

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

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October 17, 2016

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Plenary Meeting

October 20, 2016
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AGENDA

Call to order	2:00 PM
Approval of the minutes from Sept 15, 2016	2:05 – 2:07 PM
Remarks of the Chair	2:10 PM
Election to the City College Presidential Search Committee	2:15 – 2:25 PM
Report from Administrator in Charge/Interim Provost Mary Driscoll, Questions/Discussion from the Floor	2:25 – 2:35 PM
Report of Faculty Senate Committees	
Report from the Executive Committee	2:35 – 3:00 PM
Open Faculty Discussion	
Report from the College-Wide Resources Committee	3:00 – 3:15 PM
Report from the Diversity Committee	3:15 – 3:20 PM
Old Business	
New Business	
Adjournment	3:30 PM

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**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Plenary
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1. The meeting was called to order (2:24 pm)

Prof. Jeruzalmi announced the submission of a resolution, previously circulated via email to the Senate, to be considered under New Business, and asked that in the future resolutions be submitted to the executive committee 10 days ahead of plenary sessions to be added to the agenda. Prof. Bill Crain moved to overturn the chair's ruling. There were 25 votes in favor of the motion, 23 opposed, and 4 abstentions. Falling short of the required 2/3 vote of the Senate ($0.67 \times 67 = 45$), the motion failed and the Chair's ruling was sustained.

2. The Minutes of the Senate Plenary of September 15, 2016 were approved (2:39 pm)

3. Remarks of the Chair (2:13 pm)

The chair welcomed Interim Provost Mary Driscoll as Administrator-in-Charge and thanked former College Ombuds Prof. Jane Gallagher for her service. Election of a new Ombuds was announced for the near future. The chair announced a recent meeting by elected faculty leadership and department chairs with Chancellor Milliken regarding the continued progress of the college.

4. Election to the City College Presidential Search Committee

Prof. Renata Miller outlined the procedure for electing faculty representatives to the Presidential Search Committee. Prof. Jeruzalmi (Chemistry), Prof. Ilona Kretzschmar (Chemical Engineering), and Prof. Adrienne Petty (History) were elected with 25, 20, and 18 votes respectively.

5. Report from Administrator in Charge / Interim Provost Mary Driscoll, questions / discussion

Provost Driscoll outlined that the search process will be run by the Chancellor and CUNY with representation from various CCNY/CUNY constituencies. A search firm will likely be employed. Faculty should plan to meet with the search committee early on to voice their preferences as later phases of the search process may not be conducted in a public-facing way. Provost Driscoll voiced her sense that the College is progressing from strength and that she has shared this sense with various groups within the college in the short time she has been in her

current position. In response to a question, Driscoll said that budgetary/personnel/hiring issues were moving forward generally, though it would be up to the Interim President to guide the college through some of these matters.

6. Report from the Executive Committee, questions/discussion

The Committee opened the floor to general discussion and questions. Commentary addressed the administration's ongoing cooperation with current internal and external investigations; recent portrayals of College issues in the New York Times and other outlets and actions the Senate might take in response; and the Senate's readiness to work with new College leadership.

7. Report from the College-Wide Resources Committee

Prof. Kevin Foster discussed the Committee's work with upper administration to develop transparency regarding budgets, enrollment, and philanthropy in particular. Prof. Foster said that good work had been accomplished in recent years and the Committee aims to continue it in the current year.

8. Report from the Diversity Committee

Prof. Marta Gutman and Prof. Karen Hubbard discussed the Committee's work on increasing student body diversity and countering unconscious bias; reports will be presented at coming Plenary sessions on both of these issues.

9. New Business

Prof. Bill Crain and Prof. Peter Brass presented a resolution thanking former President Coico for her service to the College. Wording changes that were accepted as a friendly amendment. Prof. David Weissman proposed an amendment to remove the "transparent" clause, which passed 28-6-1. The resolution received 25 votes in favor, 11 opposed, 3 abstentions. To pass, the resolution requires 34 votes, thus, the resolution failed.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Higney
Secretary

Chair's Report
David Jeruzalmi

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I'd like to start by welcoming to Faculty Senate Administrator in Charge/Interim Provost Mary Driscoll. I also want to repeat what I wrote to you by email:

"Dear Provost Driscoll,

During this time of turmoil and uncertainty in the leadership of the College, the Faculty Senate stands ready to assist you and the College in any that it can.

Best regards, David"

Also, as you know, Professor Jane Gallagher has resigned from the position of College ombuds. On behalf of the Faculty Senate, I would like to thank you for your service to the College. And on a personal note, I appreciate the time that you took to educate me on the history of the College as you came to know it, and on the richly detailed administrative structures that run the College. I did announce a process to elect a Ombuds to finish out the academic year. I will be in touch in a few days on the results of this process.

I would like to read into the record an email that I sent to the Faculty Senate on Oct 8, 2016. The text of the email is as follows: "Dear Lisa, On behalf of the Faculty Senate, I write to thank you for your service to the College over the past six years. Best regards, David"

Lastly, I would like to bring to your attention that the three faculty governance leaders of the College (DJ, Chris Li, Rajan Menon) and two members of the faculty (Renata Miller and Mitch Schaffler) met with Chancellor Milliken yesterday morning. We have a conversation about where the College stood and how could the faculty continue to work with College administration in our quest to make the College a better place for our students, faculty, and staff.

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CCNY faculty for Presidential Search Committee
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Inbox - DJ-CCNY October 24, 2016 at 09:28
[Details](#)



Dear Mr. Ptachik,

On behalf of the City College Faculty Senate, I am writing to inform you of the election of David Jeruzalmi (Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Science), Ilona Kretzschmar (Professor, Chemical Engineering, Grove School of Engineering), and Adrienne Petty (Associate Professor, History, Humanities and Arts) as the college's faculty representatives to the City College Presidential Search Committee. I have attached a letter announcing the results of the election, as well as a letter that outlined the election process.

Please note that this communication is coming from me, as a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, because David Jeruzalmi recused himself from the election process.

Please let me know that you have received this email, and please don't hesitate to let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Renata Miller

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October 24, 2016

Dear Senators,

We write to announce the results of the City College Presidential Search Committee election, held in the Faculty Senate plenary meeting on October 20, 2016, per the elections process that was announced by email to all faculty on Monday, October 17 (see attached letter).

The election results were as follows:

David Jeruzalmi, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Science (25—ELECTED)
Ilona Kretzschmar, Professor, Chemical Engineering, GSoE (20—ELECTED)
Adrienne Petty, Associate Professor, History, Humanities and Arts (18—ELECTED)
Rajani Menon, Professor, Political Science, Colin Powell School (16)
Marta Gutman, Professor, Architecture (15)
Karen Hubbard, Professor, Biology, Sciences (12)
Carlos Aguiasaco, Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (9)
Maria Tamargo, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Science (7)
John Tarbell, Professor, Biomedical Engineering, GSoE (7)
Ravi Kalia, Professor, History, Humanities and Arts (6)
Rob Barron, Associate Professor, Theatre and Speech, Humanities and Arts (4)
Jorge Gonzalez, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, GSoE (4)
Susan Semel, Professor, Secondary Education, Education (4)
Stephen O'Brien, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Science (3)
Marilyn Gunner, Professor, Physics, Science (withdrew from candidacy)

Please join us in thanking all who expressed a willingness to serve, and in wishing our representatives well as they undertake this difficult but important task.

Sincerely,
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Professors Bruce Cronin, Anne Kornhauser, Renata Miller, Richard Steinberg, David Weissman
(Jorge Gonzalez and David Jeruzalmi recused themselves from the above)