Bronx Community College Faculty Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023

Present Members:

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

At-Large Alternate Senators (5): Teresa Fisher (seated) [1]

Department Senators (15): Andrea Ortuno, Shazia Khan, Theresa Smalec [seated for Sara Brady], Seth Offenbach, Michael Miller, Kerry Ojakian, Jawied Nawabi, Salvador Salazar [8]

Department Alternate Senators (15): Stephen Powers, Tiquana Gatlin, Raquel Otheguy [3]

CLT Senators (2): Lourdes Rosario [seated for Bubacarr Bah], Martha Sanchez [2] HEO Senators (3): Katherine Acevedo-Coppa, Chris Efthimiou, Albert Robinson [3] Guests: Frank Chan

Faculty Council Voting Membership: 41 (21= quorum) Voting Members Present: 28

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Bronx Community College Faculty Council (FC) was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 in Meister Hall Room 228. Prof. Kevin Bozelka, FC Chair, chaired the meeting. Chair Bozelka called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Kevin Bozelka asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2023 FC minutes. Prof. Shazia Khan noted that she had been present at that meeting, and corrected the spelling of Jeanette Batiz's last name. Prof. John Athanasourelis motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Prof. Carmen Meyers seconded the motion. A vote took place.

Approval of FC Minutes from October 19, 2023 (as corrected) (Yes: 27) (No:0) (Abstain: 1)

III. Approval of Agenda

Chair Bozelka asked for a motion to approve the November 9th FC agenda. Prof. Nelson Reynoso motioned to approve the agenda. Prof. Theresa Smalec seconded the motion. A vote took place.

Approval of Agenda Approved unanimously. (Yes: 28) (No:0) (Abstain: 0)

IV. Faculty Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Chair Kevin Bozelka asked Chairs of the FC Committees if they had any announcements. The following announcements were made.

Committee on Governance & Elections: Prof. Larry Brenner announced that special elections would end at midnight on Nov. 9, 2023. CLT and HEO elections would also end at midnight on Nov. 9, 2023.

PSC-BCC Rally

Prof. Peter Kolozi, the PSC-CUNY BCC Chapter Chairperson, encouraged FC members to attend the PSC-BCC rally immediately following the FC meeting on Nov. 9, 2023.

Resolution on Al Plagiarism

Prof. Jonathan Scott gave an update regarding the "Resolution on AI." Prof. Scott did as some FC Council members suggested at the Oct. 19 meeting, and brought the resolution to the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD). CIPD voted on and approved the resolution. CIPD subsequently formed a subcommittee to finesse the resolution's language. Professor Scott said that CIPD would bring the "Resolution on AI" to Faculty Senate for a first presentation on Dec. 14, 2023.

V. Second Presentations and Action Items: None

VI. New Business:

Reassigned Time: Prof. Maria Psarelli asked if the Senate Executive Committee would take up the issue of reassigned time. Prof. Hisseine Faradj responded that he would raise the issue at the next Senate Executive Committee meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023.

Coffee at FC Meetings: FC members asked about the possibility of having coffee at FC Meetings, as was the practice in the past. Someone replied that there is currently no money for coffee, and administration has changed the rules for how long a meeting has to last to provide food.

Toner for Printers: A member said they were going to a conference and needed a poster. They went to get it printed, but could not because there was no toner. This member asked if we could add toner and printing to our agenda for the next meeting.

Prof. John Athanasourelis made a motion to adjourn the meeting Martha Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Kevin Bozelka adjourned the meeting at 12:34pm. The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Smalec, Secretary

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