

Executive Committee Minutes

10 February 2015, 8:30 AM
Faculty Senate Office

Present: Professors Jeruzalmi, Bengoa, Handy, Miller (leaving early), Gallagher
Absent: Professors Gutman, Hubbard, Moshary

- I. The committee unanimously approved the minutes of 9 December 2014.
- II. Chair's Report
 - A. The chair met with Kathlene McDonald, new chair of the Council for Inclusive Excellent (PCIE) and discussed how the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and PCIE can work together.
 - B. The Faculty Senate chair has proposed to invite Kristin Lane (Bard College) to conduct a workshop for members of these bodies on unconscious bias. This is not to be construed as a result of outside recommendations; rather it is a freely chosen initiative. Prof. Lane's fee is "steep;" Debbie Hartnett has already agreed to pay it. Debbie suggests that Prof. Lane might also speak with the CCNY deans.
 - C. The chair met with David Robinson, new VP for Facilities, and he reports that Mr. Robinson seems to be saying all the right things. Robinson agrees to attend an as-yet-unscheduled meeting of the Senate.
 - D. The chair met with Paul Occhiogrosso regarding the Freedom of Information Law request for material related to the Denise Dyce letter and inquiry. It is not yet forthcoming; Paul Occhiogrosso postponed the fulfillment date to 20 February 2015.
 - E. The chair discussed with Paul Occhiogrosso the confusion regarding the status of "Einstein professors" v. distinguished professors. Apparently all ASRC directors are to be given Einstein professor designation; 2 are new appointments hired from outside while one comes from within the Grove School of Engineering. Professor Gallagher indicated that Einstein professors are funded by New York state at any institution within the state, and are not positions created by CUNY itself. They are at the discretion of the chancellor.
 - F. The chair apprised us that Prof. Jeff Blustein, whom we nominated last summer as temporary academic integrity officer, is still acting in that capacity.
- III. Preparation for this week's meeting with President Coico
 - A. The chair noted that the president has cancelled all previously scheduled meetings for many months, and she has not attended the plenary in many months, so it is noteworthy that she now plans to meet with us. All agreed that we should begin by thanking her for joining us.

- B. The chair asked for suggestions for agenda items to discuss with the president.
 - 1. Professor Gallagher suggested a policy limiting abuse of e-mail.
 - 2. Professor Bengoa raised our continuing severe CUNYFirst problems. Professor Gallagher suggested that we ask the president to lobby CUNY central to create a university-wide ombuds office specifically for CUNYFirst problems.
 - 3. Professor Jeruzalmi suggested that we raise facilities issues, the budget, and enrollment.

- IV. The chair announced that the college declines to support the Senate's resolution condemning the sale of photocopied books for profit by the Psychology Department. He raised a new issue of a professor in the Grove School who has written a book, sent it to Duplicating for printing, and contracted with the bookstore to sell copies to his students. Professor Gallagher suggested that the Senate should condemn this practice.

- V. Professor Bengoa suggested that another issue for discussion with the president is inequality in numbers of faculty per department given student enrollments. Professor Jeruzalmi asked her to research other universities.

- VI. On the subject of Bylaws revision, the chair suggested that the Senate should vote directly on a resolution about changing the Governance Plan to reflect direct departmental elections to the Senate, rather than treating this as but another item in the continuing overhaul of the Bylaws. The committee agreed, and Professor Handy agreed to discuss it with the Senate Affairs Committee. The committee discussed tentatively raising this in the March plenary and putting it to a vote in the April plenary. Senate Affairs will briefly report on the status of revisions in progress at the February plenary. The committee briefly discussed batching up all projected Governance Plan changes and handling them at once.

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Present: Professors Jeruzalmi (chair), Bengoa, Gutman, Handy, Miller

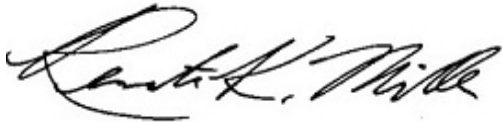
Absent: Professor Hubbard, Gallagher, Moshary

- I. Agenda for the plenary
 - A. David Robinson, the new VP for Facilities, has not responded to an invitation to the plenary. Pat Morena, director of Public Safety, is unable to present as planned and has asked to present at the March plenary.
 - B. The College-wide Resources Committee will present a report with a resolution.

- C. The Educational Policy Committee report has an open seat that needs to be filled by a Senator. An election will be held.
 - D. The Senate Affairs Committee will present the Bylaws change from divisional to departmental representation. They will state that the Bylaws only go into effect when they are not in conflict with the Governance Plan. The committee needs to address the plan for the phase-in of these changes.
 - E. The Student Affairs Committee will report that it has been meeting.
 - F. The plenary needs to fill open University Faculty Senate seats.
- II. The committee noted that perhaps the Diversity Committee should address issues brought up by the recent *Atlantic Monthly* article.
- III. The committee discussed the difficulty of scheduling Executive Committee meetings.

Note: Minutes for February 10 were contributed by Prof. Ellen Handy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Renata K. Miller".

Renata Kobetts Miller