

# **BCC Faculty Council**

Minutes of April 14, 2016

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

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

**Ex-Officio:** M. Fein (excused), H. Clampman (excused), D. Gonsher

**CLT, HEO, Registrar:** L. Rosario, A. Robinson, S. Ramdath (excused)

**Alternates at large:** C. Maliti (excused), S. Mukherjee, K. Ojakian, J. Ziegler

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

**Guests:** J. Getman-Eraso, T. Ingram, E. Lehner, V. Walker

1. Meeting called to order at 12:15
2. Seating of Alternates: None
3. Approval of Agenda: approved as amended.
4. Approval of Minutes of March 17th, 2016 meeting: approved with minor corrections
5. **Announcements (10min):**
  - I. H. Skinner announced that 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Run the Bronx is on Saturday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and asked for participation in the 10k, 5k run, or the 2-mile walk.
  - II. V. Walker announced that the Faculty Day is in April.
  - III. Election results for Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant: L. Broughton has been elected to represent the Science Division.
  - IV. Referendum: Referendum will be conducted from May 2nd to May 20th on the proposal for amendments to BCC Governance Plan.
  - V. Nominations will open on May 2nd to fill vacancies in the Senate at-large adjunct senator and alternate adjunct senator.
  - VI. Nominations still open for CUNY Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) and Campus Security Committee. Two faculty members are to be elected.
  - VII. Gold Standard Committee chairperson J. Getman-Eraso explained that this is an institutional effectiveness committee, which collaborates with various constituencies to build efficiencies. He further stated that any suggestions or recommendations for future directions for this committee are welcome.

- VIII. S. Persinger updated F.C on the Contract negotiation. She asked for the support of Union Contract Rally on BCC in front of Roscoe Brown Center at BCC taking place concurrently to F.C meeting. She said that the PSC expects to be in intensive contract negotiations with CUNY management, with the assistance of the mediator assigned as a result of the impasse declaration. Our aim is to reach an agreement that can be presented to Governor Cuomo and the Legislature before the end of the legislative session in mid-June, with the expectation that it will be fully funded. On March 31 Governor Cuomo’s budget director said publicly that funding for the PSC would be addressed when a contract agreement is reached. At the same time, the union will continue to build the leverage we need—and become prepared for further action if necessary—by holding the strike authorization vote. The vote will be held from May 2 through May 11, with results announced on May 12. The union leadership will not initiate any strike or job action before the end of the academic year or during the summer. If we do get the strong “yes” vote on strike authorization we expect and if we subsequently decide that a strike or job action is necessary, the action will take place no earlier than in the fall.
6. COACHE Survey discussion ensued to address the results of COACHE survey regarding Racism and Gender Inequalities in CUNY and specifically at BCC. M. Guishard shared some statistics about minority representation at CUNY. T. Ingram informed F.C. of a Town Hall meeting "Faculty of Color at BCC and CUNY" on Tuesday April 19th, 2016 in Shwendler Auditorium at 12-2 pm. F,C shared their views and experience on racism. F. C chair R. Ben-Nun proposed to have an additional F.C meeting to take place on May 18th reading day to continue this discussion
7. New Business: None
8. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:55

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Shazia Khan