

**The Faculty Senate
The City College of New York**



Plenary Meeting

December 19, 2013
Shepard Hall 250

AGENDA

Call to order	2:00 PM
Approval of minutes from November 21, 2013	2:01 – 2:05 PM
Remarks of the Chair	2:05 – 2:35 PM
a. Presentation by Provost/Dean Maurizio Trevisan about the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education (SDBE)	
Report of the Executive Committee	2:35 – 2:45 PM
a. Resolution on Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education	
b. Resolution on the draft CUNY policy of Expressive Activities	
Reports of the Faculty Senate Committees	2:45 – 3:10 PM
a. Educational Policy Committee	
i. Resolution on proposed redefinition of Academic Probation Standards	
ii. Resolution on Crosslisting of Courses at CCNY	
b. Senate Affairs	
Report of the President.	3:10 – 3:15 PM
Report on CCNY Academic Strategic Planning Effort	3:15 – 3:20 PM
Report of the Ombuds	3:20 – 3:30 PM
New business	3:30 – 3:40 PM
Adjournment	3:40 PM

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Proposed: February 27, 2014
Adopted: March 20, 2014

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Plenary
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Present: President Coico; Provost Trevisan; Senior Associate Provost Cintron; VP Posman; VP Hill, Executive Counsel Occhiogrosso; Deans: G. Barabino, M. Driscoll, J. Mercado, T. Liss. G. Ranalli, E. Weitz; Director Brownlee; Senators: A. Agrawal, L. Bank, A. Benedicty, M. Binz-Scharf, K. Block, H. Carter, MT. Chang, W. Crain, B. Cronin, C. Dalglish, E. Friedman, B. Fu, J. Gallagher, A. Gilerson, D. Greenberger, M. Gunner, M. Gutman, E. Handy, D. Hu, K. Hubbard, D. Jeruzalmi, M. Juarez, B. Judell, R. Kalia, B. Kim, C. Lascar, C. Maldarelli, R. Menon, R. Miller, F. Moshary, J. Moore, S. Pittson, A. Ratner, R. Raj, C. Riobo, S. Rosenbaum, N. Sohler, J. Tarbell, D. Troegar, J. Valle, C. Watkins, T. Watson, J. Wilner

Guests: D. Akins, S. Banerjee, A. Blutreich, C. Chan, C. Civil, J. Fantozzi, A. Feigenberg, P. Gottlieb, S. Goyert, T. Horvath, K. Kashfi, A. Lee, J. Levinson, D. McBeth, L. Mendelsohn, T. Montiui, C. Moore, J. Nunes, G. Pacifici-Elejalde, A. Ragnauth, J. Richards, A. Santana, B. Smith, M.R. Strezeszewski, A. Sohl, C. Stewart, C. Wanyonyi, T. Walker

Excused: P. Brass, S. Rings

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.
2. The minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved with corrections.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Prof. Jeruzalmi
 - The Senate is governed by the Open Meetings Law and the bylaws of the Faculty Senate;
 - Two aspects of the governing laws are relevant to current discussion of Senate membership:
 - A quorum requires the attendance of a majority of the membership of a public body; in the case of the Faculty Senate, 31 of 61 senators need to attend to establish a quorum;
 - Sec. 3e of the bylaws states that the seat of a senator who is absent from 2 consecutive meetings shall be excluded from the senate; based on attendance records, strict adherence to this law would have resulted in 27 of 44 seats declared vacant;
 - Rather than excluding 27 members of the current Senate, the principle for cleaning up residual membership issues will be inclusion; the Chair encourages senators to consistently attend meetings in the future.
4. Presentation about the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education (SDSBE) - Provost/Dean Maurizio Trevisan

- A letter of intent has been submitted to the Board of Trustees proposing a Doctor of Medicine Degree Program within the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education (SDSBE);
- The current SDSBE model depends on cooperating medical schools accepting SDSBE students in the final two years of their medical education;
- Three recent developments have resulted in a substantive decrease in slots available for graduating SDSBE students, threatening the viability of the current model:
 - A national call for more primary care physicians has resulted in cooperating schools increasing their own class sizes, limiting the number of spots reserved for SDSBE students;
 - Off- shore medical schools are purchasing clerkship spots for their 3rd and 4th year students, decreasing the available clinical slots for our cooperating schools' students;
 - SUNY Downstate, a major partner of SDSBE, has announced that it will downsize the number of students it will accept for clerkships.
- A combined 7 year B.S./M.D. program will decouple SDSBE from external medical schools and provide SDSBE students a path to becoming primary care physicians in communities with the highest need for basic medical care and services;
- The proposed model includes having a “Principal Clinical Partner”, St. Barnabas Medical Center, where full time and voluntary faculty will be the primary clinicians teaching our students in the clinical courses;
- Three sources of revenue will finance the proposed B.S./M.D program: tuition, state appropriations, and contributions from clinical partners;
- Tuition will be set at exactly the same level of the four SUNY medical schools, which, with projected 9% per year increases approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees, is calculated to be approximately \$38,000 per year by 2016.
- The proposed program will not divert existing or future financial, personnel, and physical resources from other programs and divisions.

5. Report of the Executive Committee

- Resolution on Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
 - An amendment to the resolution was proposed by Prof. Wilner to remove the third paragraph: “WHEREAS the City College Governance Plan states that the Faculty Senate shall consider and approve new programs, such as the granting of an MD degree by the expanded Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education.”
 - A motion to remove the third paragraph of the resolution passed: 34 yes; 1 no; 0 abstentions.
 - The resolution passed as amended: 34 yes; 2 no; 0 abstentions.
- Resolution on the draft CUNY Policy of Expressive Activities
 - Professor Greenberger made a motion to amend resolution with respect to language.
 - The amendment passed 32 yes; 1 no; 1 abstention.
 - The resolution passed as amended: 35 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions

6. Reports of the Faculty Senate Committees

- Educational Policy Committee
 - Resolution on proposed redefinition of Academic Probation Standards passes: 35 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions.
 - Resolution on cross-listing of Courses at CCNY
 - A motion was made to recommit the resolution to the Educational Policy Committee for clarification;
 - The motion passed 34 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions.

- Senate Affairs
 - Professor Ellen Handy reviewed policies and procedures for addressing complaints pertaining to Senate elections;
 - Senate Affairs committee determined that Professor Akins was not seated because his name was not forwarded to the elections committee as required by the bylaws;
 - Professor Simms, chair of the chemistry department, explained that he had forgotten to submit Professor Akins' name to the election committee and apologized for his oversight.

7. Remarks of the President—President Coico

- The president endorses the Faculty Senate resolution on Expressive Activities;

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Ratner
Secretary

RESOLUTION ON THE CREATION OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL AT CCNY

WHEREAS the proposal to transform the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education into a medical school will have a significant impact on the entire college community;

WHEREAS this effort could include diversion of existing and new financial, personnel, and physical resources away from other programs and divisions to support this proposed expansion;

WHEREAS the Provost has said that he would like the above transformation process to be open and transparent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall establish a five-member faculty committee to regularly meet with the Provost to discuss plans to expand the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education into a medical school. This committee will remain in close contact with the Provost and periodically report to the Senate.

Resolution adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on December 19, 2013 by a vote of 34:2:0 (quorum = 31 senators)

**Resolution on
the City University of New York's
Draft Policy on Expressive Conduct**

Whereas, freedom of speech and of assembly are not only Constitutional rights but are essential to the free and open exchange of ideas that is central to the educational mission of a college or university; and

Whereas individual safety, the safeguarding of property, and the integrity of University functions are currently protected by Article 129-A of the Education Law, or the Henderson Rules; and

Whereas the Draft Policy on Expressive Conduct goes beyond the Henderson Rules by allowing colleges broad discretion in restricting where and when demonstrations and leafleting may occur—restrictions that may so marginalize these activities as to render them ineffective or meaningless; and

Whereas the Draft Policy on Expressive Conduct also may bar faculty, staff, and students from participating in expressive activities that occur at times outside of their assigned work hours on campus; and

Whereas the administrative “Procedure for Handling Disruptive Demonstrations” can be distributed by internal memo to presidents and public safety directors without being part of a larger policy that infringes on the rights of faculty and students and violates our educational values;

Therefore be it resolved that the City College Faculty Senate opposes the Draft Policy on Expressive Conduct as an attack on the expressive behaviors that are at the heart of our educational mission; and

Be it further resolved that we urge the City University of New York and its Board of Trustees not to adopt this policy, now or in the future.

Resolution adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on December 19, 2013 by a vote of 35:0:0 (quorum = 31 senators)

Proposed Redefinition of Academic Probation Standards

Whereas, the Bulletin definition specifies particular GPA's based on credits earned (p. 291), and

Whereas, this definition actually creates anomalous standards so that a student with a 0.0 GPA after registering for 12 credits is not on probation while a student with a 1.0 GPA after registering for 12 credits is on probation, and

Whereas, the other Colleges in CUNY use a definition of probation based on credits attempted, and a change will bring us in line with our sister institutions, and

Whereas, our anomalous definition actually punishes students who have higher GPA's by denial of financial aid compared to students with lower GPA's, therefore,

Resolved, that the definition of Probation be redefined on the basis of credits attempted rather than credits earned.

NB: This change will require significant changes in the calculation of Financial Aid and advising. It should take effect no earlier than Fall 2014.

Resolution adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on December 19, 2013 by a vote of 35:0:0 (quorum = 31 senators)