

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of October 19, 2017

Attendance

At-Large Senators (18)

M. Choi (**not voting**), N. Apostolakis, S. Davis, R. Gouraige, J. Katz, L. Lawton, N. Reynoso, J. Molina, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, H. Papas-Kavalis, A. Vuagniaux, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis. [14]

Not Present: M. Guishard, C. Maliti, J. Moghadassi,

At-Large Alternate Senators

J. (Keyong) Lee (seated), B. Rima (seated), J. Ziegler (seated), A. McInerney (seated) [4]

Not Present: K. Ojakian.

Department Senators (16)

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, I. Ghafoor, A. Durante (**not voting**), D. Gonsler (**not voting**), V. Walker, S. Offenbach, J. Acevedo, M. Miller, R. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, J. Malinsky, H. Faradj. [14]

Not Present: M. Pita, J. Shaddai.

Department Alternate Senators

S. Bhaskaran (seated), E. Nelson (seated), K. Thomas (seated), J. Athanasourelis (seated), Ted Ingram, S. Duncan. [4]

Not Present: A. Ortuno, D. Price, N. Knight, S. Moss, C. Tobar, I. Horozov, K. Viner, M. Jones, E. Mananga, D. Molina.

Adjuncts (2)

J. Sinanovic, M. Stewart-Titus. [2]

CLT (1)

M. Sanchez (**not voting**).

CLT Alternate

J. Batiz (seated). [1]

HEO (3)

A. Robinson, J. Paoli. [2]

Not Present: H. Abdul.

HEO Alternate

Not Present: D. Sayeed

Registrar (1)

Not Present: S. Ramdath.

Guests

Larry Brenner, Farnaz Kaighobadi.

Faculty Council voting membership: 41 (21 = quorum)

Voting Members Present: 39

Agenda, Announcements & Actions

- 1) Meeting called to order at 12:13
- 2) Seating of Alternates:
Department S. Bhaskaran (chemistry), E. Nelson (communication), K. Thomas (education), J. Athanasourelis (English).
At-Large J. (Keyong) Lee (seated), B. Rima (seated), J. Ziegler (seated), A. McInerney (seated)
CLT Alternate J. Batiz (seated).
- 3) Approval of Minutes of May 2017 and September 2017 meetings:
Minutes approved unanimously.
- 4) Approval of Agenda:
Agenda approved unanimously.
- 5) Announcements:
 - i) Prof. Ben-nun introduced Dr. Kay Conway (BMCC), Chair of CUNY University Faculty Senate.
 - ii) Prof. Ben-nun: committees of the Senate that include students should conduct elections for officers yearly.
 - iii) Prof. Moore: broadcast was sent seeking nominees for the Student Ombudsman. Elections will take place at the next Senate meeting on October 26, 2017. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday October 25th. There are two open seats on the Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans that must be filled at the next Senate Executive meeting on Monday 23rd. Deadline for nominations is Monday 23rd.
 - iv) Prof. Henry Skinner: resigned his post as Vice Chair of the Faculty Council. Prof. Moore proposed a motion formally thanking Prof. Skinner for his long service. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- 6) Speaker:
Dr. Kay Conway (BMCC), CUNY University Faculty Senate Chair.
BCC has an open seat on the University Faculty Senate and Dr. Conway encouraged the council to elect a representative.
The speaker discussed the Strategic Frame Work regarding College readiness & Access and completion (this pertains to BCC and ASAP, the Chancellor committed to doubling community college graduation rates and increase senior college graduation by ten

points) Dr. Conway also discussed Career exploration and Knowledge creation. She urged members to check the UFS website and blog for further information. The speaker discussed the 6/12 academic calendar and encouraged the faculty to start a conversation about the matter.

7) Elections for Committee on Community Events (2 members at-large)

Two candidates were nominated:

Prathibha Kanakamedala, Joel Nagloo

Both candidates were unanimously elected.

8) Elections for Committee on Academic Freedom (5 members at-large)

Five candidates were nominated:

John Ziegler, Emakoji Ayikoye, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Seth Offenbach, Sharmila Mukherjee

All five candidates were unanimously elected.

9) New Business:

Prof. Moore: Senate to elect two faculty members for the Auxiliary Enterprise Board.

Announcement will be sent to the college broadcast.

Prof. Ben-nun: notice will be sent regarding elections to fill the Vice Chair vacancy.

Elections will take place at the next meeting.

10) Adjournment 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj