

## **BCC Committee on Instruction and Professional Development**

**Minutes March 1, 2021**

**3:00 pm, Zoom**

**Chair: Vivian L. Rodriguez + Vice-Chair: John Ziegler, Secretary: Jacqueline Jimenez Polanco + Vice-Secretary: Elise Langan**

**Present: Carl Andrews, Elise Langan, Joël Magloire, Mara Lazda, Jacqueline Jimenez Polanco, Vivian Rodriguez, Howard Irby, Kevin Martillo Viner, John Ziegler, Chris Efthimiou, Mark Lennerton, Carl Andrews, Suzi Zybert, Rebeca Araya, Manish Sharma, Susan Fiore (guest), Ellen Kevin.**

Total membership: 19 (Quorum: 9)

**Our next meeting dates in Spring 2022 are: April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:00 to 5pm via Zoom.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to order (2 minutes)
2. Approval of the Minutes (5 minutes)
3. Committee on VP's & Deans proposed survey discussion (Susan Fiore)
4. Spring'22 Student Evaluation of Instruction and Annual Faculty and Staff Survey (Chris Efthimiou)
5. Presidential Grants (update)
6. Bronx Social Justice Matters Film Festival (Dr. Montenegro and Dr. Gonsher)
7. Call for Papers for Faculty Day (Mara Lazda)
8. Faculty Day Keynote Speaker and subcommittees
9. CTLT meeting update
10. Department Announcements
11. New Business

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:06pm. T

2. The minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 were approved with corrections unanimously by those who were present.

3. Susan Fiore stated that a “veto” is not what the President exercised. It is an acknowledgement that he was not in support of evaluating his direct support. He’s concern is where he would go with this evaluation or survey. It is his purview to evaluate his staff and direct support. V. Rodriguez stated that any type of surveys or evaluations are meant to learn from them. They are worth for self-assessment. She also informed that if we did a survey, it could be presented to the chairs since they work directly with VPs and Deans. She asked whether it would be possible to bring this suggestion to the President. Susan agreed to bring these ideas to the President. M. Lazda added that surveys are fair because we can get feedback. V. Rodriguez informed that the CIPD has heard the Committee on VPs and Deans and the President’s office on the issue and concerns. She added that S. Fiore will present the options and rationale of the survey to the President. She wants to wait for the President’s response before the CIPD is allocated another task of creating questions for a survey if it will not be accepted. She will contact Dr. Banks and Dr. Meyers to inform them that she is awaiting a response from the President before the CIPD proceeds.

J. Magloire, V. Rodriguez and E. Langan brought up questions about the Covid-19 vaccination policies, including how we would approach the situation when we have students who don’t want to get vaccinated or don’t want to wear masks. S. Fiore said that we still have a mask policy and students must comply with it. Students need to upload their boosters, but no one is going to be dropped for not uploading them. She added that we can go to the CUNY sites to get tested.

4. Chris Efthimiou informed that the Spring Student Evaluation of Faculty will be available before the Spring break and the students will have at least a month to

respond. There was a 14% response rate on the last survey, and we expect to increase it. He will email faculty to ask them to remind the students. The students will receive emails and they will need their BCC credentials to get into the link, which will be included in the login page as well as the webpage. There is a cellphone version of the survey. He can administer the Annual Faculty and Staff survey in April or May. He needs one or two CIPD members to review the survey. J.J. Polanco and S. Zybert from the Faculty/Staff Survey Subcommittee will review the survey. J.J. Polanco stated that many students don't use the BCC emails and that might affect their access to the survey and asked whether it would be possible for the students to use the CUNYFirst login credentials. C. Efthimiou explained that this is not possible since he is only allowed to use the BCC login credentials for the surveys. This is the Annual Faculty and Staff Survey link: <file:///C:/Users/becab/Downloads/Annual Faculty and Staff Survey 02282 2.htm>

5. V. Rodriguez informed that the announcement for 2022-2023 Presidential Grants is anticipated for the end of April, and it is expected that the CIPD can review it after faculty day. She will notify the President's office of the CIPD's concern about reviewing the grants by the end of semester during finals. She will also detail that the CIPD would like to delay the review of the 2022-2023 Presidential Grants until Fall 2022.

6. V. Rodriguez informed that the Bronx Social Justice Matters Film Festival has been postponed for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

7. M. Lazda and J. Magloire suggested to bring the Faculty Day up to our colleagues' attention, including during the departments' meetings.

8. V. Rodriguez informed that she is collecting our rationale at Google Docs for inviting President Daisy Cocco De Filippis as the keynote speaker for Faculty Day to present it in a letter to the President.

9. J. Ziegler said there is not new information about the CTLT, he is waiting for next meeting.

10. M. Lazda informed that the History Department will hold a conversation on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am-12:00pm about the war in Ukraine. She posted the link for registration on the chat:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc--rqjovGNaBRgs00KUX3V1Uk0Zwb1xJ>

11. V. Rodriguez screened the CIPD and Faculty Day subcommittees' list and informed that she will send it to all the members via email.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacqueline Jimenez Polanco