

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of November 9, 2017

Attendance

At-Large Senators (18)

J. Moghadassi, M. Choi, N. Apostolakis, R. Gouraige, M. Guishard, L. Lawton, J. Molina, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, H. Papas-Kavalis, A. Vuagniaux, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis. [14]

Not Present: S. Davis, J. Katz, N. Reynoso, C. Maliti.

At-Large Alternate Senators

J. (Kyeng) Lee (seated), K. Ojakian (seated), A. McInerney (seated). [3]

Not Present B. Rima, J. Ziegler.

Department Senators (16)

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, I. Ghafoor, A. Durante, D. Gonsler, J. Shaddai, V. Walker, S. Offenbach, J. Acevedo, M. Miller, R. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, H. Faradj. [13]

Not Present: M. Pita, A. Ortiz, J. Malinsky.

Department Alternate Senators

A. Ortuno, E. Nelson, J. Athanasourelis (seated), S. Moss. [1]

Not Present: D. Price, N. Knight, S. Bhaskaran, K. Thomas, Ted Ingram, S. Duncan, C. Tobar, I. Horozov, K. Viner, M. Jones, E. Mananga, D. Molina.

Adjuncts (2)

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

CLT (1)

M. Sanchez. [1]

CLT Alternate

Not Present: J. Batiz.

HEO (3)

H. Abdul, A. Robinson. [2]

Not Present:

J. Paoli.

HEO Alternate

Not Present: D. Sayeed.

Registrar (1)

Not Present: S. Ramdath.

Guests

Howard Clampman, Larry Brenner.

Faculty Council voting membership: (21 = quorum)

Voting Members Present: 36

Agenda, Announcements & Actions

- 1) Meeting called to order at 12:16
- 2) Seating of Alternates:
Department J. Athanasourelis (English)
At-Large J. (Kyeng) Lee (Biology), K. Ojakian (Math), A. McInerney (Math).
- 3) Approval of the agenda:
Agenda approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- 4) Approval of Minutes of Septmeber 2017:
Minutes approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- 5) Approval of Minutes of October 2017:
Minutes approved by a voice vote with corrections and one abstaining vote (D. Gonsher).
- 6) Presentation: Akademos Virtual Bookstore:
A presentation regarding the advantages of the virtual bookstore was given. Followed by a detailed explanation of how to navigate the webpage and to place an order for a textbook. The presentation also covered the span of time necessary for a request/order of textbooks. Questions and discussions followed regarding the cost, efficiency and advantages of shifting form the regular bookstore to the virtual one. A further discussion took place regarding the Akademos Virtual Bookstore contract with CUNY.

A discussion took place regarding Auxiliary Enterprises meetings.
- 7) Announcements:
 - i) Governance Self-Study: R. Ben-Nun attended a conference on shared governance at John Jay College, where a self-study of governance took place with the aim of assessing the effectiveness of their governance. R. Ben-Nun brought the idea of a study to BCC and would like our governance bodies to pursue it. F. Moore mentioned that a meeting of various constituencies is being set up to look at when, how and who should conduct such assessment.

The issue of reassigned time of the Student Ombudsman position was brought up. A discussion took place.

ii) BCC Web Site Update:

R. Ben-Nun gave an update on the new BCC website and the migration of the content from the current site to the new one. Emails were sent out to the Chairs and department reps regarding training that will begin after Thanksgiving.

8) Elections for Vice Chair of Faculty Council:

R. Ben-Nun explained the duties and obligations of the position.

M. Guishard was nominated and elected unanimously by a voice vote.

9) New Business: A motion regarding the Student Ombudsman was introduced by D. Gonsler as follows:

*“Whereas at the last Senate meeting, it was announced that the Ombudsperson (a codified component of BCC’s Governance Plan) would no longer receive reassigned time; **Be it resolved** that the Faculty Council strongly urges that this reassigned time be reinstated and that a concerted marketing campaign to students and faculty be undertaken to clarify and advertise the Ombudsperson’s position, responsibilities and services.”*

The resolution carried unanimously by a voice vote.

10) Adjournment 1:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj