

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



Plenary Meeting

April 24, 2014
Shepard Hall 250

AGENDA

Call to order	2:00 PM
Approval of minutes from March 20, 2014	2:01 – 2:10 PM
Remarks of the Chair	2:10 – 2:15 PM
Presentation by the Provost's Workload Guidelines Committee	2:15 – 2:30 PM
i. Profs. Jeff Morris, Bruce Cronin, Renata Miller	
Report of the Ombuds	2:30 – 2:50 PM
i. Course repeat policy	
ii. Profit-making in the distribution of course materials	
Reports from the Faculty Senate Committees	2:50 – 3:10 PM
i. Executive Committee	
a. Resolution on Facilities	
ii. The Senate Affairs Committee	
a. Senate Bylaws	
b. Senate Elections	
Presentation from Praveen Panchal, VP for Information Technology	3:10 – 3:30 PM
New business	3:30 – 3:40 PM
Adjournment	3:40 PM

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Proposed: May 15, 2014
Adopted: May 15, 2014

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Present: Provost Trevisan; Senior Associate Provost Cintron; Chief of Staff Hartnett; VP Panchal, VP Reina; Executive Counsel Occhiogrosso; Deans: V. Boudreau, M. Driscoll, J. Mercado, C. Stewart, Weitz; Senators: A. Agrawal, D. Akins, L. Bank, M. Bengoa-Calvo, M. Binz-Scharf, P. Brass, MT. Chang, W. Crain, B. Cronin, C. Dalglish, D. DiSalvo, K. Foster, E. Friedman, B. Fu, J. Gallagher, A. Gilerson, M. Gunner, M. Gutman, E. Handy, D. Hu, K. Hubbard, D. Jeruzalmi, B. Judell, R. Kalia, B. Kim, J. Lee, C. Maldarelli, R. Menon, R. Miller, J. Moore, F. Moshary, S. Pittson, R. Raj, A. Ratner, S. Reshadi, S. Rings, C. Riobo, S. Rosenbaum, J. Tarbell, D. Troeger, C. Watkins, T. Watson, J. Wilner

Guests: A. Feigenberg, F. Lam, C. Li, L. Mendelsohn, J. Morris, K. Powell-Manning, M. Steinberg, M. R. Strzeszewski, L. Tachauer, A. Undieh

Excused: H. Carter

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.
2. The minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting were approved. Profs. Crain and Kalia voiced their concerns about Prof. Kalia's addendum to the December 19, 2014 minutes not being included in the minutes of the March 20 meeting, at which the plenary voted in support of the decision of the chair not to include the addendum in the December 19 minutes.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Prof. Jeruzalmi
 - CCNY is now transitioning to CUNYFirst. Faculty and staff need to claim their accounts if they have not already done so.
 - Faculty will need to enter course grades and course textbook information into CUNYFirst.
 - Concern was expressed about faculty members' social security numbers being included in CUNYFirst. Debbie Hartnett stated that pay stubs will also be in CUNYFirst soon. Concerns about social security numbers will be investigated.
 - Senate Elections will be happening soon (April 28-May 8).
 - Congratulations to Cory Dean in Physics. He received the Felix Gross award.
 - Encouraged faculty to attend the graduate student symposium tonight at 5 PM

- Presentation by the Provost's Workload Guidelines Committee—Prof. Morris
 - Profs. Cronin, Miller, Morris, Stern, Vanketesh, and Wolf are on the committee.
 - Concerned with how workload influences student-faculty relations, student success, and professional development. Working on developing a rubric that is transmittable to new faculty.
 - Input is welcome on any area of the Workload Guidelines.
 - The committee has recently submitted their recommendations.
4. Report of the Ombudsperson—Prof. Gallagher
- Course Repeat Policy Resolution
 - The current policy allows students to repeat a course twice. However, this policy has not been enforced consistently because course repeats cannot be tracked/flagged in SIMS.
 - This resolution would allow students to repeat a course only once without seeing a departmental advisor.
 - Prof. Gallagher presented her analysis of the most repeated courses and the cost to the College to teach repeaters.
 - The resolution passed: 33 voted yes, 2 voted no, 1 abstained.
 - The Resolution against Profit-Making in the Distribution of Course Materials was discussed further and passed: 33 voted yes, 2 voted no, and 2 abstained
5. Reports from the Faculty Senate Committees
- Executive Committee—Resolution Calling for Action on the Physical Plant
 - There was a lot of discussion about the deterioration of CUNY facilities and the need to improve them. Some questioned the need for this resolution given that the president already has expressed her intention to have problems addressed.
 - The resolution passed: 33 voted yes, 1 voted no, and 1 abstained.
 - Senate Affairs Committee
 - Proposed revisions to the Senate Bylaws were presented by Profs. Gutman & Miller.
 - The proposed changes were distributed and discussed. There was some discussion re: when the Senate should vote on changes (e.g., vote as we go over the various sections/suggested changes or wait until we have determined the changes to be made to the entire document). There was also discussion about what types of changes to the bylaws had to be voted on by the Senate and what could be changed without a Senate vote. No actual voting was done at this meeting
 - An updated draft of the bylaws will be available on the Senate website within a day or so after this meeting. Faculty were encouraged to read over the bylaws and suggest any other changes. It is anticipated that the revised Senate Bylaws would go into effect by March 2015.
 - Executive Counsel to the President Paul Occhiogrosso explained the Open Meetings Law (vs. Robert's Rules of Order).

- Prof. Handy reminded senators that voting for ombudsperson and open Senate seats begins next Monday, April 28, and ends May 8, 2014.

6. Presentation from Praveen Panchal, VP for Information Technology

- Network access is oversubscribed and there are a lot of bottlenecks. Redundancy and backup also is inadequate. Anticipated updates and timeframes include:
 - The campus phone switch upgrade, fiber optics expansion, and NAC Data Center infrastructure upgrade--June.
 - Core network equipment will be refreshed and the NAC fishbowl lab upgraded-- mid-August.
 - Faculty and staff email (although email addresses will not change)—August
 - Wireless infrastructure upgrade—late December
- The majority of XP computers will be upgraded to Windows 7.
- Memory upgrades have been made to computers as needed to increase their useful life.
- Mr. Panchal also discussed what has been accomplished since last year.
- When asked, Mr. Panchal clarified that vendors are solicited by bid, CUNY-wide.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings
Secretary

Chair's Report

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I have a few items to bring to your attention. This is good news for the College. First, I'd like to announce that Professor Cory Dean who is an Assistant Professor of Physics has won the 2014 Feliks Gross award. This is CUNY's most prestigious award for assistant professors. Professor Dean's research focuses on fundamental studies and technological applications of solid state devices at the meso- and nanoscale. Unfortunately, Cory is not here to be recognized.

Second, I would like to recognize the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the College's Class of 2014. The valedictorian is Arielle Elmaleh-Sachs. Arielle is a BS-MD student from the Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Education. Later this year, she will begin her medical studies at the NYU School of Medicine.

The Salutatorian this year will be Simone Gordon. Simone majored in early childhood education. Simone is currently working as a teacher with the After-School Corporation. Simone was also recently awarded a Fulbright US Student award. This award will take Simone to India where she will be teaching English.

Both Arielle Elmaleh-Sachs and Simone Gordon have accumulated an impressive academic record at City College, and, they have also done an extensive array of community service during their College careers. I should also note that both students wisely declined to come and be recognized today. But let's take a moment to congratulate both!

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Resolution against profit-making in the distribution of course materials

Whereas, the mission of City College is to serve economically disadvantaged students; such students have great difficulty purchasing course materials such as textbooks, and

Whereas, the Faculty and the College Administration have an obligation to provide syllabi and course information sheets at no cost to students,

Resolved, that faculty and departments in the College may not make a profit from course materials sold to students, either directly or through the bookstore. Any monies collected from students should be for necessary class expenses and should be so used, and,

Be it further resolved that the College should not enter into agreements with publishers or vendors that provide profits to individual departments for course materials. Furthermore, any existing contracts that provide profits to departments for materials should be cancelled at the earliest possible time.

This resolution was adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on April 24, 2014 by a vote of 33:2:2 (quorum = 32 senators, requires 32 votes for adoption.)

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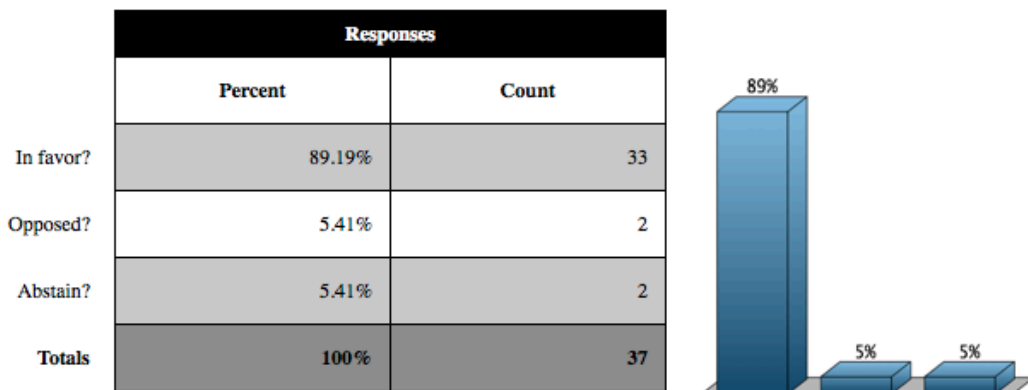
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Questions: 1

Results by Question

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



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Resolution Calling for Action on the Physical Plant

Whereas, the Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has documented, through reports from Chairs of Constituent Departments, that problems with the physical plant pose severe impediments to excellence at City College;

Whereas such problems include, but are not limited to, hallways, classrooms, offices, and bathrooms that are in disrepair and dirty; inadequate classroom furnishings; lack of provision of promised laboratories; maintenance and design issues that pose problems of equal access for people with disabilities; and an IT infrastructure that is slow and unreliable;

Whereas when simple things, like burnt-out light bulbs, piles of abandoned refuse, and unusable broken desks in classrooms remain untouched without a service call, this inaction evinces a lack of attention, accountability, and ownership on the part of facilities staff;

Whereas similar issues with the physical plant are also found throughout the campus of City College;

Whereas the educational mission of City College students depends critically on availability of appropriate facilities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests that the president take all necessary steps, with urgency, to resolve the facilities problems that impede the college's educational and research mission;

Be it further resolved that Faculty Senate will revisit this issue in October 2014 to evaluate progress.

This resolution was adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on April 24, 2014 by a vote of 33:1:1 (quorum = 32 senators, requires 32 votes for adoption.)

Session Name: physical plant res

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Active Participants: 35 of 64

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Questions: 1

Results by Question

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

