

Executive Committee Minutes

15 May 2015, 2:00 pm
Faculty Senate Office

Present: Professors Jeruzalmi (chair), Bengoa, Gallagher (ex officio without vote, ombuds), Gutman, Handy, Hubbard, Miller, Moshary

- I. The committee approved the minutes of 2 April 2015 by acclamation.
- II. Chair's Report
 - A. Unconscious bias workshop tomorrow. 16 responses right now.
 - B. Executive Counsel to the President Paul Occhiogrosso has suggested that if Faculty Senate is likely to initiate additional changes to the City College Governance Plan, it should wait before moving forward with the one regarding Senate representation recently passed by the plenary. A change to the Governance Plan takes approximately 3 months; he would need changes by November for them to be in effect for the next Senate election. The chair asked the committee if it anticipated other changes. The committee determined that if there were to be additional changes, the Senate will not have determined them by November, and that therefore the Senate chair should move the Senate representation change forward.
 - C. The Educational Policy Committee is developing a resolution regarding grades, notably the PEN grade.
 - D. The chair met with the provost about an SAT study in which he, Faculty Council Chair Chris Li, and College-Wide Resources Chair Kevin Foster are engaged.
 - E. The chair met with the outgoing undergraduate president about the undergraduate ombuds. When a new undergraduate president has taken office the chair will reach out again.
 - F. The University Faculty Senate continues to develop, at the request of the CUNY General Counsel's office, a policy regarding faculty textbook adoption policies. The Faculty Senate chair shared the Executive Committee's responses, and the UFS has sent its recommendations to CUNY, which will draft policy. The UFS remains divided on this matter.
 - G. The chair, with other Faculty Senate leaders, including Marta Gutman and Marie Nazon, visited the on-campus childcare center. It is not in violation of code. Professor Gutman shared a letter to the president that had been drafted by the Student Affairs Committee. The committee supported the letter and determined that it would be appropriate for the Student Affairs Committee to send it.
 - H. The chair reviewed the committee's position on the issue of Startup NY: the committee was in favor of a site in the vicinity of campus but concerned about an on-campus site, and it requested faculty involvement

in the selection of any on-campus site. Associate Provost Ashiwel Undieh will speak about Startup NY at the plenary. He has shared with other audiences a plan in which an incubator company will spend \$10M renovating the 12th floor of Marshak and occupy it for a 10-year lease, during which time the college would receive some financial benefit. Renovation would occur within 8 or 9 months. The chair noted concerns that this could result in a net loss to the college. Associate Provost Undieh had requested to speak to the plenary. The committee determined that the CWRC should conduct a survey of college-wide space needs along the lines of one that the Faculty Council had conducted of CLAS departments. The chair noted his own possible conflict-of-interest because he has friends interested in the program.

- I. This the last meeting of this Executive Committee. The chair thanked the committee for its service.

III. Agenda for plenary

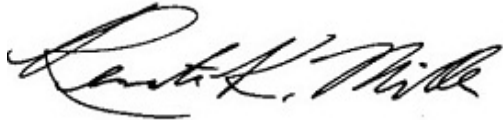
- A. Announcement of ombuds and online learning committees
- B. Old course numbers—determined to be a matter that governance does not need to rule on
- C. Chair's annual report
- D. Certify candidates for graduation
- E. StartUp NY—Associate Provost Undieh
- F. Grades
- G. Bylaws
- H. RF survey

IV. Discussion with Provost Maurizio Trevisan

- A. The provost, with Ms. Holly Balmer, Ms. Teresa Scala, and Professor Nancy Tag in attendance, presented a new version of the Strategic Plan. The committee provided suggestions. The committee determined that the Faculty Senate should distribute the Strategic Plan to the faculty at the end of the summer, prior to the September plenary, so that faculty could give it due consideration when they return from Annual Leave and Senate would conduct a vote on it at the September plenary. The committee asked that the Plan not be published prior to that point, so that faculty ratification would not be bypassed.
- B. The provost provided background about the PEN grade, dating back to the 2001/2 Senate. Subsequently, the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education received permission from CUNY to use PEN as a temporary grade for students, in addition to use in matters of academic integrity.
- C. The provost is pursuing exploring online degree programs and international recruitment. To this end, Professor Ellen Smiley is working with a small committee of 3 or 4 faculty.
- D. The provost explained his policy of shared revenue for new programs and a budget model that rewards enrollment growth.

- V. The Student Affairs Committee is considering concerns about the temporary closing of the on-campus daycare center and discussing protocols for textbook selection.
- VI. Professor Moshary inquired about whether the Medical School Committee remains active.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renata Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Renata Miller