



BCC College Senate ***Minutes of October 31, 2019***

Chair: Roni Ben-Nun
Secretary: Iris Cortes
Location: Nichols Hall 104

At-Large Senators (18): H. Clampman, Y. Edwards, M. Guishard, F. Kaighobadi, S. Kim, J. Lee, C. Maliti, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, M. Psarelli, N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, J. Socas, A. Vuagniaux, J. Webb, J. Ziegler **(1 Vacancy)**.
Not Present: L. Barberan.

Adjunct Senators (2): M. Johnson, M, Steward-Titus.

Department Senators (15): M. Agovic, R. Ben-Nun, M. Cadet, H. Faradj, D. Gonsher, N. Knight, J. Malinsky, M. Miller, J. Nagloo, S. Offenbach, J. Scott, J. Shaddai, S. Skaggs, K. Viner.
Not Present: S. Reader

CLT/HEO/Registrar Senators (5): L. Rosario, A. Robinson, D. Sayeed **(2 Vacancies)**.

EX-Officio (4): I. R. Delgado, K. Ellis, T. Isekenegbe, L. Montenegro

Student Government Senators (15): H. Agbeli-Kwao, K. Arias-Kalinowski, Q. Berry, A. Cuevas, C. Davila, S. Dorleans, N. Fantauzzi, A. Lake, C. Sanders, D. Valenzuela.
Not Present: J. Caldwell, J. Ewell, I. Gonzalez, T. Jackson, C. Lopez.

Alternate At-Large Senators (5): S. Utakis **(4 Vacancies)**.

Alternate Department Senators (15): J. Athanasourelis, L. Brenner, I. Cortes, A. Ortuno
Not present: S. Duncan, A. Durante, B. Flores-Caballo, W. Guerrier, T. Haroon, E. Mananga, S. Moss, K. Ojakian, D. Price, C. Tobar, D. Molina.

Alternate Adjunct Senator (1):
Not Present: O. Alapo

Alternate CLT/HEO Senators (2): M. Sanchez **(1 Vacancy)**.

Guests: A. Adebola, R. Araya, N. Brown, M. Choi, K. Contreras, C. S. Espinal, S. Fraguada, Y. Francisco, T. Frazer, B. Gantt, D. S. Hilaire, A. Kavanagh, G. Marzan, O. Melendez, A. Molenaar, G. Nadal, A. Nicasio, S. Odige, A. Ott, S. Powers, P. Ramos, N. Ritze C. Rivera, T. Rothenberg, G. Sanchez, M. Siegel, D. Taylor, J. Todaro, V. Walker, A. Wolf.

College Senate Total Voting Membership: 59 (30 = quorum)

Voting Members Present: 47

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:12 pm by R. Ben-Nun
2. **Seating of Alternates:** S. Utakis.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (47 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstentions)
4. **Approval of Minutes September 26, 2019:** The minutes were approved with amendments. (45 Yes, 1 No, 1 abstention)
5. **Announcements:** Guest of the Senate should print their names legibly and state their name before speaking. N. Ritze will present the Strategic Plan at a Townhall meeting on November 1, 2019. The COACHE survey results will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan. In November, the SEC will conduct a special meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan. R. Ben-Nun will ask the SEC to conduct a special meeting of the Senate on December 19. The additional meeting will be an opportunity for the Senate to discuss the Strategic Plan.
6. **Action Items:** No action items.
7. **President's Report/IVP of Academic Affairs-Remedial Update:** Please see the President's Community Report-October 2019. M. Miller has agreed to serve as Chair of the new Student Tech Fee Committee. The Student Tech Fee Committee will require two faculty members and four student members to serve on the committee. Elections for faculty members to serve on the Student Tech Fee Committee will take place at the next Faculty Council meeting in November. The President is urging students to register for the Winter and Spring semester before Thanksgiving. The goal is to have 85 percent of students enrolled for the upcoming semesters. The President provided an explanation regarding the lack of heat on campus. S. Utakis asked, is there a plan to improve morale on campus? Y. Edwards stressed the need for transparency from the administration. S. Offenbach mentions that there needs to be an improvement with communication from administration. M. Psarelli raised concerns regarding inconsistencies with the BCC financial plan. The President expressed the importance of students submitting payment. A concern was raised about students using their credit cards as a form of payment. D. Valenzuela stated that students had not received Work-Study funding. I. R. Delgado explained that students must apply in advance for Work-Study funding, and she will provide the monetary amount that has been awarded. L. Montenegro mentioned a one-page summary provided by A. Ott regarding remediation reform. L. Montenegro proceeded to provide a thorough explanation of the Multi Measure Index. The Multi Measure Index does not have a separate measure determining proficiency between reading and writing skills. L. Montenegro described that there was no score provided by CUNY to determine students' level of proficiency in Math. N. Reynoso asked what BCC planning is to do concerning supplemental instruction for students? N. Reynoso expressed the necessity to expand tutorial services for all

students. N. Ritze strongly urged faculty to utilize Starfish to identify students that require tutorial assistance to determine the magnitude of the need for supplemental instruction.

- 8. Faculty Council:** See report. M. Miller stated that the faculty council report is incomplete, and the FC report should be completed and reissued. M. Miller also said that incomplete or sanitized meeting reports do not provide transparency for the BCC campus.
- 9. Student Government Association:** See report. D. Valenzuela mentioned that there are unethical and unprofessional situations that have occurred within the SGA. D. Valenzuela reported violations to the SGA constitution, such as unofficial meetings. Q. Barry is requesting assistance with managing the issues that are occurring within the SGA. M. Lopez stated that any issues that have occurred or are occurring within the SGA had followed the proper protocol, which involves Public Safety and Judicial Affairs, and the issues have been addressed or being addressed. F. Moore, Chair of the Governance and Elections, urged members of the SGA to present the issues at the next Governance and Elections meeting.
- 10. Senate Committee Reports:** R. Ben-Nun distributed the Senate Executive Committee report and will add the SEC to the future agenda.
 - a. Academic Freedom:** F. Kaighobadi reports that the Academic Freedom Committee will meet today, and the SGA President or designee should attend the meeting
 - b. Academic Standing:** See Report
 - c. Community Events:** SEC voted two members to the Community Events Committee, S. Mhlaba, and C. Cruz.
 - d. Curriculum:** See report. H. Clampman reports that the new course ENG 4/RDL 4 is an experimental course, and it is an actionable item for today's meeting. H. Clampman explained that experimental courses would run for two semesters only. Y. Edwards asked if there is a contingency plan if the course is deemed unsuccessful? H. Clampman explained that ENG 4/RDL 4 is not a required course for students. H. Faradj asked if there is a standard written that would assist in determining if a course is successful? H. Clampman explained that there is no standard written. The motion to approve the experimental course ENG 4/RDL 4 was approved. (35 Yes, 5 No, 7 abstentions)
 - e. Governance and Elections:** No written report. F. Moore stated nominations for various vacancies in Senate and UFS are now closed. Elections for the Senate and UFS vacancies will be delayed. D. Gonsher made a motion to rescind the four referendum items and stated that two of the items on the referendum are irrevocably flawed. See the Memorandum by D. Gonsher. F. Moore mentioned that the Senate had previously approved the four referendum items. The motion to postpone all four referendum items did not carry. (28 Yes, 14 No, 6 abstentions). The motion to waive the two-

meeting rule to vote on rescinding items three and four going to referendum did not carry. (20 Yes, 18 No, 11 abstentions)

- f. **Instruction and Professional Development:** See report.
- g. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** No report
- h. **Student Activities:** No report
- i. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report

11. CUNY University Senate:

- a. **University Faculty Senate (UFS):** See report
- b. **University Student Senate (USS):** No report
- c. **Faculty Governance Leaders (FGL):** No report

12. Auxiliary Enterprises: No report

13. BCC, Inc.: See report

14. Reports

- a. **Chairperson, Vice-chairperson:** : No report
- b. **Vice Presidents, Deans:** : No report
- c. **Council of Chairs:** : No report

15. New Business:

16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by Iris Cortes.

