BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
College Senate

Minutes of February 27, 2014


Absent:


1. **Call to Order:** 12:24 P.M., F. Moore

2. **Approval of the Agenda of February 27, 2014:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2013:** Approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Action Items:**
   a. None

5. **Committee Reports**
   a. **Academic Standing:** no report
   b. **Curriculum:** (see attached report) H. Clampman reported that a new laboratory course from the Biology department passed at the February 4, 2014, curriculum committee meeting. The item will be actionable upon its return at the next Senate meeting.
   c. **Governance and Elections:** A. McInerney reported the committee has received suggestions for revisions towards the governance plan and those will be discussed at the next meeting. A subcommittee provided feedback on the draft of the revised chairs’ handbook to J. Freeman and K. Williams. A. McInerney reported a subcommittee was formed to make recommendations regarding the expressive conduct policy. He also noted they will be assisting with the process of determining who will serve on the Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC). He also noted they are working on filling vacancies on the University Faculty Senate.
d. **Instruction and Professional Development:** no report  

 e. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** no report  

 f. **Student Activities:** A. Brewer reported that the new Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Success, Dr. Fenix N. Arias, will report on Student Activities beginning with the next Senate meeting.  

 g. **Student Government Association:** G. Salgado introduced the new SGA members: Quintin Price – VP/IOC; Koli Machirouf – Legal Legislative, George Cooke, and Ricardo Osbourne. She also reported that the Nano Club is now a college-wide organization. She noted they are working to form a Spirit Club to boost morale among students. She gave their new email address: sga@bcc.cuny.edu. She also handed out flyers for an upcoming game show event to be held during club hours on March 6th.  

 h. **University Faculty Senate:** Due to L. Lawton’s excused absence, F. Moore presented the UFS report. F. Moore reported on research fellowships available through CUNY. A broadcast had been sent to the department chairs by President Berotte Joseph. F. Moore also noted an election of senators to fill vacant seats will be taking place. He reported registration is due by March 14th for the upcoming **41st Annual National Conference**, a Joint Labor/Management meeting at CUNY Graduate Center from April 6-8. Additionally, he noted the first annual **SUNY Conference on Shared Governance** will be held April 23-24th in Albany.  

 i. **University Student Senate:** G. Salgado reported that USS is conducting an online survey about textbooks. She will send out a link for faculty to disseminate to students. She noted USS is working on a Bill of Rights for Students. As she just received it this week, she has not yet disseminated the draft copy to BCC students for their feedback. G. Salgado also reported that USS will be attending an event to lobby state legislators from March 21-23.  

 j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans:** No report  

 k. **Community Relations and Special Events:** No report  

 6. **President’s Report:** President Berotte Joseph reported that several meetings with off-campus groups looking at areas of workforce development at BCC have happened since the December Senate meeting. The President also reported meeting with a multi-state group based in Massachusetts called **Higher Ed Partners**. This group partners with community colleges with their initiative to create programs for students. The President noted they are looking at off-campus space to facilitate this programming. She noted that “Dialogues with the President” are continuing to occur with 15-20 people at each dialogue where many faculty, staff, and alumni are able to meet and network. The President reported she is hosting a television program for Bronx Net at Lehman College. So far, two shows have been taped. The first program discussed International Education with Andrew Rowan and two students as her guests. The second program was with the Automotive Technology Program with Clement Drummond and two students as her guests. The President noted this programming is a good way to get out the word about BCC. In January, the President reported she met with Mrs. Diallo regarding scholarship funds. If new funds are received, the **Amadou Diallo Foundation** will work with BCC’s foundation to endow the gift. The President noted the Office of Collaborative Programs under the leadership of Eugene Adams has been reaching out to the African diaspora in the Bronx. She remarked that the Bronx Borough President has also been doing so. The President thanked all those, particularly Eddy Bayardelle and Yvonne Erazo, who have been working on the Dream US program. She explained the program and noted that BCC was one of three CUNY schools
(BMCC, Kingsborough) who have been actively advocating with this program. The President mentioned the Best Practices Showcase hosted by the Higher Ed Tech Group was held in January. She remarked the June showcase will be held at Lehman College and encouraged participation from BCC. The President reported that Mercy College is interested in working with BCC. The College, particularly Career and Transfer Services, has been organizing an orientation for BCC students before they go to Mercy. As per Interim Chancellor Kelly, the President reported on a cross-campus initiative to share resources, build morale, and such throughout CUNY. David Nasaw of CUNY will be coming to BCC to discuss the initiative. In closing, the President noted she is looking forward to her evaluation. She also noted a draft report is ready to be submitted as part of the periodic review for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The President reported that the SPA (Strategic Planning and Assessment) Committee will be working throughout the year on the strategic plan which has not been updated since 2009. She also noted the Technology Plan will be reviewed this year as it has not been updated since 2006.

7. Announcements and Reports:
   a. Chairperson: F. Moore reported needing volunteers for a new initiative to establish an e-portfolio for the Senate. A. Robinson and F. Moore will be meeting to set up the e-portfolio where minutes, reports, documents, etc. will be filed for all to have access to them. F. Moore called attention to the memorandum from Interim Chancellor Kelly regarding the Pathways review. F. Moore pointed out the third item regarding the review committee (CCCRC) for 2014-15. While no discussion will begin until the qualifications and criteria for membership are received from CUNY, once that occurs, recommendations for membership from BCC will be discussed in various groups including Senate, Faculty Council, Senate Executive Council, and Governance and Elections. F. Moore noted that there are two adjunct seats plus M. Kirk’s Senate seat currently open. As per the current governance plan, vacancies are filled by the Senate Executive Council. F. Moore will send out a broadcast to solicit nominations.
   b. Faculty Council: No report. A point was raised regarding the need for 12 faculty (6 male, 6 female) nominations for the security advisory committee. A broadcast will be sent out to seek faculty and then the 12 nominations will be chosen at the next Senate meeting. D. Gonsher asked that the mission of the committee as well as time (meetings, etc.) be included in that broadcast.
   c. Vice-Chairperson: No report.
   d. Vice-Presidents and Deans Due to time, no reports.

8. Briefing on the Presidential Evaluation Process: After asking the President and members of her cabinet and those who directly report to her to leave the room for the presentation, Dr. Cheryl Littman, Director of the Performance Management Process, City University of New York, explained the Presidential evaluation process.

9. Auxiliary Enterprises: Due to time, no report.

10. BCC, Inc.: Due to time, no report.

11. New Business: Due to time, no report.
12. **Adjournment**: 1:51 P.M. when a quorum was no longer in place

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Debra Gonsher, Secretary
with assistance by Dr. Teresa Fisher, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

**Handouts:**
- Curriculum Committee report
- Pathways memo from Interim Chancellor Kelly
To: Members of the College Senate
From: Professor Howard A. Clampman, Chairperson Curriculum Committee
Date: February 27, 2014
Subject: Report of Actions by the Curriculum Committee through 02/18/2014

1. Actions previously reported to the Senate
   (a) None

2. Actions reported to the Senate for the first time
   (a) New Course

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February 3, 2014

To: College Presidents and Deans

From: Interim Chancellor William P. Kelly

Re: Pathways Review

As you will recall, the June 2011 Board of Trustees resolution on Pathways stipulated that all of the “Pathways policies and processes, including the Common Core, be reviewed and evaluated each year for three years beginning in 2013, and every three years thereafter, to modify them as necessary to improve them or to meet changing needs.” This year, we did not yet have the data for a full review, but it was possible to consider implementation policies.

To that end, we arranged last fall for an informal review involving faculty members from the key disciplines of the natural sciences, English, and the humanities, as well as representation from the University Faculty Senate. Participants were asked to consider areas in which implementation could be improved at this still-early stage in Pathways adoption while adhering to the original Board resolution. Participants quickly reached consensus on three changes:

1) The University will no longer specify a limit on course hours in Common Core areas. The Common Core model calls for a 30-credit curriculum, and this will remain in place. However, beginning in fall 2014, colleges can determine how many hours to allocate to courses in the Common Core and will have discretion to allocate hours to courses as they choose, in keeping with college practices.

2) To date, colleges have been able to seek a waiver if a major or degree program cannot be accommodated within the Common Core framework. Such waivers have been generated by the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs. Waivers have been sought in particular in the cases of certain STEM programs or licensed programs of various kinds, where it has proven to be unusually difficult to accommodate 30 credits of general education spread across the eight areas of the Common Core. In such cases, programs can be helped by allowing the designation of particular courses within the Common Core areas or the College Option. This practice will continue; efforts will be made to ensure that every college is fully aware of the waiver process.

3) Faculty members serving on the CUNY-wide Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) will be chosen through college governance processes, beginning with those identified to serve during the 2014-2015 academic year.

I believe these changes are consistent with conversations we have had about Pathways. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Julia Wrigley will be in touch with your chief academic officers to provide additional guidance on implementing these changes. The ongoing review of Pathways will continue next year when more data are available.

c: Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Julia Wrigley
Chief Academic Officers