

## **BCC Faculty Council**

Minutes of March 21, 2019

### **Attendance**

#### **At-Large Senators (18)**

N. Apostolakis, M. Choi, S. Davis, R. Gouraige, M. Guishard, J. Katz, L. Lawton, J. Molina, E. Moore, S. Mukherjee, N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis, A. Vuagniaux. [14]

Not Present:

C. Maliti, J. Moghadassi, H. Papas-Kavalis (on leave).

#### **At-Large Alternate Senators (4 + 1 vacancy)**

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

Not Present:

B. Rima.

#### **Department Senators (15)**

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, T. Haroon, S. Skaggs, D. Gonsler, J. Shaddai, M. Pita, S. Offenbach, J. Acevedo, M. Miller, J. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, A. Ortiz, J. Malinsky, H. Faradj. [15]

#### **Department Alternate Senators (15)**

E. Nelson, J. Athanasourelis, S. Duncan, S. Moss, I. Horozov, D. Molina. [1]

Not Present:

A. Ortuno (on leave), D. Price, N. Knight, A. Durante, K. Thomas, C. Tobar, K. Viner, M. Jones, E. Mananga.

#### **Adjunct Senators (2)**

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

#### **Adjunct Alternate (1)**

Not Present:

H. Idrissou.

#### **CLT (1)**

M. Sanchez. [1]

#### **CLT Alternate (1)**

J. Batiz.

#### **HEO (3)**

A. Robinson. [1]

Not Present:

A. Hashim, J. Paoli.

### **HEO Alternate (1)**

#### **Not Present:**

D. Sayeed (on leave).

### **Registrar (1)**

K. Thomas. [1]

### **Guests**

J. Heller, L. Rosario, L. Brenner, O. Melendez, M. Psarelle,

**Faculty Council voting membership:** 40 (21 = quorum)

**Voting Members Present:** 37

### **Agenda, Announcements & Actions**

**1) Meeting called to order:** 12:11 PM

**2) Alternates were seated as needed**

**3) Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously

**4) Approval of Minutes of November 2018 and February 2019 meetings:**

November minutes approved with two abstentions (35 Y, 2 A, 0 N). February minutes, corrections were requested and made accordingly. Approved as corrected with one abstention (36 Y, 1 A, 0 N).

**5) Announcements:**

**a.** Nancy Ritze provided an update about the MSCHE Evaluation Team campus visit.

**b.** R. Ben-Nun and M. Choi met with the President and Provost to follow up on the Committee Officers meeting support request.

R. Ben-Nun announced that Katherine Acevedo-Coppa from Academic Affairs would coordinate the process of posting the Senate Committees information (agendas, calendar, room reservations, etc.)

R. Ben-Nun, the project will take full effect in fall 19.

**c.** The 2019 COACHE Survey – R. Ben-Nun asked senators to complete the survey before the deadline.

**d.** Reminder that the CUNY 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Conference will take place on Friday, March 29 at the Graduate Center CUNY.

**6) UFS/FGL resolution:**

Prof. Ben-Nun circulated the resolution sent by UFS. The UFS asked that the body either adopt the resolution or create its own version.

A discussion took place. A motion to adopt the resolution was introduced and passed with one abstention (36 Y, 1 A, 0 N).

**7) A. Adebola, Biology Dept. Resolutions:**

A. Adebola presented the Biology Dept. resolutions regarding the establishment of transparent and impartial evaluations for reappointment, promotion, tenure, and fellowship leave. A. Adebola explained that the resolutions were passed to the FC so that members start a discussion in their departments about the topic.

A discussion took place.

A suggestion was made to forward the resolutions to the new P&B Taskforce.

Motion to forward the resolution to the Taskforce for considerations and report was introduced. Resolution was adopted with one abstention (36 Y, 1 A, 0 N).

**8) Colston Hall – S. Offenbach:**

S. Offenbach presented the resolution that was passed by the History Dept. regarding the repairs and conditions in Colston Hall. The resolution states that the administration needs to be forthcoming with the test-results conducted on Colston Hall. Moreover, the resolution requested that the administration to come up with an actual plan to prevent the implosion of other building on campus.

A discussion took place.

S. Offenbach introduced a motion requesting the creation of a committee (with 50% of faculty effected by the Colston Hall repairs) to investigate the administration's response and present the results to the FC and Senate.

A discussion took place.

A motion was introduced to waive the two-meetings rule. Motion passed unanimously (37 Y, 0 A, 0 N). A motion was introduced to adopt the History Department's resolution. Motion passed unanimously (37 Y, 0 A, 0 N).

**9) Sabbaticals – Nikos Apostolakis:**

N. Apostolakis made a presentation regarding fellowship leaves.

A discussion took place.

R. Ben-Nun told the body that the resolution will be brought back to the next FC meeting for considerations and vote.

**10) Adjournment: 1:53 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj

