February 23, 2015 College Council Minutes

CUNY Guttman Community College

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February 23, 2015 Council Meeting  
1 – 2:30  
Room 401  

MINUTES  


Council Members Not in Attendance: Ariana Gonzales-Stokas, Caitlin Irish, Audrey Nasar, Derek Tesser, Alia Tyner-Mullings, Geraldo Vasquez, Randy Hensley, William Marcus Lowenhaupt, Adrian Escoto  

Guests Present: Danny Ambrose, Andrew Bennett, Mary Coleman, Laura Gambino, Danielle Insalaco-Egan, Bruce Lyons, Matt Mead, Paul Naish, Bindi Patel, Lynette Phillips  

Meeting Notes  

Chairperson Evenbeck welcomed attendees and gave opening remarks.  

- Chairperson Evenbeck called the meeting to order at 1:07.  
- Sophia So announced that in relation to Admissions we are in full swing, and ahead of where we were last year at this time. She is about to send out the first group of acceptance letters. We are on track for a class of 450 for fall 2015.  
- We are in the middle of the budget season. CUNY and SUNY are waiting for the NY State government to announce the amount of State money that will be allocated for public higher education. The Mayor is favorable to CUNY and, hopefully, City Council will be also. In relation to the fiscal landscape, the City’s budget plays a major role in funding the community colleges.  
- The Gold Sheet from CUNY Central has been developed; in it there is the request for funding for Guttman’s Harlem site at 126th and Amsterdam. Some of us will go to Albany on March 3, 2015 to lobby.  
- March 9th the Phi Kappa Theta CUNY-wide group will go to Albany to be recognized at the State Capitol.
• Hiring update from Joan. Faculty finalists are coming in now; group of candidates look very good. Thank you to the faculty for all the work you’ve done on the searches.
• Ms. Nila Bhauunik, who has served as the Assistant Director of HR LaGuardia Community College, will join Guttman as the new HR Director on March 16th. She has special interest in training and staff development.
• We are going to have a “Beat the Blues Dessert Extravaganza” on Wednesday at 4:00. Come join us.

Referral of Matters from Standing Committees:
A. Matters referred from the Agenda Committee
   i. Resolved: The Council approves the Agenda for the February 23, 2015 meeting. (Approved by acclamation with 1 abstention).
   ii. Resolved: The Council approves the Minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. (Approved by acclamation).
   iii. Resolved: The Council approves the resolution as amended for the Election of Members to ad hoc Exploratory Committee on Governance. (Friendly amendment passed by acclamation)
   iv. Resolved: The Council approves the protocol as amended to schedule one or more meetings as needed near the end of each academic year to fill seats on Council committees for the coming academic year with the exception of the CPC, for which there will be a vote in early September. (Friendly amendment passed by acclamation)

B. Matters referred from the Curriculum Committee
   i. Resolved: The Council approves the enhanced catalog description of Math 103, Math 103A and Math 103b to include descriptions of the statistical topics that are included in these courses by addition of this paragraph to existing course descriptions. (Passed with 3 abstentions)
   iii. Resolved: The Council approves changing the name of PSYC 201: Psychology: Social and Behavior Studies Course to PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology. (Passed by acclamation)
   iv. Resolved: The Council approves the addition of PSYC 101 to the list of Human Services Electives. (Passed by acclamation).
   v. Resolved: The Council approves the Academic probation policy, as amended. (Passed with one abstention).

2. Other Business: None
3. New Business: None
4. Announcements/Discussion: None
5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:30