

The Faculty Senate
The City College of New York

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Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Plenary
May 16, 2013
Shepard Hall 250
The City College

Present: Provost Trevisan, VP Panchal; Executive Counsel Occhiogrosso; Senior Registrar D. Matos; Deans: J. Barba,

E. Driscoll, J. Mercado, G. Ranalli, E. Weitz; Director: M. Brownlee; M. R. Strzeszewski, Senators: B. Albee, R. Alfano, P. Brass, H. Carter, M. Castiglioni, M. Chang, W. Crain, C. Dalglish, B. Fu, J. Gallagher, A. Gilerson, S. Goyert, D. Greenberger, E. Handy, A. Indyk-Lopez, B. Judell, R. Kalia, C. Lascar, R. Laurich, J. Lee, M. Lutz, D. McLurkin, R. Miller, J. Nunes, S. Pittson, A. Ratner, R. Raj, S. Reshadi, S. Rings, S. Staszak, N. Sohler, D. Troegar, C. Watkins, J. Wilner, M. Woessner.

Excused: J. Davis

Guests: A. Agrawal, M. Bengoa Calvo, K. Block, V. Boudreau, B. Cronin, J. Davalos, A. Feigenberg, R. Finley, K. Foster, E. Friedman, L. Galman, J. Garner, D. Hu, B. Kim, M. Lendor, J. Moore, D. Paolini, K. Parikr, N. Polonia, K. Powell-Manning, C. Riobo, C. Sheffer, S. Simms,

Student Representatives: T. Podolsky

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.
2. The minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Prof. Raj
 - Discussed the many accomplishments this academic year and thanked the Senate Executive Committee, the president, the provost, the vice presidents, the deans, and all the other faculty and staff who helped made these accomplishments possible.
 - Mentioned that we have had almost ten changes to the Senate Executive Committee in recent years, and reiterated that new faculty have been encouraged to participate in the Senate. However, this participation should be continuous, persistent, and in accordance with the bylaws.
 - Congratulations to Prof. Robert Alfano for receiving the Presidential Award of Excellence.
 - Thanked Executive Committee members Prof. Gallagher, Prof. Wilner, and Prof. Crain for their diligent work on Pathways.
 - Thanked Prof. Rosen for his leadership re: strengthening the sustainability program. The Senate strengthened the sustainability program by integrating Social Science Division with this program. Many improvements are also happening in GSOE, SOE, and others like SDBME (Medical School), which the Senate supports and has supported.
 - The Executive Committee has taken steps to have Interim Chancellor Bill Kelly address us in the fall and to stay connected.
 - The Valedictorian Committee has been completely restructured and for the first time all the candidates for Valedictorian position will be honored and will have a special event on May 28.

- Presently, the four Senate committees are: (1) Education Policy, (2) Disciplinary, Student Affairs and Athletics, (3) Academic Freedom and Bylaws, and (4) Planning and Community Relations. There may have been some confusion to newcomers who were not aware of these changes in the structure of bylaws approved by the Senate several years ago on experimental basis.
 - With the Executive Committee's support and participation, Prof. Charles Watkins helped create an effective Committee on Inclusion and Excellence and has helped implement the committee's recommendations. We are going to have a symposium in the fall on this issue.
4. President's Remarks—President Coico was not in attendance
 5. Certification of Candidates for Graduation—Candidates were presented by the registrar and were certified.
 6. F-Repeat Policy Discussion—Prof. Wilner
 - Faculty Council passed a resolution stating that students can re-enroll in a course they have failed only once, not twice.
 - Enrolling in and then withdrawing from a previously failed course does not count as the student's one chance to re-enroll in the course.
 7. Report of the Ombudsperson—Prof. Gallagher
 - A Transfer Credit Articulation Agreement was developed for students leaving Sophie Davis and majoring in biology.
 - A copy of the agreement was distributed at this Senate meeting.
 8. New Business
 - A Resolution on Pathways Transfers to the Grove School of Engineering was presented. The resolution was unanimously approved by the GSOE faculty on May 9, 2013.
 - A Resolution of the Personnel and Budget Committee of the Grove School of Engineering was presented. The resolution asked that the Senate extend the election deadline until May 23, 2013 to allow time to conduct a proper election to reconstitute the Senate membership. The resolution was unanimously approved by the P & B of the GSOE on May 16, 2013.
 - An additional resolution was presented to the Senate asking that the Senate elections be postponed until the beginning of classes in September 2013. This resolution was approved, with 27 senators voting yes and 6 voting no. Three votes were declared invalid.
 - A proposal was made that an interim Senate Executive Committee be elected that would be in place until the September elections. This proposal was not approved. Four senators voted yes and 25 voted no.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings
Secretary

Resolution on Pathways Transfers to the Grove School of Engineering
May 9, 2013

Whereas the Grove School of Engineering (GSOE) has special entrance requirements to its degree programs,

and whereas the degree programs in the GSOE are ABET accredited,

and whereas students once admitted to the GSOE may transfer from one program to another,

and whereas the Resolution B.I.14 of the CUNY Board of Trustees, 'On Creating an Efficient Transfer System' (pathways), requires that for each major, a disciplinary committee establish a set of no fewer than three and no more than six courses that will be accepted as entry-level courses for that major, and that the status of these as major-entry courses be widely publicized at each college offering the major,

and whereas the GSOE reserves for itself the determination of transfer course equivalencies,

and whereas the Computer Science Department of the GSOE has been denied representation on the CUNY-wide Computer Science pathways committee

be it resolved that

1. No student may be admitted or can transfer to any program in the GSOE unless he/she has satisfied all the admission requirements to the School as specifically formulated by the GSOE Faculty;
2. The GSOE will award transfer credits from other CUNY colleges only to equivalent courses approved by its faculty. The GSOE will keep an updated list of equivalent courses in the Office of Undergraduate Affairs and will communicate the same to all CUNY colleges;
3. The GSOE Office of Undergraduate Affairs is authorized to issue, on behalf of the GSOE Faculty, the certificate of graduation only for students who have fully completed the graduation requirements, including authorized transfer credits, for the different degrees as approved by the Faculty of the respective departments of the GSOE.

Approved by unanimous vote of the Faculty of the Grove School of Engineering

**Resolution of the Personnel and Budget Committee of the Grove School of Engineering
May 16, 2013**

Whereas the Election Committee of the City College Faculty Senate is taking a legalistic rather than collegial stance towards their colleagues, the P&B Committee of the Grove School of Engineering feels that it should be challenged for irregularities which have occurred. Specifically,

1. The Election Committee can not be composed entirely of members of the Executive Committee, since the Executive Committee is the body which adjudicates election-related complaints;
2. The nomination deadline announced by the election committee (April 12) does not conform to the deadline in the Bylaws (April 10);
3. The number of Senators allocated to Engineering in the call for elections (12) is incorrect. It should be 13.
4. The displayed terms of many of the faculty senators listed on the Senate webpage have varied with time. As a consequence, a number of Senators whose terms actually end in 2013 did not file a petition and were deprived of the opportunity to participate in the election;
5. The Bylaws are silent on adjunct representation and the Election Committee did not announce any election process for adjunct representation. Why, then, is there an adjunct representative listed on the roster whose term ends in 2015?

Be it resolved that the election conducted by the Election Committee has many irregularities, and should be declared invalid by the Senate. We ask that the Senate extend the election deadline until May 23, 2013, thereby allowing time to conduct a proper election to reconstitute the Senate membership.

Unanimously voted by the P&B of the Grove School of Engineering

WHEREAS Faculty Senate is charged by the City College Governance Plan to serve as “the authentic voice of the Faculty of The City College of The City University of New York;” and

WHEREAS Senate currently routinely conducts business with large numbers of perpetually unfilled seats; and

WHEREAS at no time over the past academic year did Faculty Senate meet the quorum or voting requirements of the Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS college-wide policies are currently determined by a tiny fraction of the City College faculty; and

WHEREAS City College faculty and students deserve faculty governance bodies that maximize faculty representation and the talents of diverse faculty; and

WHEREAS it has been the precedent for Senate to fill open seats on a rolling basis; and

WHEREAS the Senate should strive to fill all seats as is the intent of the City College Governance Plan and the Senate Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Elections Committee of Senate has ruled that faculty who were nominated by their departments or by colleagues in their divisions after April 12 are not eligible to be seated as Senators for today’s Organization Meeting and the election of a new Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS the Elections Committee and the Executive Committee of Senate have neither published a roster of Senators for the 2013-14 academic year nor informed those nominated after April 12 of their status or of the Organization Meeting; and

WHEREAS free and fair elections are in the best interest of the Senate and the College; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Senate should conduct itself in a manner consistent with the college’s mission of inclusive excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Senate should, on a rolling basis based on the order in which nominations were received, fill seats that remain open for the 2013-14 academic year with faculty who have been nominated by departments or by petition to serve and should allow them to participate and vote in the Organization Meeting (the first meeting of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the election of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate Executive Committee should be postponed until after such time as the roster of Senators has been published and all Senators have been given adequate notice of the election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the election of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate Executive Committee should therefore be postponed until after the beginning of classes in September 2013.