The City University of New York  
Bronx Community College  
Committee on Governance and Elections  

Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2021 via Zoom  

Present: Charles Maliti, Franklin Moore, Gabriel Morillo, Grisselle Nadal, Jazmin Ramirez, Jesus Sanabria, Jonathan Scott, Goldie Sherr, Christopher Soto, James Webb  
Guests: Howard Clampman, Debra Gonsher  

I. Call to Order: 12:04 PM by Franklin Moore.  

II. Approval of Agenda (approved unanimously)  

III. Approval of the Minutes (postponed until next meeting)  

IV. Update on UFS Elections  
a. The UFS election is currently underway.  
   i. The election started later than anticipated because the voter list was not available by the original start date.  
   ii. While it is important to start elections on time, this election will likely not be impacted by the later start date since there are only two candidates for the three UFS seats and one candidate for the alternate seat.  
b. The UFS elections are scheduled to run until May 2\textsuperscript{nd}.  
c. Even though the elections began late everyone agrees that extending the end date is unnecessary.  

V. Update on College Elections  
a. The BCC senate elections are scheduled to begin on May 3\textsuperscript{rd}.  
b. The voter lists have been uploaded. However, there was an issue with the CLT list and only 10 of the CLTs have been uploaded.  
   i. Sammy Henry will manually upload the remaining 21 CLTs.  
   ii. This issue occurred last spring as well. Our committee needs to look into why this is occurring so that it can be prevented from happening again in the future.  
c. An issue has arisen with the voter lists for the referendum items. Only the administrators have been added even though it should have included the entire instructional staff as well.  
   i. The remaining voter lists will need to be added to VoteNet.  
   ii. The referendum items will not be ready in time for the May 3\textsuperscript{rd} start date.  
   iii. The earliest the voter lists will be ready is May 6\textsuperscript{th}.  
d. There is a discussion as to whether to delay the entire election or just postpone the referendum items. Many members agree that keeping both elections at the same time would give the highest voter turnout.  
e. The SGA elections are also being delayed since their voter lists will not be ready until May 6\textsuperscript{th} as well.  
f. A motion is made to change the senate election dates to 5/7/21 – 5/17/21 (instead of 5/3/21 – 5/13/21). The motion is seconded. It passes unanimously, 10-0-0.
VI. **Update on Referendum Items**
   a. The proposal to amend the BCC Governance Plan and replace the word “appoint” with the word “elect” regarding the functions of the senate executive committee was passed both at G&E and at the senate.
   b. However, during this semester changes to the governance plan have been made. There is currently no standing committee that has members appointed by the executive committee.
   c. The original amendment is less needed now. If it goes through, then it may cause confusion. Franklin Moore asks the committee to consider withdrawing this item.
   d. James Webb explains that it is still important to clarify the terms of “appoint” vs “elect”.
   e. Franklin Moore suggests we withdraw the item “as is” and remove it from the referendum. We can then re-submit a revised proposal at the next senate meeting. The proposal is revised during the meeting.
   f. There is a motion to waive the two meeting rule. The motion is seconded and passes, 10-0-0.
   g. There is a motion to re-submit the revised proposal to the senate. The motion is seconded and passes, 10-0-0. Franklin Moore will request that the senate also consider waiving the two meeting rule.

VII. **Demonstration on VoteNet**
   a. Before beginning the VoteNet demonstration, the committee approves to certify the BCC senate elections on May 20th by voice vote.
   b. Franklin Moore gives a demonstration on how VoteNet works.
      i. Franklin Moore, James Webb and Griselle Nadal all have access to VoteNet with their own login information. Additionally, Manny Lopez, Tiffany Dubon, and Sammy Henry each have access to VoteNet as well.
      ii. Other than inputting in the information, Franklin Moore explains that no one has any ability to impact the voting process on VoteNet.
      iii. Any changes that are made on Votenet is documented by the “Fingerprint” function which keeps a log of any changes that are made.
   c. Franklin Moore and James Webb have agreed not to log into VoteNet during the voting period. They will also run the “fingerprint” receipt and present it to the committee once the election is complete.
   d. The committee will revisit election procedures in the Fall 2021 semester.

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting is adjourned at 1:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Goldie Sherr