

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of November 10th, 2016

At-Large: T. Brennan, L. Cummins (abs), S. Davis (abs), R. Gouraige, J. Katz , L. Lawton (abs), 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, L. Brenner (abs), T. Johnson (abs), J. Athanasourelis, N. Reynoso (abs), S. Offenbach, D. Genova, M. Miller, J. Pineiro, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz (abs), A. Lal (abs), P. Kolozi,

Ex-Officio: J. Moghaddasi (abs), H. Clampman, D. Gonsher

Adjuncts: M. S. Titus

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

Alternates at large: C. Maliti, K.Ojjakian, J. Zeigler

Alternates (Dept.): R. Bass (exc), K. Lee, E. Nelson, V. Rodriguez, S. Duncan, J. Acevedo,

Guests: G. Acosta, F. Kaignobadi

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10
2. Seating of Alternates- skipped
3. Approval of Agenda: approved unanimously
4. Approval of Minutes of October 19th, 2016 meeting: Approved as corrected.
5. Announcements:
 - a. CUNY RISING ALLIANCE Flyer as well as update on upcoming events organized by this alliance was presented S. Utakis.
 - b. U.S. Presidential elections result and its ramification for” Dreamers” in CUNY Colleges, as well as ways to provide outreach support for these students were discussed.
 - c. “One Path” is available now at BCC website (under “Information Technology”). One Path allows you to login with your Bronco ID and access multiple CUNY/BCC systems such as email, CUNY First, OSSES and many more within a single browser session. This tool solves the problem of having to remember several passwords required to login to CUNY and BCC applications.
 - d. Rick Schaffer (Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel at City University of New York) met with BCC constituents to discuss issues and ambiguities in the proposed amendments to BCC G.P. F. Moore met with C. Williams and President Isekenegbe and they came up with three prong approach to address these issues. i) Parts that are good can be sent to BOT now. ii) Edit the minor typos and errors, bring them to senate for approval after revision and send them to BOT without having to go through referendum again. iii) Ambiguities such as the role of F.C and SGA need to be worked on and those items have to go through the regular referendum process.
6. James Verdicchio, CPP Director of Public Safety updated F. C. on new and improved safety measures and statistics. He announced and encouraged the campus community to participate in Active Shooter trainings that will be offered in Spring 2017.
7. COACHE task force asked for an extension to submit their report. An extension was approved unanimously. The Task Force presented some ideas on improving “campus climate” for FOC, including celebrating a multicultural or Diversity Day on campus following other CUNY schools such as BMCC; introducing multicultural curricula which can help diversify hiring of professors from various ethnic backgrounds; start online diversity sensitivity trainings; reactivate some of the cultural clubs on campus. Discussion ensued on proposed ideas. It was mentioned that many multicultural curricula exist on books already. The reason why they became inactive needs to be studied along with which programs they would fit into if they are resurrected. M. Stewart suggested

that these programs need to be formalized and restored since BCC already has faculty who would be interested in teaching these courses, or new faculty from underrepresented groups suited to teach these curricula should be hired. H. Clampman suggested that the availability of these programs be checked, since they became inactive due to lack of enrollment. F.C. chair asked the F.C. to look into the possibility of long term integration of the COACHE task force in to the list of existing committees.

8. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:50

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Shazia Khan