Minutes of the

Faculty Senate Plenary

April 26, 2012

Steinman Hall 161

The City College

**Present**: Provost Moskovits, VP Edmonson, AVP Lloyd, VP Posman, Counsel Occhiogrosso,   
Senior Registrar D. Matos; Deans: J. Mercado, Chief of Staff D. Hartnett; Director M. Brownlee;   
Senators: B. Albee, D. Akins, P. Brass, L. Callahan, H. Carter, M. Castiglioni, B. Crain, J. Davis, S. Epstein,   
J. Gallagher, D. Greenberger, J. Hamilton, R. Kalia, R. Khanbilvardi, C. Lascar, M. Lutz, K. McDonald,   
D. McLurkin, E. Nesmith, S. Nicoll, S. Pittson, R. Raj, S. Rings, D. Sank, I. Salame, C. Watkins, J. Wilner,   
M. Woessner, I. Wu,

**Excused**: A. Indych-Lopez, President Coico, D. Weissman

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

**Student Representatives:** T. Podolsky

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m.
2. The minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Professor Raj

* The Executive Committee met on April 19 to discuss:
  + - Successful dean’s searches for the Division of Humanities and the Arts and the School of Education. The Social Science Dean, Marilyn Hoskins, will be leaving as well, so we will have two Dean’s vacancies to fill.
    - Pathways implementation issues still haunt us.
    - Some loopholes were brought to the Executive Committee’s attention in Joint/Dual Degree program documents of GSOE with Hostos and LaGuardia. Although the documents indicate that the Senate approved them, this is not the case.
    - Honorable Galen D. Kirkland, New York State Commissioner of Human Rights, will speak at the September or October Senate meetings about the relationship between diversity and democracy. This topic was also was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.
    - Assemblyman Keith Wright will be addressing the Senate next month.
    - The Minority Enrollment and Retention Committee Report was submitted to earlier administrations a couple of years back. President Coico will be addressing this issue in the May meeting.
    - SAT cut-off Scores for admission and the credibility of data for adopting these scores.
    - Although Humanities always loses more in the budget cuts than Science and Engineering, we need to be vigilant at CCNY and not allow that to happen
* The Valedictorian Committee interviewed 16 candidates and selected two students as valedictorian and salutatorian.
* The Ombudsperson election is in progress.
* CCNY was listed in the Princeton Review, and we had a celebration of Earth Day last week. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Environment Dr. Kathryn Sullivan addressed students and faculty in that NAC Plaza and GSOE.

1. The report of the GSOE Minority Enrollment and Retention Committee was unanimously endorsed.
2. The resolution on the Pathways brochure (put forth by Bill Crain) passed by a vote of 22 yes, 2 abstain, and 0 no.
3. Report of the Ombudsperson—Professor Gallagher

* Discussed overlap between her role as ombudsperson and director of Academic Standards.
* The policy that internal transfers from the professional schools can only transfer six credits into CLAS majors is routinely waived by the CLAS Committee on Course and Standing.
* There is also a problem with the 18-credit computer science minor: students in the liberal arts can’t complete it because of the policy mentioned above.
* Liberal arts majors must earn 90 credits in what the State defines as liberal arts. However, courses in areas such as finance, management, marketing, computer applications, and education and teaching methods do not count as liberal arts courses according to this State policy.
* The Undergraduate Bulletin needs to be changed to reflect course substitutions.
* Enrollment in ethnic studies courses needs to increase.
* Under the new financial aid rules, students will lose financial aid if they are on probation. Students can appeal this, but many don’t appeal.
* The change in financial aid rules will impinge on academics. Professor Gallagher proposed the idea that perhaps we could institute block scheduling for freshmen at risk academically (e.g., those with low SAT scores).

1. New Business

* Professor Crain expressed concern that the new CityOne card might be somehow connected with Citibank, and this misunderstanding was cleared up. (The card is not connected with Citibank.) An email will be re-sent to that explains the features of the CityOne card.
* Mary Lutz from Interdisciplinary Studies brought to the Senate’s attention that approximately 1/3 of all CCNY students are unemployed and looking for work. However, many are not eligible for unemployment extension because of the argument that these students are not being trained for existing slots in the labor market. This matter will be discussed further by the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings

Secretary