



## **BCC College Senate** ***Minutes of April 30, 2020***

**Chair:** Roni Ben-Nun

**Secretary:** Iris Cortes

**Location:** Webex

**At-Large Senators (18):** L. Brenner, H. Clampman, Y. Edwards, M. Guishard, F. Kaighobadi, J. Lee, C. Maliti, F. Moore, S. Mukherjee, , N. Reynoso, J. Sanabria, J. Socas, A. Vuagniaux, J. Webb, J. Ziegler.

**Not Present:** L. Barberan, S. Kim, M. Psarelli.

**Adjunct Senators (2):** M. Johnson (not seated), M. Steward-Titus.

**Not Present:**

**Department Senators (15):** M. Agovic, R. Ben-Nun, H. Faradj, B. Flores-Caballo, D. Gonsher, N. Knight, J. Nagloo, S. Offenbach, S. Reader, J. Scott, S. Skaggs, K. Viner.

**Not Present:** M. Cadet, J. Malinsky, M. Miller.

**CLT/HEO/Registrar Senators (5):** A. Christe, A. Robinson, L. Rosario D. Sayeed, K. Thomas.

**Not Present:**

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

**Not Present:**

**Student Government Senators (15):** L. Charalla-Quintanilla, C. Davila, E. Dominguez, J. Ewell, N. Fantauzzi, A. Lake, C. McCammon, K. Marcelino, C. Sanders, D. Valenzuela.

**Not Present:** Q. Berry, S. Dorleans, S. Fadiga, H. Smith, M. Sumter-Malone.

**Alternate At-Large Senators (5):** R. Araya (seated), E. Ayikoye (seated), S. Utakis (seated).  
(2 Vacancies).

**Alternate Department Senators (15):** I. Cortes (seated), D. Molina, S. Moss, K. Ojakian , A. Ortuno, C. Tobar (seated), D. Price (1 Vacancy).

**Not present:** J. Athanasourelis, S. Duncan, A. Durante, W. Guerrier, T. Haroon, E. Mananga, S. Powers.

**Alternate Adjunct Senator (1):** O. Alapo (seated).

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

**Not Present:**

**Guests:** E. Antobam-Nteudzi, M. Baez, Bayardelle, L. Broughton, J. Canales, T. Dubon, C. Espinal, B. Gantt, A. Lamazares, L. Lawton, M. Lopez P. Kolozi, O. Melendez, A. Menon, L. Montenegro, P. McCants, A. Nicasio, A. Ott, J. Paoli, N. Ritze, K. R. William (44 guests in total).

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

**Voting Members Present: 54**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm by R. Ben-Nun.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** I. Cortes (Nursing & Allied Health), C. Tobar (Library), O. Alapo (Adjunct Senator), R. Araya (at large), E. Ayikoye (at large), S. Utakis (at large).
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Senate agenda was approved (54 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstention).
4. **Approval of Minutes February 27,2020:** The minutes of February 27, were approved with amendments. (53 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention).
5. **Announcements:**
  - a. **Welcome New Senators:** R. Ben-Nun welcomed the newly elected senators.
  - b. **Remember to vote in referendum:** R. Ben-Nun reminded and encouraged everyone to vote on the Governance referendum. The deadline to vote has been extended.
6. **Action Items:**
  - a. **Motion to amend GP (proposed by D. Gonsher):** At the February 26 meeting, D. Gonsher motioned that department representatives constitute all senate committees. R. Ben-Nun clarified that the item does not change the governance plan. The vote regarding this item is to decide if the item will be forwarded to Governance and Elections. D. Gonsher motioned to postpone the vote until the first Senate meeting in September. The motioned to postpone passed by unanimous vote. (54 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstentions).
  - b. **Curriculum:** See report. H. Clampman made a motion to vote for items 1 a, b, and c, the Liberal Arts & Sciences AS Degree in Geospatial Technology, a certificate program in Geospatial Technology, and proposed new GIS courses. The motion carried (41 Yes 4 No 7 Abstentions). Since assent was silent, it was unclear whether members were voting yes, no, or abstaining, which also brought their vote and attendance to question. R. Ben-Nun decided to perform a roll call on this item. The roll call demonstrated that the motion did not carry (28 Yes, 5 No, 20 Abstentions)  
H. Clampman made a motion for items 1 d and e, proposed changes to the Nursing program and courses. The motioned to the proposed changes carried unanimously (54 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions). The first presentation items are the following: NMT 81 – Orientation in Clinical Nuclear Medicine proposed a change to their course description. Education Associate AAS Degree, change to AS Degree in Education with two options (Early Childhood and Childhood). Liberal Arts & Sciences AS Degree, change in Program Title from Liberal Arts & Sciences AS Degree to Science AS Degree. Request for an

extension of time to continue current experimental courses pass the CUNY two-semester and two-year limit and finally changes to the titles in English courses 110 through 116. M. Guishard asked what happens to GIS curriculum items. H. Clapman explained that GIS would have to return to the curriculum committee to restart the process.

- c. **Strategic Plan:** See report. N. Ritze reported that the two-page summary of the Strategic Plan is based on the results of the Middle State Self-Study and input from the BCC community. The mission statement has been shortened. There are three primary goals with the Strategic Plan, which are foster student success, academic excellence, and institutional effectiveness. N. Ritze has worked with the Provost and the VP of Student Success to assure that the plan acknowledges the current crisis and that the COACHE findings align with the strategic plan.
7. **President's Report:** See report. The President reported that 250 people attended the town hall meeting on April 30. Summer courses will be fully online. Online training is being provided by the School of Professional Studies, which has been organized by the central office. No final decision has been reached regarding the Fall semester; however, BCC is preparing for all possible scenarios. The President expressed that the budget situation is critical, and a large deficit is anticipated for the last two quarters of this fiscal year. He also mentioned that a deficit is projected for the fiscal year 20-21. CUNY required 20 million dollars to be returned by the community colleges, and the President said that BCC should be fine for the next two quarters, however, he expressed concerns for next year's budget. The President mentioned that 1,000 students received devices, but that there are still students in need. The President shared that efforts being made to provide free WIFI for students by internet providers. Bronx Assemblyman and Assemblywoman provided BCC with \$125K each to purchase devices for students. BCC plans to provide incoming students with devices and allow current students to reserve the devices for the Fall semester.
  8. **Faculty Council:** See report.
  9. **Student Government Association:** See report. R. Ben-Nun congratulated Q. Berry on being the newly elected SGA President. Q. Berry reported that the SGA participated in the first student administration virtual town hall meeting. The SGA had a meeting with their advisor and elected members to fill senator and committee vacancies. Q. Berry reported that the SGA would have their first official meeting next week. The SGA is holding executive officers elections this week. 2020-2021 election campaigns are in process, Meet the Candidate event is taking place on Friday, May 1, 2020, and the voting polls will be open from May 5 through May 10.
  10. **Q & A regarding Covid 19 impact on teaching and learning:** M. Guishard asked who are the members of the College P&B Subcommittee on Budget. The members are: H. Clapman, D. Gonsler, A. Lamazares, K. Harris, M. Miller, and N. Phillip, K. Ellis, and L. Sandres Rapalo. L. Rosario asked if the CLTs are included in the professional development activities. The President responded that CLT's are included. Y. Edwards asked what is the status of college assistants for

the summer and the Fall. K. R. Williams stated that Presidents will be seeking clarification on the language regarding the employment of college assistants. S. Fiore requested from M. Clarke a comprehensive document detailing the status of each of the college assistants' hours. R. Ben-Nun asked for clarification on the subject for the next Senate meeting. The President then stated that the University has confirmed that college assistants will be paid until June 30. S. Moss noted that she asked the Provost to have virtual meetings with each department so he can better assess their individual needs. The Provost confirmed that they are in the process of scheduling the meetings. The President shared that the Zoom capacity was increased to 500, which will allow for large virtual gatherings. S. Offenbach asked why faculty are being asked to report students that are positive for COVID and are faculty violating student privacy. S. Offenbach also wondered if a Broadcast can be disseminated regarding reporting COVID positive students. K. R. Williams responded that she is the campus Corona virus liaison. K. R. Williams stated that the information is used to assess how the COVID virus has impacted the CUNY system, the information is reported to legal, its privacy protected, and is subject to HIPPA. K. R. Williams stated that there had been four, if not five, Broadcasts regarding reporting student cases, and the information is posted on the website. K. R. Williams assured the BCC community that everyone's private information is protected. N. Reynoso asked what has been the COVID-19 impact on enrollment. I. R. Delgado stated information regarding enrollment is shared every Monday, and at this point, the numbers are promising. M. Guishard asked what accommodations will be made for immune-compromised faculty, students, and staff. K. R. Williams stated that for the Spring 2020 semester, individuals who have specific circumstances worked with HR Director, M. Clark and P. Uregar to document their need to work away from campus or have a special arrangement within the campus environment. Once we return to campus, each individual that expresses concerns will be addressed on a case by case basis. The University will not be fully functioning until it is safe. CUNY is awaiting guidance from the Governor's office. D. Price asked is there a way we could use Starfish to send a short survey to students and ask if they were positive for COVID-19 or were exposed to it? K. R. Williams stated that the administration is trying their best to let them self-disclose. The administration is not asking faculty or staff to ask students. The essential reporting is for those individuals who are positive and who have come in contact with the campus environment. S. Moss asked whether faculty have free access to Zoom for more than the 40-minute limit. I. R. Delgado stated that CUNY had provided Microsoft Teams.

- 11. Chat Items Q & A:** P. Kolozi asked, are academic advisors still encouraging students to take 15 credits per semester rather than 12. D. Price asked can BCC set up a DOH testing center on the Ohio field? She indicated that she sent a proposal previously. CSI has already begun the setup. A. Robinson asked who are the members of the Vacancy Review committee. K. R. Williams responded that the composition of the Vacancy Review committee is listed at the top of the memo. They are all senior administrators at CUNY. BCC does not have a Vacancy Review Board.

**12. Senate Committee Reports:**

- a. **Senate Executive:** No report
- b. **Academic Freedom:** No report
- c. **Academic Standing:** No report
- d. **Community Events:** See report

- e. **Curriculum:** See report and 6b of the minutes
- f. **Governance and Elections:** See report
- g. **Instruction and Professional Development:** See report
- h. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** See report
- i. **Student Activities:** No report
- j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report

**13. CUNY University Senate:**

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

**14. Auxiliary Enterprises:** No report

**15. BCC, Inc.:** No Report

**16. Reports**

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

**17. New Business:**

**18. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by Iris Cortes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Iris Cortes".