of “the future of doctoral education at CUNY” to be discussed.
 - i. **University Student Senate:** no report
 - j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** no report
 - k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** R. Ben-Nun reported they have not yet been able to meet due to a clarification on student members needed. To that end, M. Kirk is working with him.
7. **President’s Report:** President Berotte Joseph reported that Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli hosted a celebration in honor of Hispanic Heritage and Puerto Rican Heritage Month in Colston Hall last night that was well-attended. The President also reported on Start Up! New York and CUNY 2020. The President discussed the Haitian Studies Institute (HSI). In response to a previous query on statistics, she reported that 8,635 students in CUNY are Haitian with BCC having 225 students. She noted that no data was available on graduate students. In speaking to the creation of the HSI, she noted a sub-committee of the taskforce established by Chancellor Goldstein after Hurricane Sandy branched off to explore the HSI. The President reported on two upcoming meetings regarding the HSI: December 2nd and December 6th, the latter which is a CUNY-wide (NL 141) meeting in North Hall/Library, room 141 with faculty encouraged to attend. She then asked Sandra Duvivier (English), who has been working on the proposal, to further discuss the proposed Institute. S. Duvivier discussed the information that had been sent out prior to the Senate meeting (mission statement, bylaws, proposal), noting the void that the HSI would fill and that it would be the first of its kind in the US. Given the time concerns, F. Moore asked that questions be saved until after the Senators had reviewed the material. He also reminded that the HSI will also need to go through governance. D. Gonsler asked when the full proposal might be available for Senators to review. S. Duvivier noted it would be available by the first week of December. F. Moore urged her to send the materials now so that Senate members would have appropriate time for review. He reported he would send the materials out to Senators as soon as he received it from S. Duvivier.
8. **Budget Report:** Senior Vice-President M. Coleman reported on the budget. For the benefit of the student representatives, she explained her role at the meeting and the reason the budget was being discussed in this particular venue. M. Coleman noted that from the Compact, 3.4 million dollars was received this year. Of that money, 1 million dollars was earmarked for specific expenses: \$413,000 for full-time faculty hires (21 to be hired) and

student financial expenses including \$117,000 for textbooks, \$117,000 for tuition waivers, \$115,000 for work study students, and \$14,000 for veterans. M. Coleman also noted we are required to raise dollars to spend in addition to those allocated by CUNY and are expected to participate in the productivity initiative and reinvest that money into the college structure. Looking specifically at the report (see handout), she noted the 3.8 million dollars negative in the budget includes every budgeted expense that the college expects to have in the upcoming year. After her report, a discussion ensued. J. Freeman posed a question regarding the Compact budget. He noted the wage inequality between administrative salaries and faculty salaries. M. Pita asked about the West Ed consultant funds and posited the faculty would be better suited to determine the types of professional development they needed. S. Utakis reported on her experience in the classroom with a West Ed consultant. A student representative asked a follow-up question about West Ed. The President responded to the question. Discussion continued including a request from D. Gonsher for transparency regarding the criteria used to hire West Ed. As per M. Coleman's request, further questions about the budget can be directed to her.

9. **Announcements and Reports:** F. Moore asked that these reports be given in December.
 - a. **Senate Executive Council:** postponed
 - b. **Faculty Council:** postponed
 - c. **Vice-Presidents and Deans**
 1. **C. Schrader:** postponed
 2. **A. Brewer:** postponed
 3. **M. Coleman:** M. Coleman gave the report on the budget.
 4. **E. Bayardelle:** postponed
 5. **D. Hadaller:** postponed
 6. **L. Montengro:** postponed
10. **Auxiliary Enterprises:** postponed
11. **BCC, Inc.:** postponed
12. **New Business:** F. Moore noted that the expressive conduct policy will be addressed in December so Senators should review the information before that meeting.
13. **Adjournment:** 1:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Handouts:

- Haitian Studies Institute materials (3) – mission statement, proposal, bylaws
- CUNY by-laws regarding institutes

- Faculty and staff survey results
- FYS 11 course material information (2 pages)
- Curriculum Committee report
- Expressive conduct policy
- Resolution of BCC Faculty Council regarding the expressive conduct policy
- SEC minutes
- FY 2014 budget (*not attached*)