

# SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Minutes of March 20, 2017

**Present:** T. Isekenegbe, R. Ben-Nun, K. Ellis, M. Guishard, J. Katz, L. Lawton, F. Moore, S. Mulkhan, J. Sanabria, C. Schrader, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

**Excused:** L. Rosario, O. Awoyemi, D. Gaffney

1. **Meeting called to order** at 2:20PM by F. Moore.
2. **Approval of March 23, 2017 SEC agenda:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of December 5, 2016 SEC Minutes:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Introduction of new members:** All members introduced themselves. President T. Isekenegbe asked an informational question regarding the makeup of the body.
5. **Report of the Chair**
  - a. 15-week semester vs. 12-6 semester: At the request of K. Conway, F. Moore raised the prospect of the college adopting a 12-6 semester, as opposed to the current 15-week semester. He stated that Kingsborough Community College and La Guardia Community College operated on a 12-6 system and that other colleges had begun discussions on their respective campuses. F. Moore stated some of the advantages as related to financial aid and student credit load. C. Schrader agreed that the college needed to explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of a 12-6 system but emphasized that the potential change would take time to study. T. Isekenegbe stated that the college needed to have a conversation about the potential change if only to remain competitive with other colleges that might adopt the model. S. Mulkhan stated that students' perspectives should be taken into account. M. Guishard pointed out that part of conversation needed address the support systems that other colleges have in place in addition to a 12-6 system. In terms of moving forward, C. Schrader proposed that the discussion involve the present committee working on the academic master plan in conjunction with other volunteers. T. Isekenegbe said that he would speak with N. Ritze to obtain necessary data.
  - b. 2017/2018 Senate Calendar: F. Moore asked for feedback regarding the Senate and Senate Executive Committee calendars for 2017-2018. Specifically, he brought up the issue of the annual budget report which is crucial though time-consuming. To address the time issue, F. Moore proposed holding a second meeting in October devoted to the budget report. C. Schrader made a general suggestion that people to submit written reports to the Senate to save time; F. Moore said that he would make the suggestion, as well as other potential changes.
  - c. Governance page on the website: F. Moore stated that he intended to work on having more information available on the website.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Report from SGA:** S. Mulkhan discussed a recent event. He also provided an update on upcoming elections.

8. **Report from the Faculty Council:** R. Ben-Nun discussed elections for the Academic Freedom Committee. He raised the issue of what department or office should be responsible for duplicating for Senate materials.
9. **Approval of March 23, 2017 Senate agenda:** (see report) F. Moore discussed the proposed agenda. T. Isekenegbe said he only needed ten minutes. H. Skinner asked that the student items be moved up. S. Mulkhan asked that the SGA report be put after Governance and Elections.
10. **New Business:** None.

**Adjournment** at 3:20PM by F. Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Katz, Secretary

**Attachment(s):**

- Senate Agenda