

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of March 16th, 2017

At-Large: T. Brennan (abs), M. Choi, L. Cummins, S. Davis (abs), R. Gouraige, M. Guishard, J. Katz (exc), L. Lawton (exc), A. McInerney, J. Molina, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, H. P. Kavalis (exc), M. Pita, J. Sanabria, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis [13]

Department: R. Ben-Nun, S. Khan, I. Ghafoor, A. Durante (exc), D. Gonsler, T. Johnson (abs), J. Athanasourelis, N. Reynoso, S. Offenbach (Exc), D. Genova, M. Miller, J. Pineiro, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, A. Lal, P. Kolozi [13]

Adjuncts: M. S. Titus, D. Pearson (abs) [1]

CLT, HEO, Registrar: L. Rosario, A. Nicasio (exc), J. Paoli, A. Robinson, S. Ramdath (abs) [3]

Alternate adjunct: J. Sinanovic (**seated alternate**) [1]

Alternates at large: C. Maliti (abs), K.Ojjakian (**seated alternate**), B. Rima (**seated alternate**), J. Zeigler [2]

Alternates (Dept.): R. Bass (exc.), K. Lee (abs), N. Knight (abs), S. Bhaskaran (exc.), E. Nelson, J. Shaadi (**seated alternate**), M.C. Aquino (abs), V. Rodriguez (abs.), S. Duncan (**seated alternate**), J. Acevedo, C. Tobar (abs), P. Laul (abs), K.Viner (abs), M. Jones (abs), B. Grossman (abs), D. Molina [2]

Guests: L. Brenner, F. Kaighobadi, I. Cortes

Faculty Council Voting Membership: 41 (21 = quorum)

Total Voting Members Present: 35

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10
2. Seating of Alternates- K.Ojjakian , B. Rima , J. Shaadi, S. Duncan, J. Sinanovic were seated alternates.
3. Approval of Agenda: approved with minor addition.
4. Approval of Minutes of February 16th, 2017 meeting: Approved.
5. Announcements: F.C. Chair R. Ben-Nun
 - a. Welcomed new members of the Faculty Council:
 - Minkyung Choi from Education & Reading (At-Large)
 - Monique Guishard from Social Sciences (At-Large)
 - Sharmila Mukherjee from English (At-Large)
 - Albania Nicasio, from Information Technology (HEO)
 - Jessenia Paoli from Judicial Affairs (HEO)
 - b. New GP Faculty Council membership, quorum, majority was discussed.
 - c. 12 week/6 week Schedule for community college proposal and its implications were briefly discussed. It was mentioned that this practice exists in some Community colleges (LaGuardia) and may be a possible mandate for all community colleges in future.
6. Discussion/Elections – Elections were conducted to elect five members of the newly formed Committee for Academic Freedom. Below is the list of nominees and election results.

Nominees	Number of Votes		
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
S. Offenbach	21 elected		
L. Lawton	28 elected		
J. Ziegler	23 elected		
L. Amowitz	17	7	5
F. Kaighobadi	18	17	23 elected
J. Batiz	11	7	5
N. Knight	12	3 (withdrew at this point)	
S. Mukherjee	27 elected		

7. Discussion on Perez and Faculty Council: F.C. chair informed the body that a grievance was filed against the elections conducted at the last F.C meeting held on February 16th, 2017, to elect new members of the Senate Executive Committee (3 members of F.C.). He asked for the council's input on the matter explaining that he never received a ruling from the CUNY legal Council or the BCC Legal Designee that the council should operate under "Perez". F. Moore and D. Gonsler supported the notion that F.C. operate under Perez. Some members pointed out that since the votes can be tracked there might be repercussions for junior faculty based on how they voted on issues, other members said that is never the case. It was stated by some members that according to the new G.P. the F.C. has more than just an advisory role. so it must operate under Perez as does the senate due to its new role as a governing body. Others contested this assumption. The matter was left to be decided later.
8. New Business:
 - a. H. Skinner asked for the F.C. participation in the "Dream Team" for the upcoming 39th Annual Roscoe C. Brown Jr. 10K • 5K Runs and 2 Mile Walk, to take place on 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2017. The council unanimously approved this motion.
 - b. P. Kolozi introduced faculty to a new three-semester faculty development program "PRESENTE" designed to deepen and expand the teaching of Latinx history and culture across the disciplines at BCC.
 - c. J. Paoli announced the Judicial Affairs sessions being held to help students, faculty and staff.
9. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:35

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Shazia Khan