**Minutes of the**

 **Faculty Senate Plenary**

**September 20, 2012**

**Shepard Hall 95**

**The City College**

**Present**: President Coico, Interim Provost Trevisan, Senior Associate Provost Cintron, VP Krawitz, VP Reina,
Executive Counsel Occhiogrosso; Human Resources J. Siderakis; Deans: E. Driscoll, J. Mercado, G. Ranalli, C. Li,
Director M. Brownlee; Senators: P. Brass, H. Carter, M. Castiglioni, M. Chang, B. Crain, J. Davis, J. Gallagher,
A. Gilerson, D. Greenberger, M. Gutman, E. Handy, A. Indych-Lopez, R. Kalia, C. Lascar, J. Lee, M. Lutz, J. Nunes,
S. Pittson, A. Ratner, R. Raj, S. Rings, C. Watkins, J. Wilner
**Excused**: Y. Wyner

**Guests**: A. Alting, S. Staszak, M.R. Strzeszewski, J. Tu, K. Waldhof, I. Wu

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.
2. Sherri Rings was elected Senate secretary and Bill Crain was elected Senate Parliamentarian for AY 2012-13.
3. The minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting were approved.
4. Remarks of the Chair—Professor Raj
* Called for a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to terrorism.
* Introduced the members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for AY 2012-13 Professors Bob Alfano, Bill Crain, Jane Gallagher, Ravi Kalia, Charles Watkins, Joshua Wilner, and Professor Raj.
* Encouraged Senate members to decide on which Senate committee(s) they wish to serve:
(a) Student Affairs, (b) Educational Policy, (c) Faculty Affairs, and/or (d) College-Wide Resources and Community Relations
* Introduced some additions to our administration:
	+ - Interim Provost Trevisan
		- Dr. Mary E. Driscoll– Dean of School of Education
		- Dr. Eric Weitz – Dean of Humanities and Arts
		- Dr. Christine Li – Acting Dean of Division of Science
		- Ira Krawitz – Acting Vice President of Public Relations
		- Karen Wenderoff – Acting Vice President of Development and Institutional

 Advancement

* + - John Siderakis – Acting Assistant Vice President of Human Resources
* The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met and approved all searches and the Provost’s Search Committee. The committee also discussed:
	+ - The College budget and overcoming its future deficit
		- Issues relating to appointments in Grove School of Engineering
		- The Science and Engineering library
		- Establishing an ROTC Center, presidential professorships, and a new Governance

 Committee to have college wide planning

* + - The report of Council of Inclusion and Excellence
		- Issues related to Pathways and future of ethnic studies, particularly Asian studies.
* The Faculty Senate Executive Committee also nominated members to the Student Faculty Disciplinary Committee.
* Other issues need to be discussed relating to academic guidance for disabled students and Bulletin changes related to the readmission of students.
* A very interesting symposium was held in the library on September 13 to honor Bashford Dean.
* The announcement seeking nominations for honorary degree recipients for the June 2013 graduation ceremony has been sent out. The deadline for submission of nominations is October 19, 2012. Faculty is encouraged to participate in the nomination process.
* The Resources Committee has met and discussed the College budget with Vice President Posman and Felix Lam.
* Structuring the evening session to enhance access for working students still needs to be addressed.
* Our Ph.D. /M.S. graduate program needs some attention. Professor Raj is asking the VP for Research to devise plans to strengthen our Ph.D. program. Professor Raj and Dean Mercado also will be working to strengthen this program.
* Issues relating to CCNY’s strategic plan and Middle States are also being addressed at this time.
* The President’s cabinet has been expanded and has met once to review and discuss new ideas.
* Several decisions made at Board of Trustees meetings last year have caused unhappiness among many faculty at CUNY. Professor Raj has invited the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees to come to a Senate meeting for an open dialogue and seeking faculty input on important matters
1. Remarks of the President—President Coico
* During the 2011-12 academic year, 33 new faculty were hired; 60% of the new hires were women and/or from diverse backgrounds.
* The search for a new provost will begin first, followed by searches for deans of social science, science, and engineering.
* The President’s Council on Inclusion and Excellence just met. We will get the full report later this month.
* The President mentioned several recent challenges including: the budget (we now have a tax-levy budget), Pathways, the provost’s resignation, and the failed search for a dean of science.
* We now have permanent deans in humanities, education, and Sophie Davis.
* During the question-and-answer period, there was some discussion of why the provost, Marilyn Hoskins (Social Science), and Ruth Stark (Science) stepped down, as well as why the science library will be relocated.
* Moving the science library will provide space in Marshak for science, engineering, and Sophie Davis students. Space for students in Wingate and the NAC is also being considered.
1. Resolution to Establish an ROTC Center at CCNY
* The pros and cons of establishing an ROTC center at CCNY were discussed.
* The resolution was approved as amended. (“Nondiscriminatory” was added into this line: “Whereas, joining and participating in ROTC is voluntary, nondiscriminatory, and creates no obligation to join the military….”
1. Presidential Professorships
* These were endorsed by the Senate
* The Faculty Committee on Personnel Matters will review this information as well
1. The Establishment of a College-Wide Planning Committee was Approved
2. Pathways Resolution
* The resolution itself was not discussed.
* Recent events at Queensborough Community College were discussed instead.
1. Report of the Ombudsperson—Professor Gallagher
* Due to changes in the Federal financial aid guidelines, students on probation lose financial aid.
* These new changes affect our most disadvantaged students. Students need earlier, more intrusive advisement.
* Better curricular advisement is needed for students with disabilities.
* Professor Gallagher helped two employees re: how to deal with their boss and helped with a dispute between two coworkers. In addition, one investigation is ongoing.
1. New Business
* Professor Wilner presented updated versions of the cooperation contract and curriculum for the consortia European Joint Master's Program in English and American Studies.
* The changes in the cooperation contract and curriculum are largely nominal, and there were no objections to the updated documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings

Secretary