

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

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Dear Senators and Faculty Colleagues,

Interim President Vince Boudreau will make his first appearance at a Faculty Senate Plenary this coming Thursday. Please consider attending in order to hear his plans for the College in the days and months ahead. And please encourage your colleagues, who may not be senators, to also attend. We will devote a significant amount both to his remarks and to questions from the floor.

Also on the agenda is a resolution on the subject of banners and the City College mission.

The plenary meeting will take place at 2 PM on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in room 95 of Shepard Hall. Attached please find the agenda, motions, and materials from the prior plenary.

I look forward to seeing you at the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

*David Jeruzalmi*

David Jeruzalmi  
Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry and Chair of the Faculty Senate

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**Adopted:** Nov 17, 2016  
**Vote:** **Unanimous**

**Plenary Meeting**

November 17, 2016  
SH 250

AGENDA

Call to order	2:00 PM
Approval of the minutes from Oct 20, 2016	2:05 – 2:07 PM
Remarks of the Chair	2:10 PM
Report from Interim President Vince Boudreau	2:15 – 2:30 PM
Questions/Discussion from the Floor	2:30 – 3:00 PM
Resolution on the City College Banners	3:00 -3:15 PM
Report from the Ombuds	3:15 PM
Old Business	3:20 PM
New Business	3:25 PM
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 at 2:12 pm.**

**2. The minutes of the Senate plenary of Oct 20th, 2016, were approved unanimously.**

**3. Remarks of the Chair**

The chair welcomed Interim President Vince Boudreau and the Interim Dean of the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership Kevin Foster; the chair pledged the readiness of the Faculty Senate to work with the new leadership

The Chair announced that Prof. Joshua Wilner is unable to perform his duties as ombuds due to a serious injury; on behalf of the Senate body the chair wished him a speedy recovery. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee proposed a resolution that the Senate Affairs Committee will conduct an election for an acting ombuds who will serve till the end of the 2016-17 academic year or until such time that Prof. Wilner returns. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

**4. Report from Interim President Vince Boudreau**

The Interim President Vince Boudreau presented his vision for the College. He described himself as having a mandate for changing the narrative of the College and managing the fiscal health of the institution. His plans include: reinstating the participation of the chair of the Faculty Committee on Personnel Matters and the chair of the Faculty Senate in the Review Committee's full charge, per the City College Governance Plan, including the faculty chair of the Faculty Committee on Personnel Matters and the chair of the Faculty Senate in the president's cabinet, making public the minutes of the non-confidential segment of the College Review Committee's discussions, executing personnel changes and restructuring the Development and Communications Offices, bolstering offices taking care of student needs such as Financial Aid, the Registrar, and the Bursar, and continuing to review the tax-levy and other portions of the budget to ensure transparency going forward. The interim president also informed the Senate body that CUNY central will no longer allow salary supplements from unrestricted resources to the upper administration. The interim president responded to questions from the floor.

**5. Resolution on City College Banners**

Executive Committee (2016-2017):

David Jeruzalmi (Chair), Bruce Cronin, Anne Kornhauser, Jorge Gonzalez, Renata Miller, Richard Steinberg, David Weissman

Prof. Bill Crain presented a resolution to restore the College's traditional banners that express our historic mission in lieu of the newer banners. The resolution was passed unanimously.

#### **6. Old business**

Prof. Jane Gallagher proposed that the performance report of the Research Foundation (RF) generated by the Faculty Senate be brought to the attention of the CUNY Board of Trustees. The Faculty Senate chair indicated that he, Prof. Ruth Stark, the CUNY Executive Vice Chancellor, CUNY Provost, and CUNY Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance are in discussions with the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Research Foundation; these talks are expected to continue.

#### **8. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

#### **9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.**

**Submitted by  
Anuradha Janakiraman  
(Substitute Secretary)**

Chair's Report  
David Jeruzalmi

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I'd like to start by welcoming to the Faculty Senate Interim President Vince Boudreau. The Faculty Senate pledges to work with you as part of the shared governance provisions of the City College Governance Plan.

We also welcome interim Provost Mary Driscoll.

And we welcome Professor Kevin Foster as the new interim Dean of the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership.

May you all govern in your respective domains with wisdom and empathy.

I next want to turn to another matter. To a matter that involves one of our dear colleagues. As you may know, earlier this month, Professor Josh Wilner fell and sustained a serious head injury. He is currently hospitalized. We wish him a speedy recovery and we hope to see him very soon doing the things that he loves: teaching, scholarship, governance.

Josh Wilner was also elected as the College Ombuds for this academic year. His absence means that we as a faculty need to fill this important post. Now, the College Governance Plan and the FS bylaws don't provide us with a way to handle this situation. The College Governance Plan provides that the Ombuds is to be elected by the Faculty. The Governance Plan also provides that the Faculty Senate "shall be the authentic voice of the Faculty of City College". As such, I would like to bring to you the Senate a proposal that will also us to resolve the matter of the Ombuds that owes to Josh Wilner's absence. The Executive Committee would like approval of the Senate of the following resolution (screen) that gives the Senate the power to elect an acting Ombuds who will serve to the end of this academic year or until such time as Josh Wilner returns and is able to resume his duties.

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**Resolution to Empower  
the Senate Affairs Committee  
to Conduct An Election for an Acting Ombuds**

Whereas the newly elected College Ombuds is currently unable to perform duties of the office;

And whereas the Faculty Senate is responsible for conducting an election for Ombuds with College Faculty as the electorate;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate asks the Senate Affairs Committee to conduct an election for an acting Ombuds, to serve from the time of election until the Ombuds for the 2016-17 academic year is able to return to office.

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## Statement on Banners

CCNY's traditional "Access and Excellence" banner no longer flies over Convent Avenue. In its place are new banners:

"Aspire, Create, Lead"  
"Research, Innovate, Transform"  
"Locally Rooted, Globally Connected"

The new banners are appealing, but "Access and Excellence" expresses The College's historic mission and is not so replaceable.

The College was the country's first free public institution of higher education. It has given hundreds of thousands of working class students and recent immigrants the chance for an excellent college education they couldn't otherwise afford. The phrase "Access and Excellence" reflects our abiding belief in The College as one of the country's great democratic institutions.

The Faculty Senate is happy to have the new banners fly through the current semester, but it would like to then see the return of our traditional banner.

The Faculty Senate also observes that the traditional motto was included in the 2009 – 2013 strategic plan but somehow omitted in the current strategic plan, Vantage Point 2022. It would like this omission corrected.

**Background Note.** I asked the Senate to endorse this statement at the September plenary, but the Senate couldn't vote on the matter because it lacked a quorum. At that plenary, a senator asked if "Access and Excellence" is officially documented as our mission. The Introduction to CUNY's 2016-2020 Master Plan describes the CUNY's historic mission, which began at CCNY:

"The New York State Legislature, in 1961, created The City University of New York as an institution with a distinctive mission, one that is captured eloquently in section 6201 of the New York State Education Law . . . that the university 'will continue to maintain and expand its commitment to academic excellence and to the provision of equal access and opportunity' . . ."

"Since the founding of City College as the Free Academy, in 1847, the ideas inherent in CUNY's mission have been responsible for transforming the lives of millions . . ."

The College's 2009 - 2013 Strategic Plan mission statement includes the traditional words, "access and excellence," phrased as "access to excellence" but the term was somehow omitted in the current strategic plan, Vantage Point 2022. -Bill Crain