AGENDA

Call to order 2:00 PM
Approval of minutes from November 21, 2013 and December 19, 2013 2:01 – 2:05 PM
Remarks of the Chair 2:05 – 2:15 PM
Presentation on the implementation of CUNYFirst at CCNY 2:15 – 2:35 PM
Presentation by the Chairs of the CCNY Strategic Planning Committee 2:35 – 2:40 PM
Presentation by the Provost’s Workload Guidelines Committee 2:40 – 2:50 PM
Day-long seminar announcement: “Creating a Culture of Faculty Inclusive Excellence at City College” 2:50 – 2:55 PM
Reports of Faculty Senate Committees 2:55 – 3:15 PM
   a. Educational Policy Committee
   b. Senate Affairs
Report of the President 3:15 – 3:25 PM
Report of the Ombuds 3:25 – 3:30 PM
New business 3:30 – 3:45 PM
Adjournment 3:45 PM
1. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. The minutes of the November 22, 2013 meeting were approved. Approval of the December 19, 2013 minutes was tabled until the next Senate plenary meeting.

3. Remarks of the Chair—Prof. Jeruzalmi
   • Thanked President Coico for purchasing clickers for the Senate to use when voting. We will be using the clickers today.
   • Welcomed Dan Akins (Science) and Jack Levinson (Powell) to the Senate. Previous questions about Senate membership have been resolved.
   • There will be a town hall meeting March 14, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. to discuss the strategic plan.
   • Today is the last day to verify course enrollment. The Faculty is urged to verify the enrollment of their courses if they have not already done so.

4. Presentation on the Implementation of CUNYFirst at CCNY—Prof. Edelman
   • CUNYFirst has general functions as well as functions for faculty advisors and department staff.
   • It will replace eSIMS for students.
   • Faculty should claim their account, attend training workshops, and/or use the online training.
   • For more information, go to http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/cunyfirst/

5. President’s Remarks—President Coico
   • In CUNYFirst, permissions could be where most of the problems/challenges are. Please be patient.
   • Pres. Coico sent the Senate resolution on expressive activities to the chancellor. She has learned that the Policy on Expressive Activities is now “dead.”
   • Pres. Coico wishes Jerry Posman well in his new position at Medgar Evers College. Jerry’s farewell reception is tomorrow.
   • Discussed the implementation of a system to track facilities requests.
6. Presentation by Chairs of the CCNY Strategic Planning Committee—H. Balmer and T. Scala
   o Provost was away on urgent College business and unable to attend, representatives from the provost’s office gave the presentation.
   o Please give feedback on the strategic plan, which is located on the CCNY website: http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/strategicplanning/
   o The site contains announcements of upcoming events and a section called Milestones and Momentum, which contains important documents.
   o There was some discussion re: why there are no goals in the plan or any explicit mention of research. (Research is subsumed in other categories.)
   o The presenters emphasized that we are now in a diagnostic phase with regard to the strategic plan.

7. Day-long Seminar Announcement: “Creating a Culture of Faculty Inclusive Excellence at City College”—Prof. Charles Watkins
   o The seminar will take place Friday, April 11, 2014.
   o Registration forms were available at the Senate meeting and information has also been distributed via email. Members of the Faculty are encouraged to attend.
   o Confirmed keynote speakers are Ms. Lani Guinier, author and first African American woman to be appointed to a tenured professorship at Harvard Law School and Dr. Derald Wing Sue, Professor of Psychology and Education at Teacher’s College, Columbia University.

8. Reports of Faculty Senate Committees
   • Educational Policy Committee—Prof. Terri Watson
     o The redefinition of academic probation standards was approved last year.
     o The revised Proposed Policy on Cross-Listing Courses within the Same Department passed: 36 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstained.
     o The revised Proposed Policy on Cross-Listing Courses among Departments and Programs did not pass: 30 were in favor, 3 opposed, and 3 abstained.
     o The revised Latin Honors Resolution passed with 34 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention. It was explained that there is a discrepancy between CLAS and the professional schools with regard to this policy, and the hope is to develop a college-wide policy. There was discussion of 60 credits being too many, so the policy was amended to 50 credits for students entering in or after August 2014.
   • Senate Affairs—Prof. Ellen Handy
     o Many units have grown and, consequently, new seats were added for the Division of Science and the Powell School. Dan Akins and Jack Levinson are Senate members from these schools.
     o This committee will update Senate records annually. Terms for some Senate members were amended from 1 to 3 years.
     o The committee will now return to reviewing the Senate bylaws.
     o Paul Occhiogrosso clarified a statement made by Prof. Ellen Handy about how the census of faculty was carried out w/r to Lecturers and Instructors. He noted that under the CUNY Bylaws, Lecturers and Instructors have "faculty status," but not "faculty rank". But this is modified in the CCNY Governance Plan, which provides that Lecturers and Instructors who have received notice of reappointment for at least a third consecutive year shall have "faculty rank."

9. Ombuds’s Report—Prof. Gallagher (no report given)

10. New Business
    • Prof. Valle from the School of Education discussed problems with faculty being able to park and come to work.
• She stated that there are unfilled guest and reserved spots after 10 a.m. that should be available for those needing parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings
Secretary
I’d like to start by welcoming you to the Faculty Senate for the Spring Semester.

I will be brief today because we have a busy Plenary meeting.

Let me highlight a few matters. Through the work of the Senate Affairs committee, today, we bring the FS to the 21st century with voting by electronic device. This is an experiment in many ways. Probably not everything will go smoothly, so I’d like to ask for your patience in advance.

Second, I’d like to say a few words about two problematic nominations of two of our faculty colleagues. This question has been discussed in several plenary meetings in the Fall. I’d like to announce that we have been able to resolve both matters in a way that is by-laws and governing plan compliant. So, let me welcome to the Plenary: Senator Dan Akins from the Science Division and Senator Jack Levinson from the Powell School.

Third, and we will hear more about this later in the Plenary meeting. On March 13, from 2-4 PM, there will be a Town-Hall meeting to discuss progress on developing a strategic plan for the college. Details will be provided to you shortly.

Lastly, I have been asked to remind you and our colleagues that today is the deadline to verify the enrollment of students in our classes. This is a very important thing to do for a variety of reasons, including that our students receive their financial aid in a timely manner. I did my part this morning.
Faculty Senate Latin Honors Resolution

Whereas it is desirable that there be a College-wide policy for determining eligibility for Latin Honors, and

Whereas setting a standard residency requirement and counting only coursework completed at City College in determining eligibility for Latin Honors establishes a more level playing field, therefore

Be it resolved that to be eligible for Latin Honors from City College a student entering in or after August 2014 must have completed at least 50 credits in residence at City College, and

Be it further resolved that Latin Honors GPA calculations will be based solely on coursework completed in residence at City College.

Resolution adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on February 27, 2014 by a vote of 33:2:1 (quorum = 32 senators, requires 32 votes for adoption.)
PROPOSED POLICY ON CROSS-LISTING UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COURSES WITHIN THE SAME DEPARTMENT

Whereas State Education law stipulates: "Credit toward an undergraduate degree shall be earned only for college level work. Credit toward a graduate degree shall be earned only through work designed expressly for graduate students. Enrollment of secondary school students in undergraduate courses, of undergraduates in graduate courses, and of graduate students in undergraduate courses shall be strictly controlled by the institution" (Regulations of the Commissioner of Education concerning Registration of Programs of Study, Subchapter A, Section 52.2, C3); and

Whereas this implies that when graduate and undergraduate courses are lead concurrently by the same instructor, each course must stand alone in its educational worth and integrity and be capable of meeting major or degree requirements at its own degree level; therefore

Be it resolved that only 400 or 500 level undergraduate courses or their equivalent in a department may be cross-listed with Masters level graduate courses; and

Be it further resolved that the number of such cross-listed courses which students can count toward their degree shall be limited to insure that a graduate degree is comprised primarily of courses work designed exclusively for graduate students, with limits to be set by each Division or School of the College but in any case not to exceed one-third of the total credits required for the degree of any student; and

Be it further resolved that there will be separate syllabi with substantially different contents and requirements, which may include different assignments, individual conferences with the instructor, different exams, and so on, for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in such cross-listed courses, the requirements to be approved by the relevant chairs and program directors; and

Be it further resolved that nothing in this policy shall preclude undergraduates with proper credentials and permissions from enrolling in a graduate course for credit toward their undergraduate degree.

Respectfully Submitted
The Educational Policy Committee
The Faculty Senate

Resolution adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on February 27, 2014 by a vote of 36:1:2 (quorum = 32 senators, requires 32 votes for adoption.)
Results by Question

1. Shall the matter be adopted? (Multiple Choice)

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