

**Bronx Community College Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes of September 14, 2023**

Attendance

At-Large Senators (18): Kevin Bozelka, Larry Brenner, Hisseine Faradj, Tanweer Haroon, Noah Jampol, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Peter Kolozi, Kyeng (Joe) Lee, Charles Maliti, Carmen Meyers, Maria Psarelli, Nelson Reynoso, Jonathan Scott, Gerard Weber, John Ziegler [15]

At-Large Alternate Senators (5): Grisel Acosta, Teresa Fisher [2]

Department Senators (15): Andrea Ortuno, James Cecil Simpson, Chelia Cullen, Sara Brady, Barbara Caballero Flores, Harrison Carranza, Melissa Coss, Ulana Lysniak, Seth Offenbach, Michael Miller, Kerry Ojikian, Shanell Rawls, Jawied Nawabi, Salvador Salazar [14]

Department Alternate Senators (15): Diane P. Banks, Thomas D'Arrigo, Julio Garay, Theresa Smalec, Stephen Powers, Abu Kamruzzaman, Sharmila Mukherjee, Tiquana Gatlin, Stephen Duncan, Hassimiou Wann, Manish Sharma, Monique Guishard, Silvia Carlorosi [13]

CLT Senators (2): Martha Sanchez [1]

CLT Alternate Senator (1): Lourdes Rosario [1]

HEO Senators (3): Chris Efthimiou [1]

Guests: Elissa Nelson, Edwin Reed-Sanchez

Faculty Council Voting Membership: 41 (22= quorum)

Voting Members Present: 33

Agenda, Announcements, and Actions

- 1) Meeting called to order:
Faculty Council Chair (FC) Kevin Bozelka called meeting to order at 12:21pm
Chair Bozelka introduced himself to the FC body and thanked the outgoing FC Chair, Professor Charles Maliti, for his service.
- 2) Seating of Alternates (as needed)
(Record available with Frank Chan)
- 3) Approval of Agenda
Approved unanimously.
(Yes: 32) (No:0) (Abstain: 0)

4) Approval of Minutes

Minutes September 7, 2023

Chair Bozelka made a motion to approve the September 7th minutes. Prof. James Cecil Simpson made the motion to approve and Prof. Jonthan Scott seconded it.

A vote took place.

(Yes: 29) (No:0) (Abstain: 2)

5) Elections of Faculty Council Officers & Instructional Staff (CLTs, HEOs & Faculty) to Faculty Council seats on BCC Senate Committees.

The Chair announced the election of FC Officers and Instructional Staff.

1. Faculty Council Vice Chair:

Chair Bozelka announced he had received one self-nomination by Prof. Carmen Meyers and asked if there are any other nominations for the post. Prof. Bozelka asked for a motion to close the nomination. Prof. Hissein Faradj made the motion to close nomination and was seconded by Prof. Larry Brenner. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

A vote took place and Prof. Carmen Meyers was elected:

(Yes: 31) (No:0) (Abstain: 0)

2. Faculty Council Secretary:

Chair Bozelka opened nomination for FC Secretary. A discussion took place. Prof. Theresa Smalec self-nominated herself to the post. Prof. Jonthan Scott made a motion to close nomination.

A vote took place. Prof. Theresa Smalec was elected:

(Yes: 28) (No:1) (Abstain: 2)

3. Faculty Council Parliamentarian

Chair Bozelka opened the nomination and asked if he could nominate while chairing the meeting. He nominated Prof. Larry Brenner and he accepted. Brief discussion took place. Chair Bozelka motioned to close nominations and Prof. Jonthan Scott seconded the motion.

A vote took place. Prof. Larry Brenner was elected:

(Yes: 31) (No: 0) (Abstain: 0)

4. Senate Executive Committee (6 members from FC):

Chair Bozelka noted self-nominations for this committee from Prof. Farnaz Kaighobadi, Prof. Peter Kolozi, Prof. Diane Banks, and CLT Martha Sanchez. Brief discussion took place. Prof. Larry Brenner stated that the Senate Executive Committee will have problems meeting quorum standards if we do not complete the slate election. Chair Bozelka opened the floor for nominations. Prof. Melissa Coss self-nominated, followed by Prof. Carmen Meyers. Prof. Larry Brenner made a motion to close nomination and was seconded by Prof. Jonthan Scott. A hand vote took place to close nomination, and it passed unanimously.

A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:

Farnaz Kaighobadi (Yes: 33)

Peter Kolozi (Yes: 32)

Diane Banks (Yes: 32)

Martha Sanchez (Yes: 33)

Melissa Coss (Yes: 31)

Carmen Meyers (Yes: 31)

5. Committee on Governance & Elections (5 members from Instructional Staff):
Chair Bozelka opened nomination process. Brief discussion took place.
A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:
Laurence Brenner (Yes: 33)
Chris Efthimiou (Yes: 32)
Lourdes Rosario (Yes: 32)
Andrea Ortuno (Yes: 33)
Sara Brady (Yes: 32)

6. Committee on Student Activities (2 members from Instructional Staff):
Chair Bozelka opened the nomination process and announced he had received one nomination to elect Prof. Carlos Cruz. There were no other nominations at the meeting. Chair Bozelka made a motion to close nominations on the first seat and Prof. Carmen Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Bozelka asked for a hand vote to close nominations and it passed unanimously.
A vote took place. Prof. Carlos Cruz was elected (Yes: 33)
Prof. Larry Brenner asked if a member was willing to make a motion to lay the second seat on the table. Prof. Noah Jampo made the motion and it was seconded by Prof. Jonthan Scott.
A vote took place and the motion passed (Yes: 32) (No: 0) (Abstain: 0)

7. Committee on Space, Facilities & Physical Plant:
Chair Bozelka opened the nomination process. Prof. Elissa Nelson, Prof. Diane Banks, Prof. Peter Kolozi, and Prof. Edwin Reed-Sanchez made statements to the FC body about their qualifications and/or the qualifications of other nominees. The following candidates were nominated: Prof. Elissa Nelson, Prof. Edwin Reed-Sanchez, Prof. Laura C. Broughton, and Prof. Diane Banks.
Prof. Seth Offenbach made a motion to close nominations and was seconded by Prof. Carmen Meyers. A hand vote took place and passed unanimously.
A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:
Edwin Reed-Sanchez (Yes: 24)
Laura C. Broughton (Yes: 21)
Diane Banks (Yes: 29)
Prof. Elissa Nelson (Yes: 20), Prof. Edwin Reed-Sanchez (Yes: 24), Prof. Laura C. Broughton (Yes: 21), Prof. Diane Banks (Yes: 29).

8. Committee on Community Events (4 members from Instructional Staff)
Chair Bozelka opened the nomination process. Prof. Bozelka asked for someone to explain the committee's duties and function. Prof. Tanweer Haroon provided the FC body with the answer. Prof. Monique Guishard, Prof. Tiquana Gatlin, and Prof. Salvador Salazar self-nominated. Chair Bozelka made a motion to close nominations and was seconded by Prof. Diane Banks. A hand vote followed and passed unanimously.
A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:
Tiquana Gatlin (Yes: 32)
Tanweer Haroon (Yes: 31)
Monique Guishard (Yes: 30)
Salvador Salazar (Yes: 32)

9. Committee on VP's & Deans:
Chair Bozelka opened the nomination process and asked Prof. Diane Banks to explain the function and the duties of the committee. Prof. Diane Banks did so, and noted the challenges of the committee's work in the prior year. Prof. Theresa Smalec self-nominated, followed by discussion initiated by Prof. Sara Brady about whether to send the VP's & Deans committee to the Governance and Elections committee for review and possible restructuring. Prof. Seth Offenbach and Prof. Jonathan Scott spoke about the importance of maintaining the original purposes of the committee. Prof. Larry Brenner asked if Prof. Brady had made a motion regarding VP's & Deans. Prof. Brady wanted it on the record that she had not made a motion. Prof. Seth Offenbach, Prof. Charles Maliti, and Prof. Shanell Rawls self-nominated themselves. Prof. Sara Brady nominated Prof. Elissa Nelson. Chair Bozelka asked for a motion to close nominations. Prof. Seth Offenbach made the motion and Prof. Diane Banks seconded the motion.
A hand vote took place and passed unanimously.
A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:
Seth Offenbach (Yes: 27)
Theresa Smalec (Yes: 23)
Elissa Nelson (Yes: 25)
Shanell Rawls (Yes: 24)
Prof. Seth Offenbach (Yes: 27), Prof. Charles Maliti (Yes: 22), Prof. Theresa Smalec (Yes: 23), Prof. Elissa Nelson (Yes: 25), Prof. Shanell Rawls (Yes: 24).

10. Committee on Academic Freedom:
Chair Bozelka opened the nomination process and stated we have four candidates and we need one more to complete the slate. Prof. Sara Brady self-nominated as the fifth member and Prof. Noah Jampol seconded the nomination. Chair Bozelka made a motion to close the nomination and was seconded by Prof. Diane Banks. A hand vote took place and was passed unanimously.
A vote took place. The following candidates were elected:
Chris Efthimiou (Yes: 32)

Farnaz Kaighobadi (Yes: 31)
Gerard Weber (Yes: 29)
John R. Ziegler (Yes: 32)
Sara Brady (Yes: 32)

- 6) Faculty Council Resolution on Faculty Council Chair Reassigned Time – Peter Kolozi:
Prof. Peter Kolozi made a presentation on the “Faculty Council Resolution on Faculty Council Chairperson Reassigned Time.”

A brief discussion took place. Prof. Kolozi made a motion to wave the two-meeting rule and was seconded by Prof. Diane Banks. Prof. Farnaz Kaighobadi (At-Large) was seated in order for a 2/3 majority vote to take place.

A discussion took place followed by a vote on waving the two meetings rule and was passed. (Yes: 31) (No: 0) (Abstain: 0)

A vote to approve the Faculty Council resolution for Faculty Council Chair release time took place and was passed. (Yes: 33) (No: 0) (Abstain: 0)

- 7) Brief presentation on the revamped BCC Honors Program - Alicia Bralove-Ramírez

- 8) Adjournment 1:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Smalec

