

The City University of New York
Bronx Community College
Committee on Governance and Elections

Minutes of the Meeting of February 2, 2021 via Zoom


Present: Charles Maliti, Franklin Moore, Gabriel Morillo, Grisselle Nadal, Jesus Sanabria, Jonathan Scott, Goldie Sherr, Christopher Soto, James Webb
Guests: Howard Clampman, Debra Gonsler, Peter Kolozi

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:07 PM by Franklin Moore.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** (approved unanimously)
- III. **Approval of the Minutes** (approved unanimously)
- IV. **Action Items**
 - a. Resolution to define “shared governance” – presented by James Webb.
 - i. The subcommittee was thanked for all their hard work to draft the language for shared governance.
 - ii. President Isekenegbe supports our committee in working towards defining shared governance.
 - iii. The drafted language is proposed and discussed by the committee.
 1. The shared governance definition is envisioned to be a preamble to the governance plan.
 2. Concerns were raised over the ambiguity of the last line of the currently proposed definition which states, “In such areas where faculty and students hold primary responsibility and determinative legislative power, the President’s final decision should be exercised adversely only in exceptional circumstances, and for reasons communicated to Faculty and the Student Government Association.”
 - iv. This will not be an actionable item today and will come back at the next meeting.
 - b. Proposal to Amend the BCC Governance Plan to include a Committee on Budget and Financial Planning as an Advisory Committee of the Senate – presented by Peter Kolozi.
 - i. The proposal for this committee is briefly reviewed again. The purpose of this committee is to disseminate information to the college community regarding the college budget.
 - ii. Peter Kolozi adjusted the wording of the committee’s title so that it now clearly states that this would be an *Advisory* Committee of the Senate.
 - iii. There was discussion as to whether the membership should list “V.P of Administration and Finance or designee” or just “V.P of Administration and Finance” without the inclusion of a designee. It was determined to keep it as “V.P of Administration and Finance or designee”.
 - iv. A formal motion to approve the item, as amended, was made and seconded.
 - v. The motion to approve the item passed (8-0-1).
- V. **New Business**
 - a. The amendment regarding the vacancies of chairs will be brought back to our committee and addressed in an upcoming meeting this semester.

- b. The calendar for the upcoming elections for at-large faculty members to the senate as well as members to the university faculty senate was discussed. Below is the proposed calendar:
 - i. A broadcast will be sent out on March 24th for nominations. The following day a verbal announcement will be made at the senate meeting on March 25th.
 - ii. A second broadcast for nominations will be send out on April 5th (after spring break).
 - iii. The certification of candidates will occur on April 20th.
 - iv. A town hall will be held at Faculty Council on April 22nd for the nominees to campaign.
 - v. Voting will be from May 3rd to May 13th.
 - 1. A voting broadcast will be sent on May 3rd.
 - 2. A second broadcast for voting will be sent on May 10th.
 - 3. A final broadcast for voting will be sent on the last day of voting on May 13th.
 - vi. Certification of votes will occur on May 14th.
- c. A formal motion to approve the election calendar was made and seconded. It passed and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- d. A formal motion to use Votenet for the elections was made and seconded. It passed and carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Goldie Sherr

Proposal to Amend the BCC Governance Plan to include Committee on Budget and Financial Planning as an Advisory Committee of the Senate

Advisory Committee on Budget and Financial Planning

Functions of the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning:

1. Review, inform, and make recommendations to the Senate on financial and budgetary matters on a continuing basis.
2. Receive complete and timely information from the College Administration regarding college budgets and the budgets of affiliated organizations including but, not limited to Auxiliary Enterprises, BCC Inc., BCC Foundation.
3. Research and inform the Senate about the financial and budgetary affairs of the college including, but not limited to enrollment, staffing, revenue and expenditures.
4. The committee may seek additional related information and/or institutional data.
5. Maintain a Budget/Financial Documents Archive as a resource for documents provided in current and in prior years. The Archive shall be curated by a faculty member designated by the committee.

Membership of the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning:

1. President of the College, or designee.
2. Vice President of Administration and Finance, or designee.
3. Eight Faculty/Instructional Staff Members who do not hold the titles of President, Vice President, Dean or chairperson: two elected by and from the Faculty Council; six elected by the Faculty Council from the Instructional Staff at-large.
4. Four students: President of the Student Government Association; the Treasurer of the Student Government Association; two students elected by the Student Government Association from the student body.