

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

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Minutes of March 27, 2014

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

**Absent:** K. Bailey, A. Depay, T. Ingram, T. Martin, R. Nunez, Q. Price, G. Salgado, C. Schrader, J. Serrano

**Excused:**

**Present Alternates:** F. Arias, F. Blanchard, L. Brenner (parliamentarian), T. Elmore, I. Ghafoor, E. Hardman, M. Jones, K. Lee, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, C. Rivera

**Guests:** S. Atamturktur, E. Bayardelle, J. Berman, J. Bush, S. Cyphers, T. Fisher, D. Hadaller, J. Heller, C. Maliti, C. Mazzatenta, M. Miller, D. Morris, S. Persinger, N. Ritze, C. Vasquez, K. R. Williams

1. **Call to Order:** 12:20 P.M., F. Moore
2. **Approval of the Agenda of March 27, 2014:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2014:** Approved as amended by majority voice vote with three abstentions.
4. **Action Items:**
  - a. **Curriculum Committee:** (see attached report) H. Clampman presented new course BIO 16 – Laboratory Concepts in Biology, a one-credit course. A motion was made to approve the course. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman then presented other courses to be approved by the Senate. Questions were asked by Senate members and answered by Clampman. A motion was made to waive the two-meeting rule for items 2a: 1-6. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstention from K. Issouf. A motion was passed to approve items 2a: 1-6. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman then moved for the 2-meeting rule be waived for course HCM XX. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. A motion was made to approve course HCM XX. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman made a motion to waive the two-meeting rule for items 2a: 8-13. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman then moved to approve items 2a: 8-13. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman made a motion to waive the 2-meeting rule for items 2a: 14-17. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman

made a motion to approve items 2a: 14-17. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. **Curriculum:** (see attached report) Following the action items, H. Clampman reported on other items from the Curriculum Committee. H. Clampman moved to waive the 2-meeting rule for item 2e: 7. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman moved to approve item 2e: 7. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman moved to waive the 2-meeting rule for item 2e: 8. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman moved to approve item 2e: 8. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman moved to waive the 2-meeting rule for item 2f: 1. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. H. Clampman moved to approve item 2f: 1. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- b. **Academic Standing:** (see attached report) I. Mirsky reported on four items within the RN/LPN program to be changed. Mirsky noted these items were passed unanimously by CAS. I. Mirsky made a motion to waive the 2-meeting rule regarding these four items. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Questions were asked and answered. A motion was made approve all four items. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with editorial changes to be made.
- c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McInerney reported on three items. The committee has been reviewing the governance plan and the corresponding rules of procedure. A draft of revised rules and procedures will be presented to the Senate by the end of the academic year. The Chemistry department has requested the committee look into the appointment of interim chairs. Finally, the committee continues to work on the draft of an expressive conduct policy. Vacancies at UFS have not yet been addressed by the committee.
- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** no report
- e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** J. Freeman noted difficulty achieving a quorum at meetings.
- f. **Student Activities:** F. Arias reported that documents will be posted for the Director and Assistant Director of Student Life positions. Arias reported the graduation unit in LO 206 will address graduation requests. Arias noted that SGA elections are coming up: broadcasts have been sent, banners hung, and phone calls made to solicit student nominations and participation. Arias reported a Student Election Review Committee will soon be created. An email will be sent to faculty for nominating students to be on the committee. Questions were asked and answered regarding the dispersal of funding for student organizations. M. Coleman informed those who were concerned about their pending funding requests, that they should contact Moswen James (x5264), but as he was away for a week, these queries could be addressed to Donovan Miller (x5798). H. Clampman asked if the Student Life positions would be posted for 30 or 60 days. C. Berotte Joseph noted they would be posted for 30 days. The goal is for the positions to be filled by the end of June.
- g. **Student Government Association:** no report
- h. **University Faculty Senate:** L. Lawton reported the UFS is looking at an amendment to Article 8. Lawton encouraged faculty to review the proposed

amendment and report any concerns or questions to him before the next UFS meeting.

- i. **University Student Senate:** no report
  - j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** no report
  - k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** R. Ben-Nun reported the committee met and discussed the goals of the committee. He thanked Assistant Vice-President Henriquez for attending that meeting on her first day at BCC. Some of the goals discussed include connecting to outside entities. The committee is creating a survey to send out to those entities. The next meeting is on Monday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m.
6. **President's Report:** President Berotte Joseph introduced and welcomed Paulette Zalduonado-Henriquez. The President also congratulated student Terrance Coffey on the prestigious honor of being named a [2014 Coca Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar](#). Regarding new initiatives from the Chancellor, the President congratulated Michael Miller on his selection to the CUNY Faculty Leadership Academy. She also congratulated Chief Technology Officer Loïc Audusseau for his selection to the newly reinstated Executive Leadership Development Program. Regarding collaboration with external constituents, the President reported that Borough President Ruben Diaz has named her co-chair of the Consortium for Higher Education. The President along with P. Zalduonado-Henriquez met with Charles Cooper of the [African Advisory Council](#). The Council is interested in collaborating with the College. The President with E. Bayardelle also met with [DreamYard](#) as the College is looking for ways to link with that arts organization. The President thanked all who participated with lobbying efforts including students who attended last weekend's lobbying event in Albany. She noted that both PSC-CUNY and NYPIRG are working in coordination with these lobbying efforts so that all are on the same page. Work towards meeting the needs of an aging infrastructure continues. To that end, the President reported she is meeting with Borough President Diaz today and next week with the City Council, among other external constituents. With respect to 1199, the President reported that collaboration continues including a conference to be held in June by invitation. Invitees will include hospitals, three colleges, and 1199. With Carmen Vasquez liaising with the ad-hoc committee of campus women who requested it, a workshop on engaging self-awareness will be held. The President noted interest in it has been very high. Finally, the President noted that professional development continues to be an area the College supports. To that end, the Vice-Presidents, Deans, and Chairs Committee have discussed developing professional development programs for all on campus.
7. **Guest Speaker – Betsy C. Montañez, Veteran Services Coordinator:** B. Montañez briefly updated the Senate members on veteran and military resources on campus. Her office is located at LO 123 and her extension is 5447. B. Montañez noted that military competency training for faculty and staff will be forthcoming. BCC currently has 200 students who self-identify as veterans. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, BCC is hosting a veterans group from DC on campus. Questions were asked and answered.
8. **Announcements and Reports:**
- a. **Chairperson:** F. Moore reported a broadcast soliciting 12 nominees for the security advisory council went out. The deadline for names is April 4<sup>th</sup>. The 12 nominees will then be selected at the April Senate meeting. Moore also reported a

broadcast went out soliciting nominations for the two – 1 adjunct, 1 HEO – vacant Senate seats. Names are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Moore updated on progress towards creating a Senate Blackboard site.

- b. **Faculty Council:** Vice-Chair H. Skinner reported on the BCC 10k run. Posters were available for members to take. Skinner requested members get the word out to students about the run.
- c. **Vice-Chairperson:** No report
- d. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:**
  1. A. Brewer reported that 172 students have been found who were eligible for graduation.
  2. E. Bayardelle reported BCC received an award from the CUNY Forum on Philanthropy for the 10k run. Regarding the Petri Foundation emergency funds, BCC received \$300,000 to be spent over a 3-year period (\$100,000 per year). The monies are managed by Student Affairs.

9. **Auxiliary Enterprises:** No report

10. **BCC, Inc.:** No report

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Adjournment:** 1:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Gonsler, Secretary

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

Handouts:

- Curriculum Committee report
- Senate vacancies broadcast
- Committee on Academic Standing report