BCC Committee on Instruction and Professional Development

Minutes of May 11, 2021

3:00 pm, Zoom

Chair: Rebeca Araya ∩ Vice-Chair: Joël Magloire ∩ Secretary: John Ziegler ∩ Vice-Secretary: Elise Langan


Total Membership: 18 (quorum= 12)

Agenda

May 11th, 2021

I. Call to order (2 minutes)
II. Approval of the Minutes (5 minutes)
III. Discussion of Fall 2021 Reoccupancy Plans
IV. Discussion of Fall 2021 Student Survey (C. Efthimiou/N. Ritze)
V. Update on 2021 Faculty and Staff Survey (C. Efthimiou/N. Ritze)
VI. Discussion of Faculty Day 2021 and Spring 2022 (J. Magloire/M. Lennerton)
VII. Department Announcements (5 minutes)
VIII. New Business
    a. New CIPD Representatives Introduction
    b. Fall 2021 CIPD Election: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Next CIPD Meeting Date is: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 3 to 5pm on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692192386?pwd=ck9MWEZXTVNHVHQwWnpLc3VMNFRMUT09

Actions

I. Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm
II. The minutes from April 13, 2021 were approved unanimously.
III. R. Araya reported that the President relayed a directive from CUNY Central that all departments must have 60% in person or hybrid classes in the fall. Additionally, Governor Cuomo has announced that CUNY and SUNY will require all students to be vaccinated in the fall. But this requirement would seem to depend on the FDA. She added that the chair of the Biology Department reported that enrollment for hybrid and in-person for fall is low compared to online classes. S. Salazar asked if there will be enough space in opened buildings. M. Lennerton responded that hybrid courses will reduce the number of people on campus. J. Polanco said that right now, only students will be required to be vaccinated. R. Araya noted that there may be major changes in all of this. She raised the issue of how vaccination will be proved, given that the cards can be faked easily, and returned to whether there will be enough space. She noted that the Senate meeting on May 13 could be a good venue to ask the President questions. M. Lazda said she would like to know how these decisions are being made, according to what
guidelines and pressures. What resources do we have, what is the student demand, and what are our goals in opening up campus? Maybe opening campus means having support offices and office hours available in person. R. Araya pointed out that adjuncts may be the ones under the most pressure to return to campus. J. Magloire questioned the efficacy of the Hyflex modality. R. Araya said that she will keep track of questions raised here and ask them at the Senate meeting. G. Tursi-Wenzler wondered how campus access will work logistically with large classes. J. Polanco emphasized the need for professional development for teaching in the hybrid modality. M. Lennerton responded that CTLT will focus on pivoting to a hybrid presence, and that there will only be about 17 Hyflex courses in 3 to 5 classrooms. There will also be WAC training, focused on WAC online, as well as online teaching training from SPS, as there was last summer. He recommended planning ahead to allow time for office computers to update and to try connecting devices in classrooms. M. Lazda expressed concern about conflicting messages and recommended forums to address concerns about vaccination; she also asked whether introducing another new form of teaching in Hyflex is meeting students’ needs at this time. M. Lennerton responded that CTLT is still treating it like a pilot project, but it is, at the same time, a natural progression of teaching with an online component. J. Magloire and E. Langan observed that there is vaccine hesitancy among their students. In response to a question, M. Lennerton described the Respondus proctoring software as another pilot project and as not yet a fully mature piece of software. R. Araya questioned how faculty will be expected to deal with health and safety noncompliance in the classroom. J. Magloire reported that he was told that Public Security will not be doing enforcement on campus and wondered how having instructors in masks in the classroom will affect student learning. Several committee members raised questions about who will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing and how quality will be assured in this area. The issue of whether to continue to meet on Zoom was raised. E. Langan made a motion to meet on Zoom in fall 2021, seconded by J. Magloire and the committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

IV. R. Araya reported that she sent a question about access to the results of the previous student survey. There will not be a survey administered this semester.

V. R. Araya reported that N. Ritze communicated that too few people have completed the Faculty and Staff survey. Another reminder will be sent.

VI. R. Araya recommended that a link to join could have been included with the confirmation email for Faculty Day registration. Several members expressed that Faculty Day was very successful and energizing. R. Araya reminded the committee about the keynote Dr. Cairo’s podcast. J. Magloire relayed that Brooklyn College commented positively on the event, including the themes, keynote, and recordings. R. Araya suggested that we start thinking about a keynote and theme for next year.

VII. C. Andrews announced that the library will continue instruction online through the summer. The fall is still unclear.

VIII. New committee members will be welcomed, and elections will be held at the first meeting in the fall. R. Araya wished everyone a good end of the semester and encouraged everyone to attend the Senate meeting on May 13.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ziegler