

# **BCC Faculty Council**

**Minutes of April 11, 2019**

## **Attendance**

### **At-Large Senators (18)**

N. Apostolakis, M. Choi, S. Davis, M. Guishard, F. Moore, J. Sanabria, H. Skinner, S. Utakis. [8]

Not Present: [R. Gouraige](#), [J. Katz](#), [L. Lawton](#), [C. Maliti](#), [J. Moghadassi](#), [J. Molina](#), [S. Mukherjee](#), [H. Papas-Kavalis \(on leave\)](#), [N. Reynoso](#), [A. Vuagniaux](#).

### **At-Large Alternate Senators (4 + 1 vacancy)**

J. Ziegler. [1]

Not Present: [J. \(Kyeng\) Lee](#), [K. Ojakian](#), [B. Rima](#),

### **Department Senators (15)**

R. Ben-Nun, A. Adebola, T. Haroon, D. Gonsher (No signature), M. Pita, S. Offenbach,

J. Acevedo, M. Miller, J. Nagloo, W. Guerrier, J. Malinsky (No signature), H. Faradj. [12]

Not Present: [A. Ortiz](#), [S. Skaggs](#), [J. Shaddai](#).

### **Department Alternate Senators (15)**

[E. Nelson](#), [E. Mananga](#), [J. Athanasourelis](#). [2]

Not Present: [A. Ortuno \(on leave\)](#), [D. Price](#), [N. Knight](#), [A. Durante](#), [K. Thomas](#), [C. Tobar](#), [K. Viner](#), [M. Jones](#), [S. Duncan](#), [S. Moss](#), [I. Horozov](#), [D. Molina](#).

### **Adjunct Senators (2)**

J. Sinanovic, M. Stewart-Titus. [2]

### **Adjunct Alternate (1)**

Not Present: [H. Idrissou](#).

### **CLT (1)**

Not Present: [M. Sanchez](#).

### **CLT Alternate (1)**

Not Present: [J. Batiz](#).

### **HEO (3)**

A. Hashim, A. Robinson. [2]

Not Present: [J. Paoli](#).

### **HEO Alternate (1)**

Not Present: [D. Sayeed \(on leave\)](#).

## **Registrar (1)**

**Not Present:** [K. Thomas.](#)

## **Guests**

F. Kaighobadi, C. Rodriguez, P. Kolozi, L. Brenner, G. Acosta, Y. Edwards, D. Saint-Hilaire, S. Alapo.

**Faculty Council voting membership:** 40 (21 = quorum)

**Voting Members Present:** 27

## **Agenda, Announcements & Actions**

**1) Meeting called to order:** 12:17 PM

**2) Alternates were seated as needed**

**3) Approval of Agenda:**

The Chair of the F.C. asked to combine items 8 and 9 on the agenda to one item (item 8 in these minutes). A vote took place. Approved unanimously.

**4) Approval of Minutes of March 2019 meeting:**

Approved unanimously.

**5) Robert's Rules Reminder – Speaking Rights:**

The Chair, R. Ben-Nun, stated that the members of the body (including guests) have the right to speak and in return must adhere to the right of colleagues to speak as well. The Chair went over Robert's Rules of Order's guidelines regulating debates and discussions.

**6) Announcements:**

a. Senate nominations and upcoming elections:

At-Large Senate elections are ongoing until the deadline on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

b. Governance Support, Transition and Training – UPDATE

The Chair of the F.C. and F. Moore met with the Provost and will work with K. Acevedo from Academic Affairs who was designated as the Administrative Support for governance moving forward. Furthermore, they are working on centralizing all the data on the college website to be ready for next academic year.

**7) Diversity & Inclusion Task Force final report – Grisel Acosta:**

G. Acosta provided a presentation on key findings in the Task Force report. She stated that the report was sent out via email on April 10, 2019.

A discussion took place.

**8) Sabbaticals – Nikos Apostolakis & “P&B” Task Force Update – Nikki McDaniels:**

N. McDaniel provided an update to the Faculty Council stating that the Task Force began collecting data and examining it. Moreover, she stated that the Task Force is in process of developing surveys about the issues in question. A discussion took place.

N. McDaniel stated that during the last F.C. meeting the task force was asked to consider a resolution on fellowship leaves. Moreover, she reported that the task force also looked at a letter from the Budget Advisory Committee of the UFS which was sent to CUNY Administration. N. McDaniel read a few passages from the letter pertaining to sabbatical issues and recommended a resolution asking for information regarding how fellowship leaves are awarded at BCC. Finally, she stated that the task force also recommended that F.C. members take the resolution to their respective departments to be discussed and then bring the results of the discussion back to the F.C. A discussion took place.

A motion regarding a vote on the recommended resolution was brought up.

Paper ballot voting took place. The resolution failed (18 Y, 4 A, 2 N).

**9) Colston Hall – President Isekenegbe:**

President Isekenegbe spoke regarding the health concerns pertaining to the repairs in Colston Hall. He thanked the faculty for their service to the college and for the effort exerted in the Middle States’ visit.

The President stated that he read the resolution that was passed by the F.C. regarding Colston Hall and that he is reaching out to the F.C. to find a compromise. He stated that the college is open to inspections in any area on campus. A question was raised about the air quality/mold in Colston Hall and the necessity to test the air quality. Moreover, a request was made by a member of the F.C. pertaining to the necessity of transparency about the condition of all buildings on campus. The President replied that the document on air quality control is out and available. S. Utakis stated that the available document is for abatement and not mold. To that the President replied that for mold, the University Environmental Officer (UEO) stated that there is no test that state law requires. The President stated that based on the information from the UEO, there is no clear indication as to which test the college is supposed to conduct.

D. Gonsler stated that the Chairs asked for access to the report that indicates that there is no mold presence and was told that the report will be made available, but the report is not available. The President stated that he will investigate and follow up on this issue.

A discussion took place.

The President stated that there are three items the college plans to develop, depending on the debt and the financial means available. The first is a strategic plan (will be ready 2020); the second is a facilities master plan (the last facilities master plan is from 2007), and finally a strategic enrollment plan. The President stated that the administration will be sharing the information with the faculty about these issues.

A discussion took place.

**10) Adjournment: 1:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Hisseine Faradj

