

Agenda
Review Committee
April 19, 2017
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10:00AM-11:00AM

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 22, 2017
2. Provost's Announcements
3. Updates and reports (5-7 minutes each):
 - a. Interim Executive Director Dee Dee Mozeleski – Communications/Development
 - b. Associate Provost – Mary Ruth Strzeszewski – Excelsior Scholarship
4. Questions and Discussion
5. Adjournment of the Committee of the Whole
6. Convening of Personnel Committee (11:00am)

Review Committee Minutes
April 19, 2017
10:00 a.m.

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

Excused: *G. Barabino, M. Baptiste, K. Ihrer, D. Jeruzalmi, D. Robinson, K. Witherspoon, L. Zinnanti*

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

I. Minutes

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

II. Provost's Announcements

Interim Provost Driscoll commenced the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and proceeded with her report as follows:

- **Presidential Search:** Provost Driscoll stated that the CCNY presidential search is very much in process and we await the arrival of three candidates to campus. A decision is promised by June and the committee appears to be on track to follow the timeline.
- **New York State Budget:** Provost Driscoll provided an update on the NYS budget saying that CUNY has the best budget for the last 3 to 4 years. Details of the budget are still being determined, however, and we await actual figures from CUNY. Colleges should prepare for a 1% cut. The Provost noted that it is very important for the College to have a strong summer '17 to meet the tuition target for the current fiscal year. To the extent that we are able to exceed the FY17 target, we can begin to apply summer tuition to FY18. The Excelsior Scholarship is a big piece of the budget news; the Provost asked VP Lam to expand on the newly adopted state budget.

VP Lam responded that CUNY is still reviewing the budget and he will share figures as soon as he receives them. It is reported that we will receive full funding for fringe benefits as well as funding for retroactive raises per the PSC contract (\$300M CUNY-wide). The drop in enrollment in several divisions is still a challenge, but there are no new major state budget challenges. \$60M is set aside for strategic initiatives; the College may enter into a process to apply for funds for critical maintenance. VP Lam also underscored the importance of strong summer enrollment, and reports that we are on target to use less of summer to support this year's tuition target.

- **Immigration and Students:** Provost Driscoll reported that we are losing international students. H-1 Visa issues are making it difficult to attract international faculty and researchers.

- **Summer:** Dean Liss reported that the Division is down a large number of sections for summer, but they are all bridge courses. These courses are non-credit bearing and non-tuition courses. The Provost has discussed with Evaluation and Testing Director S. Thacker the courses Math 80, which we mandated for students from other countries. Dr. Brownlee reports that SEEK is funding 300 students in the summer session.
- **Excelsior Scholarship:** Excelsior scholarships are based on a 4-year graduation timeline and 30 credits per year, which includes summer and winter sessions. CUNY reports that 25-30% of our students take 15 credits per semester as a norm. The Provost called for increasing a small number of targeted online and/or hybrid online to assist those students who cannot come to campus for the requisite amount of class time to meet the 30 credits per year criteria. The Provost also noted that Engineering programs, while listed as 4-year programs, take 5 years to complete the degree. Engineering students represent 1/3 of the entering freshman class.

III. Updates and Reports:

Associate Provost – Mary Ruth Strzeszewski

Associate Provost Strzeszewski noted that Excelsior Scholarships will be based on increasing levels of income, starting with \$100k, \$110k, and up to \$125k. Students can apply by July 15th. CUNY will post FAQs, though it has temporarily been removed from the website. Students file FAFSA and TAP first. Those receiving an Excelsior Scholarship must sign a promissory note; the scholarship turns into a loan if the student leaves the state within a certain period after graduation.

Discussion ensued about how students should be educated about loans; at low interest rates they are not a bad thing to consider. It was noted that 66 CCNY students would qualify for Excelsior scholarships; 80% of our students already receive maximum financial aid through Pell and TAP grants.

- **Aronow Theater:** The Aronow Theater, our largest lecture hall at 300 seats, will be closed for renovation beginning spring 2018 and will be closed for most of the year. Provost noted the need to determine scheduling while Aronow is offline.

Senior Advisor to the Interim President on External Affairs and Interim Executive Director, 21st Century Foundation Dee Dee Mozeleski:

Sr. Advisor and Interim Executive Director Mozeleski reported that the offices of Communications and Development & Institutional Advancement have officially merged, with CUNY's approval. The office new mission is to link external communication of important faculty scholarship and student success stories with fundraising to support scholarship. The essential tasks of the combined offices are to rebuild donor relationships with the College and burnishing its reputation in the external community. Marrying the important work of the College to donor support is a crucial piece of stewardship and is at the forefront of the work being done. Stewardship reports will be ongoing.

Sr. Advisor Mozeleski encourages all the divisions to share the good news of what's going on in the departments with the Communications team, including ML Edmondson, P. Reilly, and S. McMillian. Communications and Development Liaisons in each division are key to the success of spreading the word.

City College Soft funds pledged 10 million for programs. The annual CCNY Gala will be held in the Great Hall on May 2nd; with a fair market value of \$175 per ticket to attend. Ms. Mozeleski encouraged everyone to spread the word, this event is not for CCNY only, it is also for the rest of the world. The black tie affair will have music from the '40s and '50s; a presentation of the College campus during this period; Marty Cohen and possibly David Leonhardt will speak; and there will be awards for a student and a faculty member. The purpose of the Gala is to raise funds; the College Foundation is \$2.5M in debt and proceeds from tickets are needed. Bringing the Gala back to campus, making the connection between the event and the causes it supports, is a welcome and exciting prospect this year.

Additionally, there are multiple sources of campus scholarships, not all of which are currently centrally reported: Alumni; CC Fund; and 21st Century Foundation. Tracking all sources of funding and making sure that the monies are awarded are a vital part of stewardship of philanthropy.

Dean of the CUNY School of Medicine at City College Maurizio Trevisan: Dean Trevisan reported the CUNY School of Medicine leads the state and the nation in terms of enrollment of women and minorities. Here are the latest genders and ethnicity statistics of CSOM's entering class, including:

- 62.3% are female (vs. 49.9% nationally)
- 34.8% are Black/African American (vs. 9.9% in NY; 7.1% nationally)
- CSOM has 3 x as many Black and Hispanic students as all other NYS medical schools
- The medical school accepts 8.1% of applicants, proving that diversity coexists and thrives within the highly selective CUNY School of Medicine.

IV. Questions and Discussion:

None

V. Adjournment of the Committee of the Whole:

The meeting of the whole was adjourned at 10:53 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 12:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julissa Alvarez, Executive Secretary to the Review Committee