

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting on October 16, 2014

**Members and Voting Alternates:** J. Athanasourelis, R. Bass, R. Ben-Nun, F. Blanchard, L. Brenner, S. Davis, W. de Jong-Lambert, A. Durante, M. Fein, D. Genova, D. Gonsher, R. Gouraige, P. Kolozi, L. Lawton, A. Lal, K. Lee, A. Levy, O. Littlehawk, A. McInerney, I. Mirsky, F. Moore, A. Ortiz, H. Papas-Kavalis, I. Petrovic, M. Pita, R. Quinn, N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, I. Petrovic, S. Utakis,

**Guests:** J. Heller and S. Persinger

- 1) The meeting was called to order by F. Moore.
- 2) The agenda was unanimously approved.
- 3) The minutes of September 11, 2014 meeting was unanimously approved with grammar corrections.
- 4) Announcements:
  - a) Meeting of Faculty Council Chairperson with Interim President Eduardo J. Marti:
    - i) F. Moore gave an overview of the BCC governance to President Marti.
    - ii) Ever since Vice-President Coleman left the campus, the position of the Vice-President of Administration of Finances remained vacant. The duty in the meantime is filled by Ronald Spalter, a Consultant and Deputy Chief Financial Officer. President Marti expressed that the search process will involve both the activity of the search committee selected by him and faculty participation.
    - iii) President Marti mentioned that the Senate must be given a budget report in November and urged to understand current budget issues.
    - iv) F. Moore requested President Marti to look into the issues related to student de-tally, over-tally, and late registration for improved clarification.
    - v) President Marti will also be in communication with Chancellor Milliken regarding the status of the presidential search.
  - b) Student enrollment and funds: S. Utakis indicated the need to have a formal deadline for student enrollment as some students joined classes fairly late into the semester. F. Moore replied that the issue will be addressed in the Senate Executive Committee. D. Gonsher announced that the Office of Student Affairs will present clarification of student enrollment numbers in the Senate meeting. M. Fein stated that the pedagogical paradigm of success would not work when lab courses are over-tallied due to resource limitations. He also mentioned that the breakage funds were no longer available for Biology and Chemistry departments, jeopardizing the proper conduction of lab courses in particular. P. Kolozi mentioned the existence of surplus funds from BCC, Inc., and pointed out that it may be a matter of diverting the funds to the areas in need. D. Gonsher asked if it is possible to trace funds from grant overheads and other college-based fund-raising

activities such as the BCC Gala. H. Skinner suggested to compose a list of relevant items to be presented at the Senate Executive Committee.

5) Old Business

- a) Select Committee on the Performance of Former President Berotte Joseph: The selected members of the committee included A. McInerney, S. Utakis, V. Flaris, and L. Lawton. F. Moore mentioned that the committee has no duty to oversee currently. I. Petrovic raised the possibility of keeping it as a standing committee. S. Davis commented that many institutions in BCC have atrophied over the years and it may be beneficial to put these back into action. He added that it is important that the Instruction and Professional Development committee maintain the conduction of surveys. F. Moore conveyed the message from N. Ritze regarding the success of participation in the latest survey. The Council further commented on the need to evaluate the VP, Deans, and President (which should originate from the Senate) in addition to the survey of life quality of BCC faculty and staff. F. Moore commented on the needed to get the college organization chart and identify vacancies. M. Fein added the need to evaluate the legal council of the President, a matter that VP and Deans should look into. As the conclusion of the discussion on the matter of "President Carol Berotte Joseph" Select Committee, the Council has disbanded it by a unanimous voice vote.

6) New Business

- a) Call for Nominees for CCCRC (discussion): F. Moore mentioned that the CCCRC members were selected from Academic Affairs in the past. Currently the selection process is through the college governance. Question addressed was whether to expand the member qualification to include tenured Assistant Professors and CCE Lecturers. H. Skinner commented that the members would be selected by the President from the chosen candidates and thus there is really no need to limit the qualifications. S. Davis added that being more open with qualifications might be more fitting with the current state of matter. A. McInerney also added that it was a good compromise to limit it to tenured and CCE positions. With respect to additional qualifications, F. Moore clarified that previous experience in this committee was a not a requirement, and with respect to timeline, the language of the committee would be passed in the next Senate meeting and the committee would be elected in November. A. Durante commented that "two preferred" in the proposed language could be intimidating and suggested to change it to "at least one". This was passed as friendly amendment by a voice vote.
- b) Seating of Alternates at Senate (new procedures): F. Moore clarified that the current Senate has not deviated from conformity as the language on the seating of alternates was not clear. The language in the Governance Plan specifies that an alternate must be seated though the duration of the Senate meeting if the representative is absent. Currently the only alternates in the Senate are departmental alternates. Two ways to address this issue will be:
- 1) Maintain separate signing sheets for the at-large representatives and the alternates, and the departmental representatives and the alternates.
  - 2) Alternates verbally request to be seated in case the representative is absent.
- This discussion will be presented at the Senate meeting.

- c) Call for nominations to BCC Inc., Auxiliary Enterprises, SERC, Student Faculty Disciplinary (discussion): F. Moore requested descriptions of these committees. If responses are received, there will be a broadcast announcement on the details of the committees.
  - d) PSC Event: A picket assembly is scheduled between 2 pm to 4 pm today asking for President Marti's support in contract efforts.
- 7) The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kyeng (Joe) Lee