

**Bronx Community College Faculty Council Meeting  
Minutes of October 19, 2023**

**Attendance**

**At-Large Senators (18):** John Athanasourelis, Larry Brenner, Howard Clampman, Hisseine Faradj, Tanweer Haroon, Noah Jampol, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Peter Kolozi, Carmen Meyers, Maria Psarelli, Nelson Reynoso, Jonathan Scott, Gerard Weber, John Ziegler [14]

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

**Department Senators (15):** Andrea Ortuno, Shazia Khan, James Cecil Simpson, Sara Brady, Barbara Caballero Flores, Melissa Coss, Seth Offenbach, Michael Miller, Kerry Ojakian, Salvador Salazar [9]

**Department Alternate Senators (15):** Theresa Smalec, Stephen Powers, Tiquana Gatlin, Stephen [4]

**CLT Senators (2):** Bubacarr Bah, Martha Sanchez [2]

**HEO Senators (3):** Katherine Acevedo-Coppa, Chris Efthimiou, Albert Robinson [3]

**Guests:** Frank Chan, Alex Wolf, Stacia Reader, Jeanette Batiz

**Faculty Council Voting Membership:** 41 (22= quorum)

**Voting Members Present:** 30

**I. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Bronx Community College Faculty Council (FC) was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 in Meister Hall Room 228. Prof. Carmen Meyers, FC Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in place of Kevin Bozelka, FC Chair. Vice Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Vice Chair Meyers asked for a motion to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup> FC agenda. Prof. Seth Offenbach motioned to approve the agenda. Prof. Larry Brenner seconded the motion. A vote took place.

Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously.

(Yes: 30) (No:0) (Abstain: 0)

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Meyers asked for a motion to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> FC minutes as corrected. Prof. John Ziegler motioned to approve the minutes. Prof. Noah Jampol seconded the motion. A vote took place.

Approval of FC Minutes from April 20, 2023 (as corrected)

(Yes: 28) (No: 0) (Abstain: 2)

Vice Chair Meyers asked for a motion to approve the September 14<sup>th</sup> FC minutes as read. Prof. John Athanasourelis motioned to approve the minutes. Prof. Larry Brenner seconded the motion. A vote took place.

Approval of FC Minutes from September 14, 2023 (as read)  
(Yes: 30) (No: 0) (Abstain: 0)

#### **IV. Faculty Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Vice Chair Meyers asked Chairs of the FC Committees if they had any announcements. Members made the following announcements

Committee on Governance & Elections: Prof. Larry Brenner announced that special elections would start the following week.

Committee on Budget and Financial Planning: Prof. Peter Kolozi announced that this newly constituted committee had met for the first time to elect officers. Prof. Kolozi was elected as Chair, Prof. Nefertiti Cano was elected as Vice Chair, and Prof. Edward Lehner was elected as Secretary. The committee met again in early October to talk more substantially about budgets.

Committee on Vice Presidents and Deans: Prof. Hiseine Faradj announced that this committee had their first meeting on October 11, 2023, where they elected officers. They had also requested a meeting with BCC Interim President Milton Santiago and were working on the logistics of that meeting, scheduled for late November.

#### **V. First Presentations and Action Items**

Action Items: None

PSC-BCC Petition for Respect.

Prof. Peter Kolozi introduced himself as the PSC-CUNY CC Chapter Chairperson and shared the "Petition for Respect" with the FC. Prof. Kolozi gave a presentation about the reasons for and timing of the petition. He also emphasized the upcoming PSC-BCC rally on November 9, 2023. A brief discussion followed. Prof. Kolozi encouraged the FC to get involved with the PSC-CUNY BCC Chapter and show support.

Resolution on AI Plagiarism

Prof. Jonathan Scott shared to "Resolution on AI" passed by his department, English Language and Literature (the full resolution is available in the Senate Report folder). Prof. Scott proposed that the FC also pass this resolution, which calls on BCC's Interim President, Milton Santiago, to recommend to all BCC faculty and staff that they immediately put on their syllabi this exact language, of the May 2023 University Faculty Senate resolution. Prof. Scott explained that in Spring 2023, the UFS passed unanimously a resolution to change the CUNY policy on Academic Integrity. The UFS resolution focused on the use of AI-generated content to cheat on assignments and exams. Prof. Scott added that although there seemed to be support for the UFS resolution at the highest levels of CUNY administration, the new language on AI-generated cheating and plagiarism would likely not become official policy at CUNY for at least another year or

two, as there are many step to final adoption. Discussion took place and the question was raised as to whether or not Faculty Council was the proper channel for the resolution, as the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD) may be better suited and is scheduled to hear the resolution in the near future. Prof. Scott stated that passing the resolution in FC and CIPD would offer the best results for faculty going forward and encourage faculty to consider both solutions.

**VI. New Business:** None

Vice Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 1:38pm.  
The next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023.



Respectfully submitted by Theresa Smalec, Secretary

