**Minutes of the**

 **Faculty Senate Plenary**

**October 18, 2012**

**Shepard Hall 250**

**The City College**

**Present**: President Coico, Interim Provost Trevisan,, VP Krawitz, VP Posman, AVP Lloyd, Executive Counsel Occhiogrosso; Senior Registrar D. Matos; Deans: E. Driscoll, P. Gillespie, G. Ranalli, E. Weitz,
Director M. Brownlee; Senators: R. Alfano, P. Brass, H. Carter, M. Castiglioni, M. Chang, B. Crain, J. Davis, J. Gallagher,
A. Gilerson, M. Gutman, E. Handy , R. Kalia, C. Lascar, D. McLurkin, J. Nunes, S. Pittson, A. Ratner, R. Raj, S. Rings, C. Watkins, J. Wilner, M. Woessner, Y. Wyner, I. Wu.
**Excused**: A. Indych-Lopez

**Guests**: A. Feignberg, K. Powell-Manning, M.R. Strzeszewski,

**Student Representatives:** D. Anctil, K. Dennie, T. Islam, K. Ithisuphalap, T. Podolsky

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.
2. The minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Professor Raj
* Dedicated this session of the Senate to Hispanic Heritage Month and thanked them for their contributions to CCNY.
* Congratulated Professor Alfano for the outstanding conference he arranged on the 30th Anniversary of “Institute for Ultrafast Spectroscopy and Lasers.”
* The Senate encourages other leaders at the College in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Engineering to invite and arrange such mini conferences, and asks College leaders to reserve annual budget for such events.
* The Senate Executive Committee met on October 11 and:
	+ The Provost’s office arranged Dr. Mehta’s visit from the Indo-US Forum, which offers opportunities to graduate students and faculty to engage in science and engineering research in top-ranking Indian institutions for 3 months. Dr. Mehta’s encouraged CCNY to participate in this program.
	+ Professor Raj has inquired about distribution of PSC-CUNY Travel Funds for the last five years. Some department chairs complained for not receiving these funds, which are distributed annually.
	+ The committee is reviewing the IT Policy currently being drafted for the College. The committee has some reservations about the policy and is looking into it thoroughly.
	+ In view of the changes in the functioning of the Review Committees, the Executive Committee reviewed the impact on College Governance and the office of the Provost. We believe that governance must be adhered to since a lawless system leads to failures and errors.
	+ The committee approved the formation of a task force to develop policy for handling matters related to disabled students and has asked the administration to nominate faculty willing to serve on this task force.
	+ The committee also approved changes to Article III of the College Governance as proposed by the Governance Committee and submitted by the Graduate Student Association.
* There was also a President’s cabinet meeting on October 15.
* Please be careful not to send any obscene or degrading material to other members of the College community via College email or internal communication.
1. Remarks of the President—President Staiano-Coico
* The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Zhan Center in the Grove School took place today.
* According to Jerry Poseman, Spring 2013 enrollment has decreased by approximately 100 students. However, the number of FTE students has increased. In addition, the freshman class is as diverse as in the past.
* Professor Marco Tedesco has accepted a position with NSF and will be splitting his time between the NSF and CCNY.
1. Items for Senate Approval
* The Bulletin change re: readmission to CCNY was approved. Students will no longer be required to submit readmission applications at least 3 months prior to the start of classes.
* Mary Ruth Strzeszewski stated that the goal is to publish a revised, electronic Bulletin by February 2013.
* Replacement of Article III of the CCNY Graduate Student Association governance documentwas approved. The name of the association was changed to “Graduate Student Council” and some of the language was refined.
1. Items for Discussion
* The Report of the President’s Council on Inclusion and Excellence –The Council contained representation from faculty and administration at the divisional or school level. Several recommendations were made, including: (1) Every untenured faculty member could be mentored, and (2) There should be supplemental written criteria for promotion and tenure at the departmental or divisional level. There was a lot of discussion about this report.
* CLAS Pathways Resolution—There was also a lot of discussion about this resolution.
* The return of James Traub to the CCNY campus in the near future was viewed as controversial by some. Mr. Traub was invited to CCNY by the dean of humanities.
1. Report of the Ombudsperson—Professor Gallagher
* Has dealt with various skirmishes. Some have been resolved, some have not.
* Noted that we seem to have lost our sense of collective responsibility when students change majors.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings

Secretary