

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

Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2022 via Zoom

**Members Present: Ekinadose Elizabeth Asemota, Nikole Knight, Charles Maliti, Grisselle Nadal, Seth Offenbach, Jeithy Ofosu-Mensah, Kellis Rickards, Jonathan Scott, Goldie Sherr, James Webb**

**Guests Present: Sara Brady, Laurence Brenner, Howard Clampman, Debra Gonsler, Peter Kolozi**

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:07 PM by James Webb.
- II. **Welcome to Members and Guests**
  - a. Attendance was taken and quorum was established.
  - b. Guests were welcomed.
- III. **Approval of Agenda** (approved unanimously)
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from December 7, 2021** (approved unanimously)
- V. **Announcements**
  - a. Student Vacancies on G&E Committee
    - i. Jazmin Ramirez, former SGA President and a member of our committee, graduated last semester.
    - ii. Ekinadose Elizabeth Asemota was elected as the new SGA President.
    - iii. Kellis Rickards, the SGA Legal Legislator, was welcomed as a new member to the G&E committee.
    - iv. Members of the committee and guests introduced themselves.
  - b. Committee on Budget and Financial Planning
    - i. During the December 2021 G&E meeting there was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal to establish a Committee on Budget and Financial Planning.
      1. The proposal passed after amendments were made to the membership's makeup.
      2. Unfortunately, the approved amendments inadvertently left out CLT and HEO representation in the committee's membership.
    - ii. The motion was pulled back and not presented to the senate due to a lack of representation from CLTs and HEOs on the committee.
    - iii. James Webb opened the discussion regarding this matter.
      1. A point was made that any motion approved by G&E should be reported to the senate, regardless of any issues with the proposal.
      2. It was recommended that in the future, all motions approved in G&E be presented to the senate.
    - iv. The committee discussed the definition of inclusive membership and what representation should look like on committees.

- v. James Webb announced that the G&E committee must decide to either put forth the current proposal on the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning or reconsider the proposal.
  - vi. Charles Maliti made a motion to reconsider the proposal on the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (10-0-0).
  - vii. James Webb recommended that we look at the membership's makeup but that other aspects of the proposal could be changed as well.
  - viii. A suggestion was made that the membership's makeup revert back to the originally proposed language where members of the committee be elected from the instructional staff.
    - 1. This point was argued. By not having members from each department represented on the committee, it would greatly limit representation.
    - 2. A discussion regarding the makeup of the membership and representation occurred.
  - ix. A motion was made by Charles Maliti to replace "One faculty member elected by and from each department" from the committee's membership with "Instructional staff who do not hold 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." Jonathan Scott seconded the motion.
  - x. Before voting, other members of the committee raised the point that they do not agree with limiting the membership and not including departmental representation.
    - 1. There was a discussion as to whether the motion could be amended.
    - 2. Laurence Brenner stated that the motion could be amended as long as the original motion was not completely changed.
    - 3. An amendment was made to the motion to include departmental representation. However, it was too drastic of a change and could not be done.
  - xi. A roll call vote was conducted to approve the motion made by Charles Maliti. The motion failed (3-3-4).
  - xii. Grisselle Nadal made a motion that one member from the HEO series and one member from the CLT series be added to the membership of the committee.
    - 1. Before the motion was seconded there was a debate as to whether these members should be elected via VoteNet or by Faculty Council.
    - 2. The committee decided that the elections should be held via VoteNet.
  - xiii. After fine tuning the language, the official motion stated that "One member elected by and from the HEO series" and "One member elected by and from the CLT series" be added to the membership of the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning. The motion was seconded by Nikole Knight. The motion passed (9-1-0).
  - xiv. James Webb stated that unless there were any other amendments, a motion needed to be made to approve the newly revised proposal for the Committee on Budget and Financial Planning.
  - xv. Charles Maliti made a motion to approve the revised proposal. Ekinadose Elizabeth Asemota seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).
- c. James Webb proposed that our committee have a second meeting in February since the committee was unable to get to the other items on the agenda during this meeting.

d. Jonathan Scott made a motion to add an additional meeting on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. The motion was seconded by Jeithy Ofosu-Mensah. The motion passed (9-1-0).

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

VII. Respectfully Submitted,

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