

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



Plenary Meeting

May 15, 2014
Shepard Hall 250

AGENDA

Call to order	2:00 PM
Approval of minutes from April 24, 2014	2:01 – 2:10 PM
Certification of Candidates for Graduation	2:10 – 2:25 PM
Remarks of the Chair	2:25 – 2:35 PM
Revote of “Course Repeat Policy Resolution”	
Reports from the Faculty Senate Committees	2:35 – 2:45 PM
i. The Executive Committee	
a. Annual Report	
b. Compensation of the Chair	
ii. The Senate Affairs Committee	
Report of the Ombuds	2:45 – 2:55 PM
Adjournment	3:00 PM

Please note that the first meeting of the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate will take place immediately at the end of the above Plenary Meeting. During this meeting, elections for the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate Executive Committee will take place.

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Course Repeat Policy Resolution

Whereas, The current policy at City College of New York permits undergraduate students to repeat a course twice (ie. enroll in the same course for a total of three times), and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate believes that undergraduate students would be better served if they seek appropriate academic advice from a College Official, and receive the necessary support to help them succeed in their courses, and

Whereas, a College-wide policy addressing this situation is needed, therefore

Be it resolved that an undergraduate student may re-enroll in a course only **once*** without seeking advice from a Divisional Academic Advisor, and

Be it further resolved that an undergraduate student may not re-enroll in a course for second time until after seeking advice from a Divisional Academic Advisor, and

Be it further resolved that that the absolute limit for repeating a course is **two times** (i.e. the maximum total number of times that a student may enroll in the same course is three).

Be it further resolved that School Committees of Course and Standing have the authority to entertain appeals and grant waivers on this restriction in unusual cases.

*the term "re-enroll" is considered to apply irrespective grades earned in the first and second instances of student enrollment in the course.

This resolution was adopted at the Plenary Meeting of the CCNY Faculty Senate on April 24, 2014 by a vote of 31:1:1 (quorum = 32 senators, requires 32 votes for adoption.) And in slightly revised form by acclamation at the Plenary Meeting on May 15, 2014.

Chair's Report

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Welcome to the final plenary meeting of this academic year. I have a few items to bring to your attention. First, as you know from the last meeting, the first phase of the revision of the bylaws has resulted in a draft that has been posted on the FS internet site. In the interests of time, I have decided to delay the vote on this draft until the Fall.

Second, I would like to bring to the plenum a slightly revised draft of the course repeat policy that was approved 33:1:1 at the last plenum. This revised draft includes another line. Motion to approve?

Third, I would like to discuss credentials of current Senators. I trust that you all received my lengthy email yesterday afternoon outlining some of the issues. Briefly, a good what to think about the credentials of the current Senators is as follows. I think of them as falling into three buckets. In bucket #1 are the nominations from this year. Bucket #1 is in excellent shape. Documents have been provided according to spec. And, on this basis, the Senate was able to successfully conduct an election in four divisions.

Bucket #2 contains nominations received at the Senate in the Spring of 2013. Last Spring. In my letter I noted a moderate amount of confusion. This confusion was resolved in Sept 2013, when a newly **elected** Senate Elections Committee (members: Professors Ellen Handy, Charles Watkins, Ravi Kalia, Dan DiSalvo, Maria Binz-Scharf, Marta Gutman, and Daniel Greenberger) examined, reviewed, and approved the nominations in bucket #2.

Bucket #3 contains credentials in force prior to last Spring. Bucket #3 is the most problematic. Some problems include: Documents that have Senate office date-received stamps, others that don't. Credentials that are missing or misfiled. And the list goes on and on.

What is the way forward? The way forward is to admit to ourselves that we have a problem with some undocumented Senators. The approach that we have taken is not disenfranchise these Senators, but rather to apply this College's most cherished and core principle: inclusion. Which brings us to where we are today. We now have a list of Senators. Three buckets. new, less new, and old. We have worked with this list of senators all semester, and we will continue to do so for today's elections to the Executive Committee.

While on the subject of Senator Credentials, let me say a few words about the Senator who represents the adjunct faculty. There has been a lot of heat about this matter. Let's see if we can convert some of that heat into light. The Chair of the SA committee Ellen Handy did have a brief conversation with Saman Reshadi before the April 24 plenary meeting. Ellen asked Saman for the circumstances under which he became a Senator. We have all been curious about this, since neither the College Governance Plan nor the FS bylaws currently permit representation by adjunct faculty. This is an important matter than will be considered when the bylaws are revised later this year and I don't want to take time today to discuss this question. For now, what we have done is to note that Saman Reshadi is a Senator; he represents the adjunct faculty and his term of office extends until May 2015.

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Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate May 14, 2014

The accomplishments of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate fall into three broad categories: 1) a revitalized and energetic plenum, 2) approval of legislation that improves the education and experience of City College students, and 3) initiation of long-term efforts to improve physical plant maintenance and budget transparency.

A revitalized and energetic plenum. The 2013-14 Faculty Senate began with the seating of ~30 new Senators, many of whom were new to the Senate and even relatively new to CCNY. For the first time in many years every seat was occupied. In contrast to recent years, each plenary meeting met and exceeded the quorum standard. The influx and inclusion of new, previously silent voices brought a renewed vitality to the operation of the Faculty Senate. A long overdue census of the College enabled expansion of the Senate by 5 seats; this allowed additional voices to be included and heard. To make the casting and recording of votes free of error and unwanted influences, electronic “clickers” were introduced during the spring plenary meetings. Renewed interest in the Senate was also indicated by the successful slating of committees in the fall and, in the spring, by elections in five divisions for seats.

Approval of legislation important to the College. Minutes from the various plenary meetings reflect the important debates that took place in the Senate this year. Faculty decisions on mandating course syllabi, academic probation, requirements for Latin honors, a prohibition on profit-making from course materials, and a course repeat policy will have an important and long-standing impact on the academic life of the College. Other resolutions addressed broader issues such as a proposed CUNY policy on expressive conduct, the state of campus accessibility, aspirations to develop CCNY into a CUNY University Center, and plans at the College to expand the Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Studies into a full-service Medical School.

The physical plant of the College and budget transparency. Building on the year-long efforts initiated by the Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Science (CLAS), the faculty found its voice in declaring the current state of the College physical plant and information technology infrastructure to be important barriers to academic excellence. During the Spring semester, the Senate and the CLAS, building on prior efforts by the Senate, united to sponsor two presentations on the budget, which provided important views of the complete state of the College budget. Both these efforts should continue to be long-term foci of future Faculty Senates.

We thank the members of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate and its standing committees for their hard work, interest, and attention that made these accomplishments possible. Building on the progress of the last year, we have much work ahead of us, as we consider the many aspects of the college’s ambitious strategic plan, evaluate plans for the development of the medical school, monitor the improvement of facilities, and engage with the administration in fiscal planning. We look forward to engaging even more faculty in these important initiatives.

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Special Organizational Plenary Meeting

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Call to order	3:00 PM
Report of the Committee on Elections/Senate Affairs Committee	3:01 – 3:05 PM
Election of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Sergeant-at Arms	3:05 – 3:10 PM
Election of the Committee on Nominations	3:10 – 3:15 PM
Appointment of Provost Maurizio Trevisan as Meeting Chair	3:15 PM
Election of the Executive Committee	3:15 – 4:00 PM
Adjournment	4:00 PM

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May 11, 2014

Members of the CCNY faculty,

We write to announce the results of the elections for Ombuds and for Faculty Senators in the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate.

Ombuds:

Professor Jane Gallagher

Senators from the Humanities and the Arts Division:

**Professors Campbell Dalglish, Andras Kisery, Andrzej Krakowski,
Shaun O'Donnell, Suzanne Pittson, and David Weissman**

Senator from the Grove School of Engineering:

Professor Roger Dorsinville

Senator from the Library:

Professor Amitra Dhawn

Senators from the Science Division:

**Professors Jane Gallagher Anuradha Janakiraman, Ronald Koder,
and David Lohman**

Senators from The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership:

Professors William Crain and Prabal De

Please join us in congratulating the newly elected Senators and Ombuds. We would also like to thank all of the candidates for their time, interest, and patience in the elections process. We are grateful to Associate Provost Doris Cintron for counting the ballots; to Professor Christian Wolf, chair of the Mathematics Department, for calculating the vote totals according to the Hare system of proportional representation, as stipulated in our Bylaws; and to Ms Jasmine Love for her assistance in all phases of the election process.

Sincerely,

David Jeruzalmi

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Chair, Faculty Senate

Ellen Handy

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Chairperson, Elections sub-committee of Senate Affairs Committee

* JEWDAWY 5767477576735677765167462777615617747
7772 = 228

* GUTMAN 65672435166756414635223443631443436
36223444 = 172

* MILLER 157634343452346674217653555344263455
455123563 = 186

* DOBSINVILLE 246124432244662253611454231 = 89

* MOSTHAM 33415322233113353732115776113773234
356127 = 138

* HANDY 62435155727623251214311315125255245
27341551 = 146

* BRUNGA 312534161615212541367434427475344122
1626166165 = 166

* HUBBARD 712267454471275652713625626177213
5436 = 154

* AXINS 4126751357621776727 = 86

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May 16, 2014

Dear Members of the Faculty Senate,

I write to announce the results of elections that were held on May 15, 2014, for the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate of the City College of New York.

The following Senators were elected to serve as members of the Executive Committee for the 2014-2015 academic year:

Professor Marta Bengoa
Professor Marta Gutman
Professor Ellen Handy
Professor Karen Hubbard
*Professor David Jeruzalmi
Professor Renata Miller
Professor Fred Moshary.

*elected Chair by the Executive Committee (May 15, 2014)

On behalf of the newly elected Executive Committee, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the support and confidence that you have shown us. I would like to thank especially all the candidates for their interest, energy, and willingness to serve.

Special thanks to Provost Maurizio Trevisan and Professor Dan DiSalvo for counting the ballots.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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