College Senate minutes of September 13, 2001

The College Senate:


Guests: Kirk Daley, John Davis, Alice Fuller, Bernard Gantti, Jennifer Misick, Nadine Posner, Nancy Ritze, George Sanchez

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ruth Bass at 12:15 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. There was a moment of silence for the victims and loved ones of the World Trade Center Tragedy.
4. Members and guests of the College Senate introduced themselves.
5. The minutes were approved with a correction regarding the new Faculty Evaluation Instrument: it has been approved and utilized.
6. College Senate Elections:
   A. Nominations for Chair of College Senate:
      Nominated: Dr. Ruth Bass, Ms. Patricia Fraticelli, motion to close the nomination approval. The vote: Ruth Bass: 38, Patricia Fraticelli: 5 and 1 invalid vote. Dr. Ruth Bass was elected.
   B. Nominations for Vice Chair of College Senate:
      Patricia Fraticelli, unanimously elected by voice vote.
   C. Nominations for Secretary of College Senate:
      Donna Mangianti, unanimously elected by voice vote.
7. Academic Review Committee Elections (3 electees needed for a 2-year term):
   Nominations: Madelaine Bates, Raymond Canals, James Fahey, Susan Forman, Imam Ghaffoor, Jacqueline Gutworth, Peter Morrill, Deborah Morris, Eugene Passer. The following were elected:
      Madelaine Bates, Raymond Canals and Jacqueline Gutworth. The names of the other nominees will be forwarded to the College
Personnel and Budget committee, which will elect two additional members.

8. Report from President Carolyn Williams:
   A. President Williams expressed optimism about the current enrollment projections and expressed gratitude to faculty and staff involved in the registration process.
   B. President Williams expressed thanks to those assisting students with the World Trade Center crisis; announced that personnel of Student Development are available for counseling; and encouraged faculty and staff to support and assist BMCC concerning the crisis.

9. Announcements and reports:
   A. Vice President Marcia Kezis:
      I. The current academic goals tie into the President’s goals and the Chancellor’s goals.
      II. This year an additional goal is related to assessment.
      III. Title V endeavors include an examination of faculty development. One goal related to this is to look at faculty development with particular attention to increasing the involvement of adjunct professors with their departments and the college.
      IV. In January, if everything moves as planned, additional new faculty lines will be advertised.
      V. The Physical Education, Health and Wellness Department was commended for their work in training and placing twenty five students in water safety positions.
   B. Vice President Mary Coleman:
      I. Due to the World Trade Center event, there were difficulties concerning payroll checks, but, there was support from the university and the “paper” checks were picked up, by hand, at 42nd Street for distribution.
      II. Two of the college’s T-1 telephone lines were housed at the World Trade Center, so only in-house fax and voice lines have been operational. All web sites, pay phones and e-mail have been operational. An emergency number, 718-295-5352, is available through the Communications Center for Public Safety.
      III. The total financial allocations for 2002 are barely level with last year’s allocations, as less money was allocated at the state level. We are on a “bare bones” budget.

10. Committee Reports and Action Items:
    A. Academic Standing: Bernard Ganit encourages students to be involved with the committee.
    B. Curriculum: no report.
    C. Deans: no report.
D. Governance and Elections: Faculty Council will elect five faculty members to the Committee on Governance and Elections.
E. Instruction and Professional Development: no report.
F. Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: no report.
G. Student Activities: Faculty Council will elect two members to the committee.
H. Student Government Association: Student President, Patricia Fraticelli expressed concerns regarding the child care program. Vice President Coleman reported that the hope is to break ground for a new Child Development Center within eighteen months, and this will promote expansion and improvement.
I. University Faculty Senate: Henry Skinner has organized to get letters ready for the budget campaign.
J. University Student Senate: The students have mailed 700 cards to legislators in support of the budget campaign. Patricia Fraticelli will be running for Vice Chair of University Student Senate.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mangiante