

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2021 via Zoom**

**Present: Sameera Audi, Charles Maliti, Franklin Moore, Gabriel Morillo, Grisselle Nadal, Jazmin Ramirez, Jesus Sanabria, Jonathan Scott, Goldie Sherr, Christopher Soto, James Webb**  
**Guests: Nefertiti Cano, Howard Clampman, Debra Gonsler, Diane Price-Banks**

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:04 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.”
    - i. During the February G&E meeting there was a lot of discussion regarding the currently proposed definition of shared governance.
    - ii. Susan Fiore, on behalf of President Isekenegbe, sent an email to James Webb regarding the drafted language.
      1. The main concern that was expressed by the President’s office was regarding the last sentence of the 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.”
      2. James Webb explains that the wording of this line comes from the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and has been used by other colleges in their definitions of shared governance.
    - iii. The drafted language is further discussed by the committee, with the last sentence being the main topic of debate.
    - iv. James Webb encourages others to bring forth language or make changes to the currently proposed definition.
    - v. Franklin Moore makes a motion to have the committee reconvene on March 16, 2021 to allow for everyone to send additional language and/or make edits to the currently proposed definition. The motion is seconded and carries unanimously.
    - vi. This item will come back at a special meeting on March 16, 2021 and will be actionable on that day.
- V. **First Presentations**
  - a. Proposed Amendment to the Governance Plan abolishing the Committee on Vice Presidents and Dean
    - i. The Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans has two responsibilities. First, it consults and advises the President on the appointment of Vice Presidents and Deans. Second, it consults with the President concerning the criteria and the procedures to be used by the President in reviewing the performance of Vice Presidents and Deans and their offices.

- ii. Currently, the second responsibility of the committee is obsolete since there is already a finite process set by CUNY to evaluate VPs and Deans.
- iii. Members of the Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans explain that there is very little to do when the committee meets. This is because the first responsibility of the committee is only required when a search is underway for a VP or Dean.
- iv. At their last meeting, the Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans voted on eliminating the committee and transferring the first responsibility to the senate.
- v. This item will come back at the special G&E meeting on March 16, 2021.

VI. **New Business**

- a. Congratulations to Gabriel Morillo on being elected the new SGA president.
- b. Welcome and congratulations to our newly elected member from the SGA, Jazmin Ramirez (SGA Executive Officer for Legal and Legislative Affairs).
- c. The amendment regarding the vacancies of chairs will need to be addressed next semester since it will no longer meet the two-meeting rule for this semester.
- d. The calendar has been set for the upcoming election for the at-large faculty members to the senate as well as members to the university faculty senate.
  - i. A test will be conducted to make sure that the voting receipts from VoteNet are accurate.
  - ii. Franklin Moore and James Webb will work on the language for the election broadcast.

VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting is adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Goldie Sherr