

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

of the City University of New York

College Faculty Council

Minutes of 17 October, 2013

Present: J. Athanasourelis, R. Ben-Nun, , H. Clampman, S. Davis, W. de Jong-Lambert, A. Durante, M. Fein, J. Freeman, D. Gonsler, R. Gouraige, S. Khan, , A. Lamazares, O. Littlehawk, D. Matsoukas, A. McInerney, I. Mirsky, J. Molina, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, H. Papas-Kavalis, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, R. Quinn, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis. D. Genova, L. Lawton, N. Reynoso, R. Shane,

Excused/Absent: R. Bass, T. Brennan, P. Kolozi, T. Ingram, M. Kirk, A. Lal, A. Levy, K. Thomas, I. Ghafoor.

Alternate: K. Ojakian, K. Lee, L. Brenner, F. Blanchard, B. Grossman.

Guest: C. Maliti, C. Mbewe.

1.Call to Order: 12:22 P.M., F. Moore, Chair of Faculty Council.

2.Approval of the Agenda: Approved as amended, unanimous Voice Vote

3.Approval of Minutes from 9/19/2013 F.C. meeting: Minutes approved as amended with unanimous Voice Vote.

4. New Business:

a. Motion that Faculty Council 12/12 meeting will yield to Senate meeting was favored by all. Parliamentarian stated that since Faculty Council is required to meet once a semester, giving way for senate meeting is not a violation of Governance Plan.

b. Report on Nominations for members of the Committee on Vice presidents and Deans and the Committee on Community Relations and Special Events (to be considered by the Senate Executive Committee.) A call for nominations and for membership on the committee for Vice Presidents and Deans and the Committee for Community Relations and special events went out and following self nominations were received:

VP and Deans:

Prof. Virginia Bernard (Nursing)

Prof. Geraldine Burghart (Rad-Tech)

Prof. Kenya Harris (Nursing)

Prof. Yasmin Edwards (Biology)

Prof. Imran Gahfoor (Business)

Prof. Atlaw Beligne (Math)

Community Relations & Special Events:

Prof. Atlaw Beligne (Math)

Prof. Virginia Bernard (Nursing)

Prof. Claudette Gordon (Nursing)

Prof. Catherine Mbeve (Nursing)

Prof. Virginia Mishkin (Rad-Tech)

Prof. Yasmin Edwards (Biology)

Prof. Paul Jaijairam (Business)

Prof. Karen Tylor (Math)

c. Proposed Changes to the BCC Governance Plan – Review of current charge to the faculty Council: College administration is urging a thorough revision of the Governance Plan. Senate Chair recommended that every committee of Senate should review their part of G.P and propose any amendments. Members of Faculty Council were asked if there should be a review of the F.C description or its roles. Following suggestions were made:

- i) G.P should be amended to state that F. C is comprised of "Faculty and Staff" instead of 'instructional staff'
- ii) To address the ambiguity of how many times F. C. should meet, may be it should be revised as "Faculty Council shall convene at least once each semester.....".
- iii) Chair of F. C. should take any proposed changes to G &E Committee, once approved G & E Committee shall recommend those changes to the Senate and these changes be subjected to Senate and Board of Trustees approval.
- iii) Call for proposal for changes to the F C role, such as having more input to certain Governing Councils was made.
- iv) It was brought to the F. C. attention that there is discrepancy in the description of Faculty Council in Chair Handbook as compare to G.P.

d. Report on Pathways implementation

- H. Clampman reported that Pathways is still being testing if the updated programs have been coded properly, they are also working on evaluating degrees work and to assess courses and programs in Pathways. One of the F. C. member proposed

that the assessors should be selected from the related programs to assess their own courses.

- Pathways Opt in form is not available as of yet but will become available soon.
- Isabel Mirsky informed that not having that form available is adversely effecting the student Financial Aid. She is Pathways Appeals Officer, but is unable to help transfer students get credit for courses they have taken at other colleges. These students are unable to opt out as not to be Pathways students. Note that the students that are allowed to opt out are the ones that have been away from college but were very close to finishing. It is done on case by case appeal basis. There was concern if the students are aware of this option.
- She also mentioned that students should be able to transfer all 60 credits to other schools and they should be able to opt in /opt out which ever helps them graduate sooner.
- I. Mirsky reported that sixteen training workshops will be offered on CUNY First and Assessment, to evaluate the flexible and required Core. She mentioned that advisement on our campus in these areas is in adequate.
- Her suggestion that a group of advisors should be put together to help students on how to opt in/opt out of Pathways was well received by F.C. and will be brought back to Senate Executive Committee as a resolution.
- There is no work being done to develop revised pattern sheets.

e. Ethics reporting/ training for Policy Makers

It was reported that Policy Maker Faculty that don't make it up to the cut off (\$88,000) don't have to file the form but still need to attend the Ethics training. Non Policy makers are exempt from filing the form but the training is for everyone.

f. University Faculty Senate: Executive Committee Statement on David Petraeus incident/ CUNY Policy on Expressive Activity.

Following comments were made on the floor during discussion of the event

- There should be some restrictions on this type of demonstrations
- Administration should take responsibility for this type of event if they hire someone who is controversial.
- This appears to be one side of the story, there was no physical interference of any kind and that students have the right of academic freedom just as much as faculty. There are reports that Police's response to the event was out of proportion.

7. Adjournment: 1:50 P.M., F. Moore

Respectfully Submitted,

Shazia Khan, Secretary.