

# **BCC Faculty Council**

Minutes of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**At-Large:** L. Cummins, R. Gouraige, J. Katz, L. Lawton, A. McInerney, J. Molina, F. Moore, H.P. Kavalis, M. Pita, J. Sanabria, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

**Department:** R. Ben-Nun, S. Khan, I. Ghafoor, A. Durante, T. Johnson, J. Athanasourelis, S. Offenbach, D. Genova, M. Miller, J. Pineiro, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, P. Kolozi, A. Lal, N. Reynoso

**Ex-Officio:** M. Fein.

**Adjuncts:** D. Pearson.

**CLT, HEO, Registrar:** A. Robinson, S. Ramdath

**Alternates at large:** S. Mukherjee, K. Ojakian, B. Rima, J. Ziegler

**Alternates (Dept.):** R. Bass, S. Bhaskaran, E. Nelson, S. Duncan, J. Acevedo, M. Guishard

1. Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. Seating of the alternates- no alternates were seated.
3. Agenda approved by voice vote.
4. The Minutes of April 2015 meeting (Open House for Senate candidates) were approved by voice vote (1 abstained). The minutes for Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 were approved as amended by voice vote.
5. Announcements:
  - I. Report on SGA elections: The elections were conducted, 15 SGA members elected, election certified on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. SGA will be conducting elections for their officers, which will be followed by orientation of all SGA members regarding rules and procedures of college senate. It was noted that certain committees including BCC Inc. and Auxiliary Enterprise couldn't convene due to lack of SGA members representation, so measures should be taken to avoid this in future. F. Moore commented that this issue occurred due to lack of guidance regarding election procedure, and the absence of a Student Life Director. Student Ombudsperson to be elected in the upcoming Senate meeting. F. Moore stated that the V.P. of Finance's report would explain the source of monies for BCC Inc. and Auxiliary Enterprise
  - II. F.C chair reported that G&E committee supported the Senate Chair ruling about not seating the adjunct senator who no longer holds the adjunct title.
6. S. Persinger updated the FC on the PSC CUNY contract. She stated that there is no financial offer on the table yet, but some progress is being made. She described that the main points of the contract are: pay increase for CUNY Faculty, reduction in workload, better job guarantee for adjuncts, and HEO promotions. She shared cards to pledge students support for MOE (Maintenance of Effort) bill. Members were updated regarding upcoming events organized by PSC CUNY such as Teach-In, Teach-Out (Oct 19-30) on all CUNY campuses involving local actions and activist curricula.
7. Discussion ensued on the use of Clickers in Senate. R. Ben-Nun reported his discussion with Jose Lai about issues regarding use of Clickers in Senate:
  - I. Actual number of vote counts can be reported instead of percentage.
  - II. The way members vote does not display live, but is kept in the final report, which are sent to library to be archived and are available for review upon request.

- III. In response to the concern that sometime clickers don't work, it was advised to hold them in the correct position with an unobstructed view of the board.
- IV. More clickers will be purchased to assure their availability to all voting members.
- V. Extra slides can be set up and quickly made available for unplanned votes. Other issues such as elections involving choosing three out of five people will eventually be resolved.

Another comment was made that we may not see the end of paper ballots for emergent situations but overall the use of clickers should get better overtime.

- 8. A. Durante's report regarding treatment of CUNY Faculty going through horrendous HR paperwork to work on other CUNY campuses was discussed. R. Shane, the college ombudsperson, reported that students have a similar experience when transferring between CUNY colleges. F.C chair said that some sort of formal motion is to be brought up at senate to move this issue up the ladder.
- 9. New Business:
  - I. H. Skinner asked for Faculty Council support for the "Run the Bronx" Dream Team. The FC approved his request by voice vote.
  - II. UFC seats are up for elections and a broadcast is coming soon.
  - III. Issue of Printers was discussed and some feedback was shared among members.
- 10. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:55

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Shazia Khan