



BCC College Senate ***Minutes of November 21, 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, S. Reader, J. Scott, J. Shaddai, S. Skaggs, K. Viner.

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, J. Caldwell, C. Davila, S. Dorleans, J. Ewell, N. Fantauzzi, I. Gonzalez, D. Valenzuela.
Not Present: A. Cuevas, T. Jackson, A. Lake, C. Lopez, C. Sanders.

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

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

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

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

Guests: K. Adams, A. Aguessy, A. Adebola, R. Araya, J. Batiz, M. Bencosme, S. Bhaskaran, B. Gantt, T. Frazer, B. Gantt, D. S. Hilaire, S. Jahalal, L. Mckernan, O. Melendez, A. Nicasio, A. Ott, J. Paoli, L. Pichardo, M. Pita S. Powers, A. Robert, N. Ritze, S. Rivera, C. Rodriguez, T. Rothenberg, M. Siegel, D. Taylor, K. Thomas, V. Walker, A. Wambugu-Cobb, A. Weaver, K. R. Williams.

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

Voting Members Present: 47

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm by R. Ben-Nun
2. **Seating of Alternates:** S. Utakis.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (46 Yes, 1 No, 0 abstentions)
4. **Approval of Minutes October 31, 2019:** The minutes of October 31, was approved with amendments.
(44 Yes, 0 No, 3 abstentions)
5. **Announcements:** The printed copies of the minutes and agenda for the Senate have been decreased in order to reduce waste.
6. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Curriculum:** See report. H. Clampman presented a modification to Modern Latin American History (HIS 31). HIS 31-course name, description, and prerequisites have been revised, and the course will be included in the Pathways Flexible Common Core. The actionable item on the agenda is the experimental course Probability and Statistics with Algebra (MTH 20). The MTH 20 course will be included in the Pathways Required Common Core. F. Moore asked since the course is experimental, will students still keep the credit value of the course? H. Clampman stated the course remains in the students' record, and students will receive credit for the Math requirement. V. Walker asked if a four-year institution recognizes students as having satisfied the math requirement by taking MTH 20? H. Clampman stated CUNY institutions would recognize the MTH 20 course. The Senate approved the experimental course Probability and Statistics with Algebra (MTH 20). (42 Yes, 2 No, 4 abstentions)
 - b. **Vote to rescind items 3 and 4 of the referendum:** See document provided by D. Gonsler titled "Reasons Why Two Amendments Should be Rescinded". The Senate approved to separate the Chair's Vacancy and P&B non-voting membership amendments. (40 Yes, 8 No, 3 abstentions).
The motion to rescind the P&B non-voting membership amendment did not carry. (13 Yes, 28 No, 10 abstentions). The motion to rescind the Chair's Vacancy amendments did not carry. (23 Yes, 19 No, 9 abstentions).
7. **President's Report:** See report. The President acknowledged the Faculty Council's vote of no confidence in VP Ellis, and has requested to meet with the FC and Senate Chair to discuss the issues. He will also attend the next FC meeting. The President mentioned the ceremony to rename the park across the University Gate as the Captain Roscoe Brown Park/Plaza. The

President is urging faculty to encourage students to register for the Winter and Spring semester before Christmas break and that all students should apply for FASFA in advance. A. Wambugu-Cobb reminded the body that Giving Tuesday will be taking place on Tuesday, December 3rd. BCC has partnered with all CUNY colleges to promote CUNY's Giving Tuesday. A. Wambugu-Cobb reported that last year, over \$45,000 were raised. BCC was ranked number 5 overall in terms of fundraising University-wide. The BCC community will receive an email link to facilitate contributions for Giving Tuesday, and faculty and students were encouraged to share the link and assist in advertising. A. Wambugu-Cobb mentioned that there are volunteer opportunities for fundraising. The President urged students and faculty to donate to the food pantry especially turkeys.

8. Faculty Council: See report. D. Gonsler requested that BCC initiates audio taping of committee meetings for improved accuracy of minutes. R. Ben-Nun clarified that the vote of no confidence in VP Eliis expresses the temperament of the body. M. Miller once again stated that the October FC report to the Senate be completed and resubmitted to the Senate. H. Clampman asked if the FC P&B task force committee is still accepting the nomination. C. Maliti stated that it is still accepting nominations. S. Moss questioned if the vote of no confidence goes to the Chancellor's office. F. Moore stated that it is up to FC chair to forward the vote of no confidence to the Chancellor's office. K. R. Williams expressed that the bill of particulars provided to the President did not contain a clear request for action.

9. Student Government Association: No report.

a) Members of the SGA expressed that the issues raised at the last Senate meeting have become progressively worse. Q. Berry asked, where does the SGA go for council? Q. Berry is requesting to create a task force to investigate these matters further and to have appointed members that are trustworthy that the SGA may turn to for assistance. J. Ewell expressed that there is a problem within the SGA with communication. M. Lopez agreed with J. Ewell that there is a problem with communication, and he will continue to assist the SGA members.

10. Senate Committee Reports:

- a. **Senate Executive:** See report. The SEC will have a special meeting on November 25 to discuss the COACHE survey results and the Strategic Plan. The Senate will also have an additional meeting on December 19 to discuss the COACHE results and the Strategic Plan. The Senate must be involved with the Strategic Plan as per the governance plan.
- b. **Academic Freedom:** See report.
- c. **Academic Standing:** See report. S. Powers presented the proposed revised codification language: 4.1.3 Maximum program for a matriculant, in no case, shall a student take more than eighteen (18) academic and/or equated credits per semester unless approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee.
- d. **Community Events:** No report.
- e. **Curriculum:** See report.

- f. **Governance and Elections:** See report. F. Moore mentioned that elections would take place on December 3rd through the 13th. There is a proposed amendment to the governance plan to increase the number of CLT reps from one to two. H. Clampman expressed that written reports should not count as a first presentation. H. Clampman suggested increasing representation for the adjunct faculty, which demonstrates a significant disparity. F. Moore stated he would add H. Clampman's recommendation to the December agenda.
- g. **Instruction and Professional Development:** See report.
- h. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** No report
- i. **Student Activities:** No report
- j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report

11. CUNY University Senate:

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

12. Auxiliary Enterprises: See 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: R. Nitze reported that there would be a town hall meeting regarding the Strategic Plan on November 25 at 10 am. There is a preliminary schedule for Assessment Day, which will take place on December 6.

16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by Iris Cortes.

