

BCC Faculty Council

Minutes for February 21, 2019

Attendance

At-Large Senators (18)

N. Apostolakis, J. Katz, C. Maliti, J. Moghadassi, J. Molina, S. Mukherjee, N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis, A. Vuagniaux. [11]

Not Present:

M. Choi, S. Davis, R. Gouraige, M. Guishard, L. Lawton, F. Moore, H. Papas-Kavalis.

At-Large Alternate Senators (5)

J. (Kyeng) Lee, J. Ziegler. [2]

Not Present: K. Ojakian, B. Rima, A. McInerney.

Department Senators (15)

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, T. Haroon, S. Skaggs, D. Gonsher (no signature), J. Shaddai, M. Pita, S. Offenbach, J. Acevedo, M. Miller, J. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, J. Malinsky, H. Faradj. [12]

Not Present:

Department Alternate Senators (15)

E. Nelson, J. Athanasourelis, S. Duncan, S. Moss, I. Horozov, D. Molina. [3]

Not Present: A. Ortuno, D. Price, N. Knight, A. Durante, K. Thomas, C. Tobar, K. Viner, M. Jones, E. Mananga,

Adjuncts (2)

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

Adjuncts Alternate (1)

Not Present: H. Idrissou

CLT (1)

M. Sanchez. [1]

CLT Alternate (1)

J. Batiz.

HEO (3)

A. Hashim, A. Robinson. [2]

Not Present: J. Paoli.

HEO Alternate (1)

D. Sayeed. [1]

Registrar (1)

K. Thomas. [1]

Guests

L. Brenner, I. Cortes, J. Heller, F. Kaighobadi, P. Kolozi, L. Rosario.

Faculty Council voting membership: 40 (21 = quorum)

Voting Members Present: 35

Agenda, Announcements & Actions

- 1) **Meeting called to order:** 12:13 PM
- 2) **Alternates were seated as needed**
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:**
Approved unanimously.
- 4) Prof. Ben-Nun called for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Andrew McInerney and Dr. Vicki Flaris. Prof. Ben-Nun also shared his thoughts and memory of Dr. Andrew (Andy) McInerney with the FC members.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes of November 2018 meeting:**
Prof. Ben-Nun, the minutes of the November meeting were circulated via email.
Prof. Pita, some of us had no access to printers due to the circumstances with Colston Hall and were not able to review the minutes. Prof. Ben-Nun requested to table the minutes for the next meeting. A motion took place and unanimously approved.
- 6) **Announcements:**
 - i) **Senate Committee Officers Meeting:**
Prof. Ben-Nun, a meeting with all Senate Committees officers was held last week. He elaborated on the issues discussed during the meeting and the recommendations to improve the organization, centralization, and transparency of the committees.

Senate Chair Announcement:
Prof. Ben-Nun, Prof. Moore will not be able to run the next Senate meeting due to health issue. I already contacted the VP of the Senate and asked her to run the Senate meeting in case Prof. Moore is not back by next week.
 - ii) **The new COACHE Survey:**
Prof. Ben-Nun, COACHE Survey is back and I assume everyone received a message from CUNY to participate in the survey. I urge you to take the time and do the survey.

We really want to be able to compare the 2015 with the 2019 survey. Survey will close on April 7th.

iii) **CUNY 4th Biennial Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Conference:**

Friday, March 29, at the Graduate Center. We have several BCC faculty members presenting at the conference. I encourage you to attend and participate.

iv) **Committee on Academic Review Vacancies:**

Sadly, both Dr. Flaris and Dr. McInerney were members of this committee. For Dr. McInerney seat, we elected Prof. Roman Kossak. We need to elect a representative to take the seat of Dr. Flaris. We will send out a broadcast regarding an election for the vacant seat. I don't believe that we will be able to conduct an election in the next Senate meeting. A discussion took place.

v) **UFS/FGL upcoming resolutions:**

The FGL will hold a meeting this Friday. The UFS will be discussing the issues of promotion and tenure. The UFS & FGL are crafting practices to share with all the colleges regarding sharing information in timely manner. A discussion took place.

7) **Governance & Elections Vacancy – Special Elections:**

The Faculty Council held special elections for a vacancy in the Committee on Governance & Elections and Prof. Goldie Sherr (BIO) was elected.

8) **Diversity & Inclusion Task Force – Special Elections:**

The FC held special elections for a vacancy in the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force and Prof. Oluremi Alapo (SOC SCI) was elected.

9) **Reappointment, Promotion, Tenure & Leave Taskforce – Elections:**

Prof. Ben-Nun, the taskforce consists of five seats and I received seven nominations as follow: Prof. Nikolaos Apostolakis (MTH), Prof. Iris Cortes (NUR), Prof. Yasmin Edwards (BIO), Prof. Tanweer Haroon (BUS), Prof. Swan Kim (ENG), and Prof. Nichole McDaniel (BIO).

A discussion took place regarding the size and the constitution of the taskforce.

The Faculty Council expressed the desire to amend the language of the resolution regarding the creation of a task force on reappointment, promotion, tenure and leave as follow:

Create a task force of the Faculty Council, consisting of seven members elected from the instructional staff at-large, to consider not only Chancellor Robinowitz's memorandum, but other issues surrounding reappointment, promotion, tenure, and fellowship leaves. This includes the gathering of data surrounding these issues (point by point) and reporting back to the Faculty Council the findings for the purpose of further discussion and possible action.

Prof. Ben-Nun introduced a motion to amend the language of the resolution to open the membership of the taskforce to instructional staff at-large and to increase the size of the taskforce from five to seven members.

A vote took place and passed unanimously.

Prof. Ben-Nun introduced a motion to vote by acclamation the seven nominees as a block/slate. Motion passed with three no vote (M. Miller, J. Sinanovic, E. Nelson) and one abstention (K. Thomas).

Prof. Ben-Nun proposed a YES/NO vote to elect the seven nominees as a block/slate. A discussion took place regarding the publicizing of the election after the change in configuration and size.

A motion to table the vote for next meeting took place. Five members voted yes (M. Miller, J. Sinanovic, E. Nelson, J. Shdddai, ??). Twenty-three members voted against the motion. Motion failed.

Prof. Ben-Nun conducted a vote by acclamation for the seven members to be voted as a block/slate.

The slate was voted in with twenty-four yes vote and four abstentions (M. Miller, J. Sinanovic, E. Nelson, C. Maliti).

10) New Business:

Prof. Ben-Nun, the Department of Biology passed resolutions regarding reappointment, promotion, tenure and leaves; I will circulate and will discuss during next meeting.

11) Adjournment: 1:53 PM

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj