

# SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Minutes of September 15, 2014

**Present:** C. Berotte Joseph, A. Brewer, H. Clampman, M. Fein, D. Gonsher, F. Moore, R. Quinn, Q. Price, S. Utakis

**Absent:** C. Schrader, H. Skinner

**Guests:** G. Cooke, S. Grimes

1. **Meeting called to order** at 2:25 p.m. by F. Moore.
2. **Approval of May 12, 2014 SEC Minutes:** The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. Having read the minutes, F. Moore tabled the elections of 2 Senators (HEO and adjunct) to fill Senate vacancies until the October meeting, as he had not sent out the relevant materials prior to today's meeting.
3. **Approval of September 15, 2014 SEC agenda:** The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
4. **Introductions:** Introductions were made.
5. **BCC, Inc./Auxiliary Enterprises:** F. Moore reported the need to hold annual elections for these two committees. He will send a list of those who served last year on the committees to the President. The current members will remain serving until such time as elections can be held. To facilitate the election process, Moore will compile a list of nominations from within the BCC community. C. Berotte Joseph encouraged new faculty to self-nominate for these committees.
6. **Report from the Chair:** F. Moore reported he and A. McInerney were approached by K. Williams to assist the Social Sciences Department in electing a new chair. On a separate note, V. Walker noted that he sent a request to the President's office for the faculty survey to be sent out as a broadcast, but it had never been sent. F. Moore noted he would request clarification in the matter and report to the Senate.
7. **President's Report:** C. Berotte Joseph reported that BCC has received a \$9 million grant from CUNY 20/20. She also reported that Start Up NY had been approved for BCC. She hoped this program would be helpful in aligning academic programs with industries.
8. **Report on the CCCRC:** F. Moore reviewed the CCCRC discussion regarding the quality of criteria for choosing faculty and staff from the school to serve on this committee. He reported that a consensus had not been reached in the Senate. H. Clampman stated other liaisons reported having selected their representation already. He encouraged the College to move forward with their nominations for this committee. It was suggested that the previous language be sent back to Senate for adoption. M. Fein asked what a lack of representation on the CCCRC would mean for the College. It was noted that there would be no advocate for BCC classes. A motion was made to vote on the language as it stood. The vote passed with 7 for, none against, and 1 abstention (S. Utakis).
9. **Report from SGA:** no report

10. **Report from the Faculty Council:** F. Moore introduced, circulated, and read a resolution from the Faculty Council with respect to a committee being formed to elicit opinions from faculty and staff regarding the President's tenure. Moore requested faculty submit nominations for the proposed committee by Wednesday, 9/17. The President noted she was aware of the underground discussions about her work and welcomed discussion. She was dismayed that no one ever came to her to discuss their concerns, stating that this had never happened at any other institution she had worked at.
11. **Approval of September 18, 2014 Senate agenda:** As the SGA is holding a Club Day on 9/18 during the same time as the Senate meeting, their representatives requested the election of Vice-Chair be postponed. F. Moore asked for as many SGA representatives as possible attend the first part of the Senate meeting, which includes the action items. F. Moore asked about the need to elect a new Secretary for the Senate, but D. Gonsher noted she had not decided to step down.
12. **Other:**
- S. Utakis reported she had received a letter that she was appointed to the new faculty and student disciplinary committee, but had not been asked to serve on it. A. Brewer said he would look into the matter.
  - A. Brewer relayed enrollment numbers and noted the number of issues that impacted registration this year. D. Gonsher asked about how many students had paid.
  - M. Fein noted that sections of BIO 11 and BIO 23 had been overtallied by a student, resulting in at least two students in each class sharing a microscope.
  - A question was raised regarding the number of students who were allowed into classes for which they did not have the appropriate prerequisites. A. Brewer said he would look into the matter.

**Adjournment** at 3:15 p.m. by F. Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Gonsher, Secretary

**Attachment(s):** Faculty Council resolution

A Resolution of the Faculty Council of  
Bronx Community College  
Of the City University of New York

WHEREAS the Chancellery of the City University of New York recently conducted a periodic evaluation of Bronx Community College President Carole Berotte Joseph;

WHEREAS some members of the BCC faculty and staff, including members of the Faculty Council, were asked to submit surveys regarding their professional opinion of President Berotte Joseph's administration;

WHEREAS the Chancellor's evaluation was designed as an internal process and not as a transparent review;

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's evaluation did not include an open and constructive dialog amongst the campus community regarding the strengths and weakness of the performance of her duties by the President, which dialog could have resulted in creating an atmosphere of mutual respect;

WHEREAS the Faculty Council of Bronx Community College, wishes to assess the current situation on campus in a calm, fair and deliberative fashion, to separate fact from rumor, and to form a record from which a dialog may ensue:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

A Select Committee of the Faculty be, and hereby is, created in order to:

- 1) Identify any areas of wide spread concern amongst the instructional staff regarding the administration President Carole Berotte Joseph;
- 2) Investigate any identified areas of widespread concern with an aim of substantiating or refuting such concerns;
- 3) Report its findings and recommendations to the Faculty Council, no later than its November 2014 meeting.

The Select Committee has broad discretion in the methodology it employs and may conduct surveys, focus groups, and/or interviews with any concerned individual. It is expected that the Select Committee will attempt to gain as much input from the entire instructional staff in so far as it is practicable with in the time and other constraints imposed upon it. It should include in its report, a description of the methodologies utilized.