

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

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 16, 2021 via Zoom

Members Present: Ekinadose Elizabeth Asemota, Nikole Knight, Charles Maliti Grisselle Nadal, Jeithy Ofosu-Mensah, Jazmin Ramirez, Jonathan Scott, Goldie Sherr, James Webb

Guests Present: Sara Brady, Howard Clampman, Hawa Dukuray, Franklin Moore, Kellis Richards

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:04 PM by James Webb.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** (approved unanimously)
- III. **Approval of the Minutes from November 2, 2021** (approved unanimously with amendments)
- IV. **Announcements**
 - a. Update on the Special Election Process
 - i. Sammy Henry has compiled the voter lists and sent them to Votenet. The lists are now available on Votenet.
 - ii. James Webb will be uploading each candidate's information on the platform.
 - b. Deliverables for the December G&E meeting
 - i. Several G&E members are researching items that Roni Ben-Nun has asked our committee to address. These items include:
 1. Considering the HEO Registrar Seat as an ex officio voting member (assigned to Jonathan Scott).
 2. Considering the VP of Advancement, Communications and External Relations for an ex officio Senate voting member seat (assigned to Grisselle Nadal and James Webb).
 3. Considering GP language on prohibiting a person from holding more than one standing committee membership, except by the approval of Senate Executive Committee (assigned to Seth Offenbach).
 - ii. These items will be presented at the December meeting.
 - c. University Faculty Senate Delegates
 - i. Mathew Cotter has sent our committee an updated list of delegates that BCC can have on the UFS.
 - ii. Currently, BCC has five full time seats (changed from six full time seats) and two alternate seats.
 - iii. CLTs and part time faculty are eligible to run for these UFS seats. HEOs, however, are not eligible to run and vote in these elections.
 - iv. Before the next UFS election, our committee needs to decide how many of these seats should be assigned to full time faculty, CLTs, and part time faculty.
- V. **Certification of Nominations**
 - a. All nominations were emailed to James Webb and Jonathan Scott.
 - b. Both James and Jonathan have confirmed the list of nominees with each other. A list of the nominees has been included at the end of these minutes.

- c. A motion to certify the nominations was made by Jonathan Scott. The motion was seconded by Jazmin Ramirez.
- d. The motion to certify the nominations passed unanimously (9-0-0).

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

VII. Respectfully Submitted,


Goldie Sherr

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Special Election Candidates for College Senate and University Faculty Senate

The following candidates are seeking to fill vacant seats in College Senate and University Faculty Senate:


Registrar Series: (one Senate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p>Karen Thomas Registrar Registrar's Office</p> 	<p>My name is Karen Thomas and I'm currently serving as the Registrar at Bronx Community College. I have had the pleasure to serve our college community for 15 years. Helping students achieve their educational goals has been my life's work. Our focus in the Registrar's Office is to "Rebrand, Rebuild and Re-Educate" the college community so that our students have a better future.</p>


CLT Series: (one Alternate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p>Bubacarr H. Bah CLT and Tutor Supervisor, Department of Education and Academic Literacy</p>	<p>I am a full time CLT at the Department of Education and Academic Literacy. I have been with the EDU Department for fourteen years. I am also a BCC graduate. During my time as a BCC student, I served in the BCC student government and also regularly attends College Senate meetings. I hope I can use some of my experiences both as a former student Senate and a full time CLT to better serve our CLT colleagues in the College Senate. I am hereby seeking support my CLT colleagues and vote as an Alternate CLT in the College Senate.</p>

HEO Series: (one Alternate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p>Jude Adeniji Higher Education Assistant ASAP Program</p>	<p>No statement submitted.</p>
<p>Delwar Sayeed IT Academic Tech Specialist Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology</p> 	<p>My name is Delwar Sayeed and I have been working for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology since February 2013. Many of you already know me either by working with me directly or by attending CTLT workshops. I am a friendly and approachable person with the passion and commitment to take our College forward. I am honored to nominate myself as a HEO Senator (Alternate) for the College Senate at Bronx Community College. I listen to people and help them when they need it, and I will be listening to you all if you elect me. Here, I promise that I will make every effort to make a difference as part of the College Senate, and becoming a HEO Senator can provide more opportunities to make a stronger impact.</p>

Full-time Faculty at-large: (four Alternate seats available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p>Raffaella Diotti Assistant Professor Biological Sciences Department</p>	<p>Dr. Raffaella (Raffi) Diotti is an Assistant Professor in the department of Biological Sciences. She serves as the Program co-coordinator for the Biotechnology Program and Faculty Advisor for the Biology Club. Dr. Diotti earned a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Hunter College-CUNY. Her university service includes membership in the Faculty Council's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and in the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development.</p>
<p>Laroi M. Lawton Assistant Professor Library Department</p> 	<p>No statement submitted.</p>

Jesús Sanabria
Associate Professor
Library Department



Dear colleagues-- I am asking for your support in the opportunity to continue service to our campus as Alternate- Senator-at-Large. As in past service, my approach has been to actively listen with the purpose of acknowledging all issues brought to our forum, supporting, and respecting the hard work of all Senate Committees and Sub-Committees, and providing informed input when warranted. It is an immense privilege to be a member of our Senate with a voice and a vote, and thus to contribute to our shared governance. I once more request your support in selecting me to serve, this time as an alternate senator at large, and to continue to offer our shared governance efforts the respect and consideration it always merits.

Theresa Smalec
Associate Professor
Communication Arts and
Sciences Department



Theresa Smalec has taught at Bronx Community College as a full-time faculty member since 2009. Theresa Smalec has served as her department's representative on the College-Wide Assessment Council since 2013. She recently joined the Growth Mindset Steering Committee, and is committed to helping students succeed in all modalities of learning.

There are not enough female faculty members in the College Senate. I hope to play a role in correcting this gendered imbalance. Independent woman. In it for the money and power.

Gerard Weber
Associate Professor
Department of Social Sciences




I submit this as self-nomination for one of the At-Large Alternate seats for full-time faculty members on the College Senate of Bronx Community College. I believe I qualify for this position partly due to experience I have had as a departmental representative (for over three years) on the Curriculum Committee, including during the adoption of the Pathways initiative; as a member of the Assessment Council (for over three years); and as a member (for nine years, minus one year leave) on the Personnel and Budget Committee for the Department of Social Sciences.


My academic background is in sociocultural anthropology. I carry out research in an urban area in eastern Romania examining the implications of the transformation from socialism to capitalism upon working-class families.

Thank you for considering this nomination. I look forward to the possibility of serving the college community in this role.

Adjunct Faculty: (one Alternate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p data-bbox="203 394 516 520">Andrew Akinmoladun Adjunct Associate Professor Department of Business and Information Systems</p> 	<p data-bbox="560 394 831 420">No statement submitted.</p>

UFS Delegate: (one Senate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p data-bbox="203 1110 423 1207">Laroi M. Lawton Assistant Professor Library Department</p> 	<p data-bbox="560 1110 831 1136">No statement submitted.</p>

UFS Alternate Delegate: (one Alternate seat available)

Candidate	Bio/Statement
<p data-bbox="203 1701 386 1726">No Nominees</p>	