

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

Minutes of September 22, 2016

Present: J. Athanasourelis, R. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, L. Brenner, H. Clampman, L. Cummins, A. Durante, K. Ellis, D. Genova, I. Ghafoor, D. Gonsler, R. Gouraige, W. Guerrier, T. Isekenegbe, T. Johnson, J. Katz, S. Khan, P. Kolozi, A. Lal, L. Lawton, A. McInerney, M. Miller, J. Moghaddasi, J. Molina, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, H. Papas-Kavalis, J. Pineiro, M. Pita, S. Ramdath, N. Reynoso, A. Robinson, J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, R. Shane, H. Skinner, M. Stewart Titus, S. Utakis, N. Asamoah, O. Awoyemi, M. Conta, B. Emers, D. Gaffney, S. Mulkhan, J. Santiago, G. Tchalim, B. Tsagli, L. Manuel Vargas

Excused: S. Davis, S. Halalou, A. Ortiz, G. Agamah, R. Adjetey, F. Asante, S. Offenbach, D. Pearson, L. Rosario,

Present At-Large Alternates: C. Maliti, S. Mukherjee, K. Ojakian, J. Ziegler

Present Departmental Alternates: R. Bass, E. Nelson, J. Acevedo, K. Viner, K. Lee, M. Jones, M. Guishard, J. Shaddai, J. Sinanovic

Guests: E. Lehner, J. Paoli, O. Melendez, L. Yarel, D. Jean-Marie, D. Drepaul, Y. Edwards, C. Bellabe-Rosenberg, C. Vasquez, J. Heller, N. McDaniel, F. Kaighobadi, L. Montenegro, N. Ritze, V. Walker, K. Renee Williams, M. Renee Briggs

1. **Call to Order:** 12:26 P.M., meeting called to order by F. Moore.
2. **Seating of alternates:** F. Moore seated alternates – S. Mukherjee and J. Sinanovic
3. **Approval of the Agenda of September 22, 2016:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2016:** Approved by unanimous voice vote. Prior to the vote, new members of Senate introduced themselves.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. Election of Vice Chair of the Senate – F. Moore provided a description of the position. S. Mulkhan was nominated. He spoke in favor of his candidacy. S. Mulkhan was elected by voice vote (Y- 49, N- 0, Abstain – 1). L. Manuel Vargas was the abstention.
6. **President’s Report:** (see report) President T. Isekenegbe congratulated S. Mulkhan on his election to Vice Chair and welcomed new student Senators. He then referred to his report, encouraging the Senate to focus its efforts over the new year on the issues that most impact students.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Academic Standing:** No report.
 - b. **Curriculum:** (see report) H. Clampman provided an update of recent elections.
 - c. **Governance and Elections:** (see report) A. McInerney stated that he had been re-elected Chair and that P. Kolozi was elected Secretary. He then spoke about the committee’s plans for the upcoming semester, such as an amendment related to the

Committee on Instruction and Professional Development that he estimated would go to referendum in the Spring semester. There would be an amendment related to vacancies in Senate. The committee would also address items related to the rules and procedures of the Senate and procedures for when a Department Chair steps away from his or her post. It would also address rules related to how referenda are conducted.

- d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** V. Walker reported on elections. V. Walker was elected Chair, M. Lazda was elected Vice Chair, and G. Acosta was elected Secretary.
- e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** F. Moore asked D. Taylor to serve as Interim Chair for the purpose of calling a meeting and electing a Chair.
- f. **Student Activities:** M. Lopez provided dates for the meetings of student activity committees in October.
- g. **Student Government Association:** N. Asamoah thanked M. Lopez for returning and thanked the President and Provost for help obtaining a printer. He announced several events, including a collaborating with public safety for a haunted house and an event at the Early Childhood Center. He discussed his goals and plans for the association.
- h. **University Faculty Senate:** L. Lawton discussed the most recent meeting, including CUNY's need for an Expressive Activities Policy. The new Chair, K. Conway, would be making an attempt to visit campus and attend a meeting of Senate or Faculty Council.
- i. **University Student Senate:** N. Asamoah spoke about freedom of speech. He also stated that the Chair had stepped down and an interim Chair had been appointed.
- j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report.
- k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** No report.

8. Announcements and Reports

- a. **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson**
 - i. **F. Moore** - F. Moore provided an update on the referendum items that passed in Spring 2016. Presently, the college is waiting for a recommendation from legal counsel for the university. Legal counsel has questions regarding some inconsistencies and ambiguities. Once F. Moore has a full understanding of the questions, he will bring them back to Senate. He should have an update by next meeting. K. Williams provided a clarification of the process for changing the Governance Plan.
 - ii. **S. Mulkhan** - No report.
 - iii. **R. Ben-Nun** - R. Ben-Nun provided an update regarding the COACHE Survey Task Force. He also relayed faculty concerns regarding retroactive pay related to the new contract. T. Isekenegbe stated that retroactive payments would be made by the second pay check in January. K. Ellis said that although the college would not be calculating retroactive pay, it will validate the university's calculations and so it would also be able to provide a breakdown of payments made.
- b. **Vice Presidents and Deans**
 - i. **C. Schrader** - C. Schrader provided an update on enrollment and stated she would be sending a complete enrollment report. She stated that the college had expanded mandated reporting for early progress reports and that the college had met its ASAP target.

- ii. **K. Ellis** - K. Ellis brought greetings.
- iii. **E. Bayardelle** - D. Jean Marie, on behalf of E. Bayardelle, spoke about the Architecture and Arts Festival on October 16, 2016.
- iv. **L. Montenegro** - L. Montenegro provided information regarding fellowship opportunities, including the Faculty Fellowship Publication Program.
- v. **A. Ott** - No report.
- vi. **D. Taylor** - D. Taylor spoke about ongoing infrastructure projects, including an update on work related to the pool.
- vii. **N. Ritze** - N. Ritze spoke about the Presidential Grant Program and the Middle States review.
- viii. **M. Lopez** - M. Lopez encouraged participation in the CUNY BMI Conference, which BCC is hosting.

9. **Auxiliary Enterprises** - No report.

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

11. **New Business:** None.

12. **Adjournment:** 1:40 p.m. by F. Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Katz, Secretary

Handouts:

- Curriculum report
- President's Report

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Curriculum Committee

To: Members of the College Senate
From: Professor Howard A. Clampman, *Howard A. Clampman*
Chairperson Curriculum Committee
Date: September 22, 2016
Subject: Report of Actions by the Curriculum Committee through 09/13/2016

1. Actions previously reported to the Senate
2. Actions reported to the Senate for the first time
 - (a) For information purposes only – Election of Chairperson & Secretary

Chairperson: Prof. Howard Clampman (Business and Information Systems)
Approved 08/30/2016 Unanimous Voice Vote

Secretary: Dr. Tyhesha Elmore (Education and Academic Literacy)
Approved 08/30/2016 Unanimous Voice Vote

Bronx Community College President's Report to the Senate

September 22, 2016

After a wonderful summer, there is much exciting news to share. First and foremost, welcome back for the 2016-2017 academic year. It is refreshing to see faculty, staff, and students back and our campus bustling and thriving. We had a great Fall 2016 Convocation. I was happy to meet the newest members of our community and to conduct a year-end review of this past academic year. This year's Freshman Convocation was a good opening to our **Year of the Student**. Our energetic Freshman Convocation speaker, Gian Paul Gonzalez, asked us to be "All In." We need to be "All In" for the success of our students. Thank you to all that made both events a huge success.

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our BCC family. In the Division of Academic and Student Success, Manny Lopez returns to BCC as the Associate Dean of Student Development. Simone Rodriguez-Dorestant is the new Associate Dean of Success Programs. Rogelio Knights joins us as the new Athletics Director. On Friday, September 23, 2016, the Division of Administration and Finance, through the Department of Human Resources, will be hosting a New Employee Orientation for all new staff. We look forward to formally welcoming all of our newest coworkers and wishing them continued professional success.

I am excited to announce the opening of our beautiful quad. Many of you may be wondering about the green fencing. It will remain up until the grass seed has fully taken root. As part of the quad renovation project, we have added two additional flagpoles to the existing pole in front of Language Hall. They display the flags of the State of New York and the City of New York. Phase Four of the facilities upgrade project is underway near the University Avenue entrance. We are looking forward to the continued beautification of our historic campus.

In my Summer President's Report, I announced the passing of BCC President Emeritus Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. In lieu of a large public memorial service, Dr. Brown's family held a Jazz Tribute and gathering of Roscoe's Red Tails at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. I was fortunate to attend on behalf of Bronx Community College and convey our communal sense of loss and condolence to Dr. Brown's family.

BCC proudly exceeded our ASAP enrollment targets for the Fall 2016 semester. To support these students, new ASAP offices have opened on the first floor of Nichols Hall and newly-renovated classrooms are now in use on the first floor of Bliss Hall. While enrollment is down across the University system, we are hopeful that we can remain leaders in the enrollment of ASAP students. The Division of Academic and Student Success is working to develop a partnership with the Community College Research Center (CCRC) to study our ASAP expansion and college re-design efforts. Our work has generated great interest in the field of pedagogy and student support.

While our ASAP enrollment numbers exceeded targets, we still have work to do with transfer students and returning students. We continue to lose nearly 40% of our returning students from Fall semester to Fall semester. This is not sustainable over time. As this is the **Year of the Student**, I challenge each and every one of us to come up with ideas and ways to improve retention and increase graduation rates.

BCC is awaiting the finalization of the budget and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2017. Our preliminary allocation is \$74.6M, but we expect some adjustments during the finalization process. Our projected Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 is \$59.1 for various campus projects. Department are asked to spend at the same level as Fiscal Year 2016. Once a final budget has been provided by CUNY Central, it will be shared with the campus community. Additionally, the new PSC/CUNY Collective Bargaining Agreement is being

implemented. Initial bonus checks are scheduled for disbursement on Friday, October 21, 2016. Retroactive payments are scheduled for payment in January 2017. The PSC, CUNY, and BCC administration are working together towards seamless implementation.

Both the AA in English and AS in Exercise Science and Kinesiology are now being offered at BCC. The prior AS in Community/School Health Education was revised and is now offered as an AS in Public Health. Congratulations again to the Chairpersons and Faculty of the Departments of English and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation for their work in bringing these new programs to fruition. I look forward to sharing success stories from these programs in the future.

We are pleased to inform the campus that BCC has finalized the contractual arrangements with the vendor selected to oversee the College's website redesign and the rebranding initiative that will help us better articulate our core strengths, mission, and values. This is an ambitious project that will involve all departments and units. We are looking forward to work commencing in the upcoming weeks.

I am planning to meet with members of our Adjunct community this semester to hear more about both successes and challenges at BCC. Two immediate critical issues are being addressed prior to that meeting – timely Adjunct payment and identification of additional working space on campus for Adjunct usage. I look forward to hearing more ways in which we can improve the Adjunct experience and demonstrate the importance of Adjunct contributions to our campus and students. Once a date has been identified for this Town Hall, it will be disseminated via BCC Broadcast.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, IT will be rolling out a single sign-on solution to the entire campus community, allowing everyone to access their BCC and CUNY accounts from one page and using a single username and password. We are hopeful that this will reduce confusion and improve the efficiency of your online experience.

In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the BCC Foundation Board:

- Raised over \$1,017,000 in private support;
- Awarded scholarships totaling \$168,747 to 152 students in need of financial assistance;
- Provided additional \$100,000 in emergency assistance was granted to students for housing, transportation, food, and childcare;
- Raised \$200,000 for students at the *Building the Dream, One Student at a Time* Gala;
- Provided \$10,000 to establish BCC's first food pantry; and
- Established the Kalief Browder Memorial Scholarship.

Upcoming events include:

- *Open House New York* and Architecture & Arts Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2016, from noon-4:00pm. The event is free and open to the public, with registry at www.bcc.cuny.edu/ArchFest.
- The CUNY Black Male Initiative (BMI) Annual Conference at BCC on October 7, 2016.
- In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hall of Fame Art Gallery in Bliss Hall will feature works by artist Norma Marquez Orozco. Her work will be on display from Wednesday, September 28, 2016, through Friday, October 28, 2016, with a reception and artist's talk on Thursday, October 13, 2016, from 2:00pm-4:00pm.
- The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is hosting its Fall 2016 Seminar Series on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Seminars take place on Tuesdays at noon. For details: <http://fsw01.bcc.cuny.edu/mathdepartment/Seminar/Seminar.htm>.