

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

of the City University of New York

College Faculty Council

Minutes of 14 November, 2013

Present: J. Athanasourelis, R. Ben-Nun, , H. Clampman, S. Davis, M. Fein, J. Freeman, R. Gouraige, S. Khan, , O. Littlehawk, , A. McInerney, , J. Molina, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, , I. Petrovic, M. Pita, R. Quinn, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis. D. Genova, , N. Reynoso, R. Shane, R. Bass , A. Lal

Excused/Absent: D. Gonsher, T. Brennan, P. Kolozi, T. Ingram, M. Kirk, , A. Levy, K. Thomas, I. Mirsky, I. Ghafoor, I. Ted, A. Lamazares, D. Matsoukas, L. Lawton, H. Papas-Kavalis, W. de Jong-Lambert, A. Durante,

Alternate: L. Brenner, F. Blanchard,

1.Call to Order: 12:25P.M., F. Moore, Chair of Faculty Council.

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

3.Approval of Minutes 10/17/2013 F.C. meeting: Minutes approved as amended with unanimous Voice Vote.

4. Old Business:

a. Proposed Changes to the BCC Governance Plan – review of current charge to the faculty Council

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Proposed: The senate shall be comprised of two councils: The faculty council and the Student Government Association.

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proposed

The proposed motions were approved unanimously by voice vote, F C Chair shall present these motions at Governance and Election Committee meeting.

It was mentioned that if the proposed changes prevail, it will change the quorum of the F.C.

b. UFS Executive Committee Statement on David Petraeus incident/ CUNY Policy on Expressive Activity.

J. Freeman reported that college is planning a student information day. There are several changes proposed to restrict the freedom of expression. There are several points of concerns such as designating areas for demonstrations, Faculty and students will not be allowed to participate in any activities during scheduled classes or other assigned work responsibilities. There will be designated areas for postings and designated areas where certain expressive conduct may not be practiced.

After discussion on the floor a motion was made to present following resolution to the S E.C

Whereas, Recent events at CUNY raise issues of protest, dissent, and public safety officers' actions;

Now therefore be it:

Resolved, that the BCC Faculty Council rejects the current proposed City University of New York Policy on Expressive Activity as it threatens the free speech and freedom of assembly of students, staff and faculty; and be it further

Resolved, that the BCC Faculty Council reaffirms the democratic right of students and faculty to engage in peaceful protest and express the full range of their views; and be if further

Resolved, that the BCC Faculty Council calls on local and Central CUNY administrations to refrain from actions that threaten the free expression of ideas.

5. New Business

c. Candidates for ARC

Since the election for ARC were not completed at the previous Senate meeting two members I. Mirsky and H. Clampman have been appointed as ARC members

by the college P&B. Two more members will be elected out of the remaining three candidates at the next Senate meeting.

d. FYS

i) H. Clampman reported that FYS course will be back in senate since the two meeting rule was not waived. He did mention that there is a possibility that OAA affairs will allow it to run in Spring 14, if it is approved at the next Senate meeting.

ii) F C chair who is also Senate chair mentioned that the senate vote was reviewed by Institutional Research & Analysis.

iii) The discussion of FYS on the floor highlighted the fact that FYS seems to be a good idea but the way it is being presented is not right. The course has to have a credit to entice students to take this course and faculty to teach it seriously. The response to that comment was that there are several remedial courses for which faculty and staff teaching those courses in various departments work really hard. In response the credit -hour ratio for FYS H. Clampman reported that college will pay for one out of the two hour.

iv) There was concern that FYS is an attempt to diminish the role of Student Development and OCD courses. In spite of the concrete importance of the holistic guidance OCD courses provide to the students.

v) Another comment was that students are being misinformed that FYS is a required course.

General consensus was that FYS is a good idea but it deserves more discussion.

e. New sign in procedures and other matters to improve the function of the Senate

There will be separate sign up sheets for alternate and other members. The members signup sheet will be split in two to expedite the process. The idea of bringing clickers back to the Senate was rejected by majority of F C members. In order to expedite the proceeding of the College Senate he also proposed if the Senate Chair can be informed in advance on any intent to request waiving of two meeting rule and provide pertinent information. Senate Chair will communicate the information with all members of the Senate. This will give Senate members ample time to make an educated decision. He also suggested that in order to maintain integrity of the Senate's proceedings, request to waive the "two meetings rule" should be made only if absolutely necessary.

f. other

J. Freeman endorsed R. Shane as college's Ombudsperson.

6. Adjournment: 1:55 P.M., F. Moore

Respectfully Submitted,
Shazia Khan, Secretary.