

# BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of November 12<sup>th</sup> , 2015

**At-Large:** T. Brennan, L. Cummins, S. Davis, R. Gouraige, J. Katz, L. Lawton, A. McInerney, J. Molina, F. Moore, H.P. Kavalis (late, alternate seated), M. Pita, J. Sanabria, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis

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

**Ex-Officio:** M. Fein, H. Clampman, D. Gonsler

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

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

**Alternates (Dept.):** R. Bass, K. Lee, P. Laul, E. Nelson, S. Duncan, J. Acevedo, M. Guishard

**Guests:** N. Apostolakis, S. Brady, V. Walker

1. Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. Seating of the alternates- S. Mukherjee, K. Ojakian were seated.
3. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 15th with corrections
5. Announcements
  - I. **Teaching at another CUNY campus:** VP Schrader will address this HR issue, so any one going to teach at another CUNY college should contact her office.
  - II. **Printers:** The President asks for our patience as this new program is being implemented. For specific and urgent problems, like lack of ink, please contact Donovan Thompson at the business office, with copies to Sharon Luckie, Dean David Taylor, and VP Schrader.
  - III. **Upcoming Elections-** UFS and Space, Facilities & Physical Plant Committee nominations end Nov. 6, polls open Nov. 16
  - IV. **Senate Election Results (V. Chair, Academic Review and Ombudsperson):** R. Shane elected as Student Ombudsperson, A. Alvarez elected V. Chair of Senate.
6. **New Geospatial Computing Center (ME 330)-** S. Bhaskaran informed the council of new Geospatial Computing Center in ME 330.
7. **COACHE Survey-** Chair of CIPD, V. Walker reported that the survey result analysis is difficult to interpret, and more time is needed to understand it. L. Lawton mentioned that a university wide web site is being developed for information about the survey results from all CUNY colleges.

It was suggested that perhaps we can use the survey to improve our local survey at which point V. Walker mentioned that CIPD is in the process of upgrading the local survey and will be presenting this at the senate for approval.
8. **Proposed changes regarding Rules of Order for Academic Departments-** Discussion ensued on the proposal to amend the BCC Governance Plan: the power to establish Rules of Order for departments. One of the points made was that Faculty Council does not represent the entire college, so it may not be appropriate to give F.C. the power to decide rules of order for the departments. On the other hand, it was argued that since F.C. represents all faculty and departments it may be the right place for this. It was mentioned that currently

guidelines for conducting elections in departments come from the legal office and sometimes may not be in the best interest of the department/faculty. F.C chair will send out link to the BCC Governance Plan to the members.

9. New Business:

- I. PSC CUNY rep updated on the status of the contract negotiations and on upcoming events organized by the union to push/increase awareness about the contract including authorization of strike vote.

10. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:55

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Shazia Khan