

Minutes of Committee on Community Events (BCC)

December 10, 2019, 12-1:15 pm (NL 214)

Attendance: Grisel Acosta, Carlos Cruz, Sibongile Mhlaba, Vaso Thomas, Barbara Thomson

The minutes of the November 21 were approved.

Grisel Acosta spoke with Roni Ben nun about our suggestion that the Director of Administration Services (or designee) should have a right to vote as an active member of the Committee. His concern was that, with the standing right to vote of the Office of the President, the administration will have two votes. Importantly, if the suggestion passed, it would set a precedent and not be consistent with the voting practices of the other committees on campus. Sibongile Mhlaba suggested the designee of the Director of Administration Services serve as a proxy for the Office of the President; an idea we thought was excellent and planned to compose the new language for the suggested change in the governance plan. We will revisit at February meeting.

Grisel Acosta shared statistics supporting the importance of having authors speak on campus; her data showed students, with this experience, were more likely to read above their grade levels, to enjoy and be confident about their reading and writing. Students, according to the shared information, were not likely to have this experience, especially those of poorest backgrounds.

We discussed the value in finding ways to highlight the events and spaces on campus. We explored reaching out to *The Communicator* about including activities on campus, using Facebook and Instagram to share information as well as adding engaging pictures of campus spaces to the link used to reserve them.

Our next meeting will be held from 12-1:15pm in NL 136 on February 11, 2020