AGENDA

Call to order 2:00 PM
Approval of the minutes from the Plenary Meeting of April 16, 2015 2:05 PM
Remarks of the Chair 2:05 – 2:20 PM
   i. Annual Report
Certification of Candidates for Graduation 2:20 – 2:25 PM
Reports from Faculty Senate Committees 2:25 – 2:55 PM
   ii. Educational Policy
   iii. Senate Affairs
   iv. College Wide Resources Committee
Presentation on the STARTUP-NY/CityStart programs 2:48 – 2:55 PM
Report of the Ombuds 2:55 – 3:00 PM
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment 3:00 PM
1., The meeting was called to order (2:08 PM)

2., The minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved. (2:09 PM)

3., Remarks of the Chair – Prof. Jeruzalmi (2:10 PM)
   • workshop on unconscious bias scheduled for May 20
   • the terms of 13 senators ending – call for nominations by April 24th
   • all documents belonging to the Senate belong to our Faculty, any faculty member is entitled to access them; the results of a FOIL request pertaining to the Denise Dyce report are available in the Faculty Senate office

4., Remarks and announcements from the President (2:17)
   • AVP Robinson’s report on facilities will be released soon, focusing especially on cleanliness, snow removal, and renovation projects
   • students’ success with fellowships
   • 2 faculty service awards, one posthumously
   • The hunting ground – documentary screening: addressing the issue of rape on college campuses
   • graduation confirmed on new lawn in South Campus

5., Remarks from the Provost (2:22)
   Provost Trevisan reported on the budget, outlining how mandatory spending increases are not counterbalanced by budgetary support. It would be challenging to look at budget models now, as discussed in the last meeting. The College is facing budget cuts. The Mayor’s support for community colleges – also on the national agenda – does not
alleviate the situation of the senior colleges. A proposal for experiential learning will need to be developed by June.

6. Reports from Faculty Senate Committees (2:33)

   i. from the Executive Committee:

      a. Resolution in response to CUNY Chancellor James Milliken's Request for Recommendations regarding the Pathways Initiative

         After clarifying discussion, the resolution passed with a voice vote, without any objections or abstentions (2:53)

   ii. College Wide Resources Committee
       Presentation on CUNY First (2:56 PM)


       Students' frustration with financial aid and enrollment issues, and the e-permit system's implementation issues

8. New Business

       a resolution about the limited paper distribution of Senate materials was proposed as a measure aiming to limit environmental pollution

       The meeting was adjourned at 3:36
The Faculty Senate
The City College of New York

Shepard Hall, Room 150
160 Convent Avenue
New York, NY 10031

Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
May 21, 2015

The accomplishments of the 2014-15 Faculty Senate fall into four broad categories: 1) approval of legislation that improves the education and experience of City College students, and 2) continued long-term efforts to improve physical, financial, and administrative resources that enable the Education and Research Mission of the College. 3) mounting of a workshop on unconscious bias, and 4) continued revitalization of the plenum.

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. The Faculty Senate considered important issues throughout the academic year such as the impact of CUNYFirst performance on the College, consideration of the decision by the College to establish a Medical School on Campus, overhaul of the academic integrity committee, and development of a new promotion and tenure CV format for faculty personnel decisions, amongst others. A complete list of the proceedings of the Faculty Senate appears on the Senate web site (http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/facultysenate/).

Efforts to improve physical, financial, and administrative resources that enable the education and research mission of the College. The Faculty Senate continued long efforts aimed at achieving greater clarity on the College financial state and on addressing long-neglected matters associated with the College Physical Plant.

Workshop on unconscious bias. On May 15, the Faculty Senate held a half-day workshop on unconscious bias. The workshop was led by Professor Kristin Lane, an expert in the field of unconscious bias. The workshop was attended by ~20 faculty senators. I am grateful to the workshop organizing committee for their efforts in organizing this workshop on short notice.

The Faculty Senate Plenum. The 2014-15 Faculty Senate continued its efforts to address long-neglected issues associated with its governance documents. The process of updating the Faculty Senate Bylaws completed a second phase (phase three will be completed in the Fall of 2015). The main change in the second phase was approval of redefinition of the fundamental unit of Faculty representation from the Division to the Department. When the appropriate changes are made to the College Governance Plan, senators will be elected by, and represent, the Department. The Faculty Senate enjoyed a quorum at each meeting in the 2014-15 academic year, and for the second year in a row each seat was filled by a Faculty representative.

I am grateful to the members of the 2014-2015 Executive Committee, the 2014-15 Faculty Senate and its standing committees for their hard work, interest, and attention. Building on the progress of the last year, we have much work ahead of us. We look forward to engaging even more faculty in these important initiatives.
The Faculty Senate  
The City College of New York

Proposed: May 21, 2015  
Adopted: May 21, 2015  

Vote: Adopted (43:3:2)  
(requires 35 votes to pass)

Resolutions to Address Issues with Letter Grades at City College, Introduced by the Transition to the CUNYFirst Software Tool

1) The “Y” Letter grade

Whereas, Academic units at City College signify progress in Thesis Research at the graduate level (i.e. Master’s) in different ways;

Whereas, Some academic units apply the letter grade “Y” to year-long Thesis Research courses until the year-long course is completed, whereupon a final letter grade can be given;

Whereas, Assigning a final letter grade (e.g. changing “Y” to the final letter grade) to such year-long Thesis Research courses can be challenging if graduate students interrupt their studies;

Therefore, be it resolved that year-long Master’s Thesis requirements should be fulfilled with single-semester thesis courses. Master’s students may take such a Thesis Research course multiple times, as specified by the thesis requirement. The manner in which letter grades for student performance are assigned is the prerogative of the Department that manages the course.

2) The “W” Letter Grades

Whereas, the CUNYFirst software tool includes as options the following letter grades “WF” (withdraw failing), “WP” (withdraw passing) among other variations;

Whereas, inclusion of this letter grade in the CUNYFirst software tool was in error and represents a deviation from recent past practice;

Therefore, be it resolved that the only “W” letter grades that are permitted are: “W”, “WA” (withdrawal due to lack of immunization), WN (withdraw, never attended), and WU (withdrawn unofficially; student attended at least one class session).

3) The “D” letter grades

Whereas, CUNYFirst now offers the letter grades: “D”, “D-”, and “D+”; 

Whereas, inclusion of these letter grades in the CUNYFirst software tool was in error and represents a deviation from recent past practice;

Be it resolved that the letter grades of “D-“ and “D+” shall not be used; only the letter grade “D” shall be used.

Be it further resolved that the letter grade “D” shall not be used for graduate courses.
4) The “CR” and “NC” letter grades
Whereas, CUNYFirst now offers the letter grades: “CR” (Credit Earned) and “NC” (No Credit Granted);
Whereas, Some academic units use the above “CR” and “NC” letter grades to avoid giving “D”s or “F”s and decreasing GPAs;
Whereas, inclusion of these letter grades in the CUNYFirst software tool was in error and represents a deviation from recent past practice;
Be it resolved that the “CR” letter grade may only be given for transfer credits associated with undergraduate courses from institutions outside of City College. Students transferring from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education to academic units within the CLAS shall be assigned the letter grade “F” for all “CR” grades on their academic records, unless the course was graded on a pass/fail basis, in which case, the assigned letter grade shall be the letter grade “P”.
Be it further resolved that the letter grade “NC” shall not be given in any undergraduate course. Students transferring from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education to academic units within the CLAS shall be assigned the letter grade “F” for all “NC” letter grades that are not resolved by the end of the following semester on their academic records.

5) The “PEN” Letter grade
Whereas, the CLAS Faculty Council of City College has voted that the “PEN” letter grade shall only be given to a student whose performance in a specific course is the subject of consideration by the Academic Integrity Committee;
Whereas, the Faculty of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at City College has voted to give the “PEN” grade as a temporary grade when the disposition of the final grade requires further evaluation;
Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate approves the above two uses of the “PEN” letter grade by the indicated academic units of City College; no other use of the “PEN” letter grade is allowed.
Be it further resolved that students transferring from SDSBE to academic units within the CLAS shall be assigned the letter grade “F” for all “PEN” grades that are not resolved by the end of the following semester on their academic records. SDSBE students shall be advised of this policy.

Results by Question
1. Shall the matter be adopted? (Multiple Choice)
Special Organizational Plenary Meeting
May 21, 2015
Shepard Hall 250

AGENDA

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 Senior Associate Provost Doris Cintron as Meeting Chair 3:15 PM
Election of the Executive Committee 3:15 – 4:00 PM
Adjournment 4:00 PM
CCNY Faculty Senate BALLOT
Election for Senate Executive Committee
May 21, 2015

We are electing seven members to the CCNY Faculty Senate Executive Committee, to serve for the 2015-2016 year, commencing today.

Please print each name clearly.

List your preferences in descending numerical order (i.e., list your first preference as 7, your second preference as 6, etc.)

Ballots without seven candidates selected are invalid.

7)  

6)  

5)  

4)  

3)  

2)  

1)  

See reverse of this ballot for information concerning Senate Executive Committee elections procedures.
From the CCNY Faculty Senate Bylaws:

Section 1. At a meeting which will be held immediately following, and on the same day as the regular meeting in May, the new Senate shall convene to organize itself for the following academic year.

Section 2. The only order of business shall be:
- Report of the Committee on Elections.
- Election of the Secretary, The Treasurer, and the Sergeant-at Arms.
- Election of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Nominations.

Section 3. After nominations for the various positions are closed, the meeting shall recess for fifteen minutes. At the end of the recess the meeting shall reconvene, not in plenary session, but for the purpose of balloting, which shall be completed within thirty minutes.

Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected as follows:
- Nominations shall be made from the floor.
- Names of Senators not present at the reorganization meeting may be placed in nomination, provided the nominees give written consent.
- Nominations shall remain open until no member wishes to place a name in nomination.
- Upon the close of nominations, each candidate, or his designee, may speak for no more than two minutes.

The election shall be by preferential ballot. Each senator shall number his preferences in descending order, using for his first choice the highest figure of the number of vacancies to be filled (e.g., 4 to 1, or 3 to 1).

Only ballots marked for the number of preferences equal to the number vacancies shall be counted.

Senators receiving the highest totals shall be declared elected.
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DIRECTORS
Maudette Brownlee, SEEK
Kathy Powell-Manning, Learning Assessment
Mary Ruth Strzeszewski, Academic Affairs

FACULTY SENATE ROLL CALL
May 21, 2015
2PM

Agrawal, Anil

Alfano, Robert

Akins, Daniel

Bengoa-Calvo, Marta

Binz-Scharf, Maria

Block, Karin

Brass, Peter

Calichman, Richard

Carter, Hazel

Chang, Mi Tsung

Crain, William

Crevecoeur, Yvel

Cronin, Bruce

Dalglis, Campbell

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DiSalvo, Daniel

Diyamandoglu, Vasil

Dorsinville, Roger

Estevez, Angel
Miller, Renata
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Moshary, Fred
O’Donnell, Shaughn
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Reshadi, Saman
Rings, Sherri
Riobo, Carlos
Rosenbaum, Susanna
Santoro, Bianca
Schaller, Susanna
Steinberg, Richard  EXCUSED
Tarbell, John
Tardos, Gabriel
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Jane Gallagher
May 22, 2015

Members of the Faculty Senate,

I write to announce results of the elections for the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate of the City College of New York. The elections took place on May 21, 2015. The following Senators were elected to the Executive Committee for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Professor Marta Bengoa
Professor Dan DiSalvo
Professor Jorge Gonzalez
Professor Marta Gutman
*Professor David Jeruzalmi
Professor Renata Miller
Professor David Weissman

*elected Chair by the Executive Committee (May 21, 2015)

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 also like to thank all the candidates for their interest, energy, and willingness to serve. Also, I am grateful to Senior Associate Provost Doris Cintron for counting the ballots.

Sincerely,

David Jeruzalmi

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