



## **BCC College Senate Executive Committee** ***Minutes of April 27, 2020***

**Chair:** Roni Ben-Nun

**Secretary:** Iris Cortes

**Location:** Webex

**Members (16):** R. Ben-Nun, I. Cortes, I. R. Delgado, K. Ellis, H. Faradj, M. Guishard, T. Isekenegbe, A. Lake, C. Maliti, S. Reader, L. Rosario, J. Sanabria, L. Sandres-Rapalo, 2 Vacancies.

**Not Present:** M. Sanchez

**Guests:** D. Gonsher, H. Clampman, J. Lai, T. Rothenberg.

**College Senate Executive Total Voting Membership: 14 (8 = quorum)**

**Voting Members Present: 11**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm by R. Ben-Nun.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for April 27, 2020 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of April 6, 2020, was approved with amendments. (10 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstention – L. Rosario). The minutes of February 24, 2020 was approved with amendments. (11 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstentions)
4. **Reports:**
  - a) **Chair:** Quiana Berry is the newly elected president of the SGA. The SEC currently has two vacancies, which are the SGA Vice President/ I.O.C. Chair and SGA Legal and Legislative Affairs Officer. There is no statute allowing for alternate SGA members in the SEC. R. Ben-nun asked A. Lake when does the SGA plan to elect the two vacant positions. A. Lake responded that the SGA is in the process of coordinating the election. I. R. Delgado mentioned that the SGA has 16 certified candidates for the Fall. R. Ben-nun asked that the SGA assist in promoting participation in the referendum. L. Rosario stated that the CLTs did not receive the voting information for the referendum. L. Rosario and R. Ben-Nun will contact F. Moore to address the issue.

b) **President:** The President stated that the President's Report would be released on April 28. The President informed the SEC that there is a public P&B meeting taking place on April 28 at 10 am, and the session will address the two memos provided by the Chancellor regarding the budget. On April 28, a town hall meeting would take place for students, and a faculty and staff town hall will take place on Thursday, April 30. The President informed the SEC that summer courses would be entirely online. He reported that the University is offering online training, and the goal is to train between 500 to 1000 faculty members CUNY-wide. Currently, 85 BCC faculty members will obtain online training. The conversation regarding the Fall courses is ongoing, and no decision has been made yet. T. Rothenberg asked if the 85 faculty members are teaching summer courses. The President and Vice President clarified that the 85 faculty members teach both Summer and Fall courses. M. Guishard informed that the hybrid online program that was developed by CPS and the Graduate Center is no longer accepting new applicants. M. Guishard asked will there be BCC facilitated online course development by CTLT. The Vice-President responded that currently, L. Montenegro, M. Lennerton, and A. Robinson are looking to implement in-house training that will use the CUNY template. The Vice-President has a meeting scheduled with Vice-Chancellor Jose Luis Cruz to increase the capacity for online training. L. Rosario asked if the online training includes adjunct faculty, and the Vice President responded that adjunct faculty are included. The Vice-President said that L. Montenegro had contacted department chairs and requested a list of faculty members to be trained for online courses. The Vice-President stated that about 9 percent of faculty members are currently trained for online teaching. One of the factors in determining the number of faculty that will be trained for online instruction will be dependent on enrollment. R. Ben-Nun suggested a contingency plan for preparing all faculty for a possible fully online Fall semester. H. Faradj asked if the courses in the summer will be asynchronous or synchronous. The Vice-President stated that he has conversed with department

chairs, and so far, it appears to be asynchronous; however, current evaluation is taking place. J. Sanabria asked what is the current enrollment for summer courses. I. R. Delgado will provide the enrollment numbers after the meeting. R. Ben-Nun asked if the administration could provide a projection of how much enrollment has decreased for the Senate meeting on April 30. R. Ben-Nun requested that the President report address the various questions and concerns.

- c) **Faculty Council:** C. Maliti reported that there are currently two reports. One is addressing the P&B Taskforce voting issue, and the other report is the faculty council minutes.
  - d) **SGA:** A. Lake reported that some senator vacancies have been filled. The SGA is using social media and Broadcast to disseminate information to the students.
5. **Approval of Senate Agenda for April 30, 2020:** The Senate agenda for April 30, 2020, was approved with amendments. (10 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstentions). The body agreed to add a Q & A section to the agenda to allow discussion on the effects of Covid 19 on the learning environment.
6. **New Business:** None
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by Iris Cortes.

