BCC College Senate  
*Minutes of February 27, 2019*

**Chair:** Roni Ben-Nun  
**Secretary:** Iris Cortes  
**Location:** Nichols Hall 104

**Not Present:** L. Barberan, S. Kim, N. Reynoso.

**Adjunct Senators (2):** M. Johnson, M. Steward-Titus.  
**Not Present:**

**Not Present:** M. Cadet, J. Malinsky, S. Offenbach.

**CLT/HEO/Registrar Senators (5):** A. Robinson, L. Rosario D. Sayeed (2 Vacancies).  
**Not Present:**

**Not Present:** K. Ellis.

**Student Government Senators (15):** C. Davila, N. Fantauzzi, A. Lake, C. Sanders, H. Smith.  
**Not Present:** Q. Berry, A. Cuevas, S. Dorleans, J. Ewell, S. Y. Fadiga, K. Marcelino, D. Valenzuela.

**Alternate At-Large Senators (5):** S. Utakis (4 Vacancies).

**Alternate Department Senators (15):**  

**Alternate Adjunct Senator (1):** O. Alapo.

**Alternate CLT/HEO Senators (2):** (1 Vacancy).  
**Not Present:** M. Sanchez.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm by R. Ben-Nun.

2. **Seating of Alternates:** S. Utakis (at large), I. Cortes (Nursing & Allied Health).

3. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved with amendments (37 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstention).

4. **Approval of Minutes December 12, 2019:** The minutes of December 12, were approved (36 Yes, 1 No, 1 abstention).

5. **Announcements.**
   a. **Senate Social:** The Senate designated time (12 to 12:15 pm) for members to socialize before calling the meeting to order.
   b. **SGA Membership Changes:** R. Ben-Nun reported changes to the SGA membership. R. Ben-Nun welcomed the new Provost, Dr. L. Sandres Rapalo. R. Ben-Nun reviewed parliamentary procedures.
   c. **Review and Revision of GP:** R. Ben-Nun stated that the SEC discussed the need to review and revise the Governance Plan. R. Ben-Nun suggested that the Senate should make a motion charging Governance and Election to begin revision of the Governance plan with input from the BCC community. The President asked for clarification on whether there will be a revision of language or substantial changes to the rules? R. Ben-Nun expressed the need for the Governance Plan to be reviewed in its entirety. F. Moore stated that Governance and Election has a substantial list of suggestions that need to be reviewed. F. Moore mentioned if the Senate passes a resolution directing a specific change, the resolution will take priority. D. Gonsher made a motion, requiring departmental representation for all standing committees of the Senate. The committee affected by the motion would be Governance and Election, Student Activities, Space Facility & Physical Plant, Community Events, Vice President and Deans, and finally Academic Freedom. F. Kaighobadi asked, will student representation increase? S. Bhaskaran asked, what will be the number of members in each of the committees? R. Ben-Nun explained that all standing committees of the Senate would have one representative and one alternate from each department, currently fifteen. L. Brenner suggested that rather than an increasing representation of SGA members for all Senate committees, the votes of the SGA members could be weighed differently. R. Ben-Nun has asked the SGA to discuss and determine how much representation they should have in all the Senate committees. F. Moore stated that Governance and Election would meet with every chair of the Senate Committees affected by this motion and SGA to obtain their input.
   d. **Senate Broadcast and Electronic Materials:** Omitted.
6. **Action Items:**
   a. **Curriculum:** See report. H. Clampman reported the following: (1) A Liberal Arts & Sciences AS Degree in Geospatial Technology and a certificate program in Geospatial Technologies from the Chemistry department. (2) A new experimental course from the Social Sciences department called Consumer Economics course, which will be included temporarily in the Pathways Flexible course bucket D for one year. (3) The Nursing program changed the credit value of some of the courses to be in accordance with New York State educational requirements. C. Davila asked, how many credits will the Consumer Economics course equal? H. Clampman addressed C. Davila’s question by stating that the experimental course is a 3 hour/3 credit course. The Senate discussed Geospatial Technology certificate, and degree. A. Ott noted that New York State requires that when proposing a new certificate program, all courses are required to apply to an existing degree and that the proposal for the Geospatial Technology is an option to a current degree. Clampman made a motion to approve Curriculum Committee Item 2d: ECO 20 Experimental Course passed (37 Yes 1 No 2 Abstentions).

7. **President’s Report:** See report. The President expressed his gratitude to everyone and especially to the Latino Faculty & Staff Association, who contributed to the Puerto Rico relief collection. The BCC community can still donate online. The President mentioned that during lobbying in Albany, there were three issues CUNY was trying to address. 1. Correct TAPP funding. 2. Increase FTE funding for Community College 3. Increase facility funding. The President welcomed the new Provost and mentioned that the Provost had been tasked to review and update the Academic Budget. The Provost has also been tasked with professional development protocols for junior faculty and to evaluate the employment processes for full time and part-time faculty. The President is urging the development of new academic programs, and he mentioned the development of a Veterinary Technician program. A. Robinson asked for a review of the reclassification of HEOs?

8. **Faculty Council:** See report. M. Guishard asked if the Faculty Council Task Force on P&B Procedures meetings will be included in the college calendar and are open to the public? L. Brenner clarified that the FC Task Force meetings should be open meetings and thus reflected on the college event calendar.

9. **Student Government Association:** A. Lake reported that there are seven vacancies in the SGA. She mentioned that at the first SGA meeting, they would discuss how to fill the vacancies as soon as possible. The SGA currently does not have a Legal Legislator and Secretary. M. Miller reminded the SGA that four student members appointed by the SGA are still required for the Student Technology Fee Committee.

10. **Chief Diversity Officer follow up on SGA:** J. Paoli reported that mediation was initiated before the Winter break. The plan was to continue the mediation process in the Spring semester. Once the SGA is fully constituted, the SGA will notify J. Paoli to determine if the SGA wants to recommence with mediation. J. Paoli stated that she is available for the SGA if and when her
assistance is required. V. Walker suggested a follow-up meeting with all the members to help process what occurred.

11. Senate Committee Reports:

a. **Senate Executive**: R. Ben-Nun reported that the Vice-Chair of the SEC relinquished the position.
b. **Academic Freedom**: See report.
c. **Academic Standing**: No report.
d. **Community Events**: See report. G. Acosta requested that a new full-time AV personal is required. The Community Events are hoping to have work-study students employed to manage the AV needs of the college.
e. **Curriculum**: See item 6a in the minutes and report.
f. **Governance and Elections**: F. Moore stated that Governance and Election are finalizing the ballot for the instructional staff elections. The elections will take place on March 9th through the 16th, and the results will be available on March 17th. There will be a referendum that will be available in April. F. Moore is awaiting the Student Election Review Committee for the exact dates. Please reference 5c of the minutes as well.
g. **Instruction and Professional Development**: See report. Y. Edwards asked if faculty could receive feedback when denied Presidential Grants? R. Araya stated that CIPD could only advise and offer recommendations; however, the CIPD has discussed, including specific comments to the authors of the Presidential Grants, so that they may understand how they were ranked. R. Araya will create a statement that will be included when there is a call for proposals. The statement will consist that any faculty member who is awarded the Presidential grant, is expected to present the following year at Faculty Day.
h. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant**: No report.
i. **Student Activities**: M. Lopez reported In April the SGA will have elections for a new body for the 2021 term. The IOC members are working on a multi-cultural day. There will be a Census day on March 17 and M Lopez is requesting the assistance of faculty to remind students to participate.
j. **Vice-Presidents and Deans**: No report.

12. CUNY University Senate:

a. **University Faculty Senate (UFS)**: See report. M. Miller reported that the Senate Library Technology committee the Senate committee are part of the decision-making process in regard to the new course management system. The Interim Dean University Libraries resigned in December and a search committee is being created. F. Kaighobadi stated that the UFS committee on information technology is trying to get a representative to the on the search committee for the Dean University Libraries. M. Psarelli asked was the cut to ASAP funding addressed and F. Kaighobadi stated that CUNY Provost Cruz is optimistic that funding will be resorted. R. Ben-Nun mentioned a recommendation for compensate members that serve on UFS, especially for adjuncts. R. Ben-Nun stated that
he is conducting research with the Chair of Hunter college senate to study all the CUNY Governance plan and plans to share their findings by the end of the semester.

b. University Student Senate (USS): No report
c. Faculty Governance Leaders (FGL): See report


14. BCC, Inc.: No Report

15. Reports
   a. Chairperson, Vice-chairperson:
   b. Vice Presidents, Deans: A. Wambugu Cobb stated that a document was provided to retirees and she mentioned that Mayor David Dickons provided a letter of support in honor of the former President Roscoe Brown scholarship fund.

16. New Business: M. Steward-Titus asked if there is a plan in place to address the coronavirus? The President mentioned that there is a University plan in place that has been circulated to department chairs. The President also said that they received a letter from the City Department of Health recommending following standard precautions for flue preventions. M. Guishard asked where are the plans to disinfect keyboards and podium? She also asked what are the plans to thoroughly clean the bathroom and do all bathrooms have soap and paper towels? The President and D. Taylor asked the BCC community to report any bathrooms that do not have soap and need to be cleaned. D. Taylor is researching outsourcing electrostatic cleaning for BCC. Y. Edwards stated that having a functional paper towel dispenser will assist with issues reading the misuse of paper towels. The Provost indicated that he is will be meeting with D. Taylor every month to address facility issues. The President is requesting that D. Taylor review the issues regarding paper towels and hand blowers. L. Rosario asked if there is any way to address the fact that paper towels are being funded from the OTPS departmental budgets? The President asked the Provost to address the question brought forward by L. Rosario.

17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Iris Cortes.