

Agenda

Review Committee

March 22, 2017

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10:00AM-11:00AM

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 22, 2017
2. Provost's Announcements
3. Updates and reports (5-7 minutes each):
  - a. Associate Provost Mary Ruth Strzeszewski – Fall and Summer Registration
  - b. Acting Dean Kevin Foster – Upcoming Speakers and Events at Colin Powell
4. Questions and Discussion
5. Adjournment of the Committee of the Whole
6. Convening of Personnel Committee (11:00am)

**Review Committee Minutes**  
**March 22, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** *G. Barabino, M. Brownlee, D. Cintrón, M. Driscoll, K. Foster, G. Gebert, D. Jeruzalmi, G. Johnson, E. Koch, F. Lam, T. Liss, J. Mercado, G. Murphy, P. Occhiogrosso, J. Siderakis, C. Stewart, M. R. Strzeszewski, W. Thornton, M. Trevisan, A. Undieh, L. Zinnanti, J. Alvarez (ex-officio), T. Scala (ex-officio).*

**Excused:** *M. Baptiste, K. Ihrer, C. Lloyd, R. Menon, D.D. Mozeleski, J. Reina, D. Robinson, K. Witherspoon*

**Guests:** *L. Leonardo (For K. Ihrer)*

**I. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2017 were approved as submitted.

**II. Provost's Announcements**

Interim Provost Driscoll commenced the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and proceeded with her report as follows:

- **New York State Budget:** Provost Driscoll provided an update on the NYS budget due on April 1. She stated that in this budget the Excelsior scholarship is proposed and its fate is unclear. The cap for any new charges is currently at \$500 for both public and private colleges. More information will be provided as it develops.

SVP Zinnanti added by stating that the proposal is for a 5-year tuition increase of \$250 per year. All is in play at this time and the governor's goal is to reduce expenditures by at least 1% to 2%.

- **Immigration and Students:** Provost Driscoll reported on issues regarding immigration status. She noted that a second travel ban was issued and legal battles continue. In addition, she added that New York joined a suit, including CUNY and SUNY, documenting the chilling effects of the travel ban to date. The effects of this ban to CCNY are predominantly with engineering and science students. Dean Mercado reported that the CWE program has had no problems as of today. There are currently 15 countries participating in our abroad programs.

Mr. Occhiogrosso advised that in the event that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers come to campus, administrative warrants are only valid in public locations. Campus Public Safety officers will not allow ICE into the campus buildings unless they have a judicial warrant or court order. Any subpoena or any other government agency communication concerning immigration should be sent promptly via email to Paul Occhiogrosso, Executive Counsel to the President ([pocchiogrosso@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:pocchiogrosso@ccny.cuny.edu))

**TeachNY:** Provost reported that SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher presented the TeachNY initiative at CCNY on March 10<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall at Chancellor Milliken's invitation, and including New York State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia.

- **Accreditation:** The Provost asked Acting Dean Gebert to report on the status of the accreditation for the School of Architecture. Acting Dean Gebert reported that the visit went well but it was shortened due to the inclement weather; however, the reviewers assured that this will not affect the school. The report usually takes a month with the results available to us by summer 2017. Provost Driscoll noted that in addition to Middle States, accreditations for SEEK, Engineering, and CUNY School of Medicine are or will shortly be underway as well.
- **Finance:** Provost reported that the President recently provided a presentation to the Resource Committee of the Faculty Senate for both the Research Foundation and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Foundation funds.
- **Retain Tool:** Hobsons Retain tool will be used to facilitate communication with students. Training is underway and new dates will be set up for advisors to attend. In addition, other offices will be able to use this tool, though we want to ensure that students aren't overburdened with communications. It has been used effectively for the Bursar's office.
- **American Council on Education:** The Provost reported that during her attendance at the ACE annual meeting several issues affecting the forecast of Higher Education were raised.

Terry Hartle presented on several government issues, including executive orders, budget, travel bans and what it means to DACA students. Suggestions were made for college presidents to send letters to the White House advocating for the protection of DACA students and to pay in-state tuition and other benefits.

The agenda for this administration is the tax reform. There may be a ceiling on Pell grants; summer Pell is pending.

Research funding is at risk. There are expected cuts in the fields of energy, climate change, sustainability, NOAA, NEA, NEH, Public broadcasting, HIH for approximately 20% cut.

CUNY database has been updated to protect student legal status. This information is classified and it has been given limited access on campus.

### III. Updates and Reports:

#### Associate Provost – Mary Ruth Strzeszewski

Associate Provost Strzeszewski was happy to report that on April 3<sup>rd</sup> summer and fall registration will begin. She provided a few reminders and procedures:

- Students with a hold will need to see the registrar--last numbers show that 3k students had holds.
- Student deadline for independent study – 7 days into the semester. It is better for faculty to arrange independent study courses before the leave campus in spring.
- ePermit: there will be an invitation for a meeting presentation

- Summer: Non-degree students do not require prerequisites to register for summer courses. They need approval of an advisor and should be encouraged to enroll. Transfer and ePermit students should be encouraged to enroll. Transfer evaluations as well as TAP eligibility are challenges encountered when working with the ePermit tool.
- Honors and Grove PhD programs are scaling back to ensure that enough funding is available.

**Colin Powell School: - Acting Dean Kevin Foster**

Acting Dean Foster was excited to report events forthcoming in the Colin Powell School.

- Cathy O’Neil, author of Weapons of Math Destruction is scheduled for tomorrow – Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Amsterdam Room – FDR
- Dr. Jill Stein, an invitation from the Anne and Bernard Spitzer Lecture in International Relations- “An America & A World that Works for all of Us” – Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in Shepard Hall 250

**IV. Questions and Discussion:**

Retirement Incentives: Dean Koch raised the question whether CUNY has a plan to support early retirement. AVP Siderakis informed the group that there has not been any communication from CUNY related to this, but that the phase retirement is in place for a period of three years. Information about the process is available on the Human Resources website.

**V. Adjournment of the Committee of the Whole:**

The meeting of the whole was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

**VI. Personnel:**

The Committee moved to the consideration of personnel matters.

**VII. Adjournment of the Personnel Action Committee:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julissa Alvarez, Executive Secretary to the Review Committee