Review Committee Minutes
March 28, 2018
9:30 am

Excused: M. Baptiste, K. Ihrer, A. Undieh, K. Witherspoon, G. Barabino

I. Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2018 were approved as submitted.

II. Acknowledgement of Thanks to Mary Erina Driscoll
Tony Liss thanked Mary Erina Driscoll on behalf of the Review Committee for her nearly two years of leadership as Interim Provost during an especially challenging period. He additionally thanked Dean Driscoll for all her recent work to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

III. Academic Momentum
Celia Lloyd provided an overview of the CCNY workplan that was submitted to CUNY in February. The preliminary plan outlines proposed activities in support of the three pillars of CUNY’s Academic Momentum campaign: Gateway Course Completion, Degree Mapping and Credit Accumulation. A phone conference with CUNY is planned for April 18 to discuss CCNY’s plan and next steps. Several Review Committee members noted that it is important that CUNY take into account the unique characteristics of CCNY as CUNY’s flagship STEM school and the only CUNY college with an Engineering school. David Jeruzalmi is working with the Faculty Senate to expand faculty representation on the Academic Momentum committee.

IV. Middle States
Doris Cintrón updated the Committee on the upcoming MSCHE site visit April 8-11. Venues during the visit for chair, faculty and student participation were discussed and Doris stressed the importance of outreach by Deans and Faculty Governance leadership to ensure adequate chairs and faculty representation. She also requested that Deans or their deputies be available during the visit in case the evaluation team requests additional information from their areas.

V. Budget Update
Len Zinnanti and Felix Lam presented an overview of the New York State budget, highlighting a proposed $40M increase for administrative support for senior colleges as well as increases to a labor contingency reserve and critical services including SEEK and childcare programs. Felix Lam elaborated on the methodology used to establish CCNY’s
budget deficit amount and updated the committee on budget discussions with CUNY, expressing cautious optimism in the context of the State budget. Provost Liss noted the immediate priority of providing FY19 budget information to Deans including available vacancies as soon as possible. The work of the President’s Task Force will inform budgeting processing going forward including proposing strategies to address the limitations of the historical budgeting model.

VI. Adjournment of Plenary Committee Meeting
The meeting of the Plenary Committee was adjourned at 10:40 am and the meeting of the Personnel Committee commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ruth Strzeszewski
Secretary to the College-wide Review Committee