

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes of March 15, 2018

Attendance

At-Large Senators (18)

M. Choi, S. Davis, R. Gouraige, J. Katz, L. Lawton, J. Moghadassi, J. Molina, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis, A. Vuagniaux. [13]

Not Present:

N. Apostolakis, M. Guishard, C. Maliti, H. Papas-Kavalis, N. Reynoso.

At-Large Alternate Senators (5)

J. (Kyeng) Lee, K. Ojakian, A. McInerney, J. Ziegler.

Not Present B. Rima.

Department Senators (16)

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, I. Ghafoor, A. Durante, J. Shaddai, M. Pita, V. Walker, J. Acevedo, M. Miller, R. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, J. Malinsky, H. Faradj. [14]

Not Present: D. Gonsher, S. Offenbach.

Department Alternate Senators (16)

A. Ortuno, J. Athanasourelis, S. Duncan, S. Moss, I. Horozov.

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

Adjuncts (2)

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

CLT (1)

M. Sanchez. [1]

CLT Alternate (1)

J. Batiz.

HEO (3)

A. Hashim. [1]

Not Present:

J. Paoli, A. Robinson.

HEO Alternate (1)

D. Sayeed.

Registrar (1)

Not Present: K. Thomas.

Guests

Kealey Dias, Kathryn DiTommaso, John Roberts, Nancy Gear, Mark Barnhill, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Victor Rodriguez, Joel Magloire, Carlos Cruz, Madelaine Bates.

Faculty Council voting membership: 41 (21 = quorum)

Voting Members Present: 31

Agenda, Announcements & Actions

- 1) **Meeting called to order: 2:15PM**
- 2) **Seating of Alternates:**
None.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:**
Approved unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes of February 2018 meeting.**
Postponed to the next meeting.
- 5) **Announcements:**
 - i. **Parliamentarian vacancy:**
Prof. Moore stated that the Parliamentarian did not wish to resign the post. He will bring the issue of nominations and make a decision during the upcoming Senate meeting.
 - ii. **Pathways Review Committee (CCCRC) call for nominations:**
Prof. Moore affirmed that a collegewide broadcast was sent out for nominations and they are due by April 13th. Another broadcast will be sent in a couple of weeks.
 - iii. **University Faculty Senate BCC elections – 5 f/t seats + 1 p/t seat + alternates:**
Prof. Ben-Nun stated that Governance and Elections Committee set up the schedule. Moreover, it was announced that a collegewide broadcast was already sent out already and some nominations were received.
 - iv. **Panel: Promotion at CUNY Community Colleges, 12 – 2 PM, March 21st, QCC:**
Prof. Ben-Nun announced that he was invited to participate in a panel discussion at Queensborough Community College to discuss CUNY bylaws regarding faculty promotion in community college. The meeting will take place on March 27th, 12:00-2:00 PM.

- v. There will be a roundtable discussion about governance participation and diversity at BCC during Faculty Day. Please attend if you are interested. The date is April 20th.

6) Remedials and CUNY's new initiative:

A presentation was delivered by Prof. Pita accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation from Prof. Rodrigues regarding the issue of remedials policy at CUNY. The presentation was centered around the proclamation of the CUNY chancellery regarding the phasing out of the standalone remedial courses within three years and the impact of this decision on the student population of community colleges. A discussion took place.

7) BCC Codification – Dr. Steve Powers, Committee on Academic Standards Chairperson:

Prof. Powers discussed the issue of BCC Codification updating process. He stated that the assigned team highlighted substantial outdated issues in the document. Most of the changes are related to copy/edit issues and passages that are no longer applicable to present time. Other changes were made to keep up with CUNY update grading policies and department changes. A small percentage of the change will impact programming but that is straight from departments. No changes to Academic Standing policies. The proposed revised copy of the codification was sent out via BCC broadcast. A discussion took place.

8) COACHE Discussion:

Prof. Ben-Nun stated that the taskforce results were brought up during the last Senate meeting by the interim Diversity Officer. An official report was requested for the next senate meeting. Prof. Moore communicated that the Faculty Council is intended to form a permanent committee to continue monitoring diversity. A discussion took place. A motion was proposed to create a new Diversity & Inclusion task force and send out call for nominations. Prof. Ben-Nun stated that the current structure of the task force will remain the same until a standing committee is created to replace it. The motion carried unanimously.

9) New Business:

Prof. Moore proposed moving the May Senate meeting to May 3rd because departments must hold elections on May 10th and May 17th is a Reading Day.

10) Adjournment: 1:34 PM

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj