



Borough of Manhattan Community College
The City University of New York
Academic Senate

Minutes
September 22nd, 2021
Via Zoom

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 3:15 pm
- II. ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved. The following senators were absent: Fareedat Abubakar, Sharon Brickman, Arthur Cain, Ivanoba Castillo, Cheryl Christopher, Erik Freas, Joanna Giza, Benjamin Haas, Lalitha Jayant, Patricia Mathews, Camerie Mazreku, Mahatapa Palit, Lourdes Serrano, Ali Syed
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 5.12.2021 unanimously approved.
- IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:
 - IV.A. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
 - IV.A.1. Elections: L. Rennis and E. Yau - co-chairs; C. Stein – secretary
 - IV.A.2. No curriculum items
 - IV.B. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 - IV.B.1. Elections: J. Longley – chair/liaison; M. Oram – secretary
 - IV.B.2. FGD – committee met with Provost Wong to discuss FGD changes following MCC. Provost Wong will meet with Profs. R. Isserles and K. Kavanaugh to discuss further.
 - IV.C. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
 - IV.C.1. Elections: M. Foust – Chair/liaison; O. Roberts – secretary
 - IV.C.2. Developed outline for the year. Focusing on Student Experience Survey, reviewing faculty/student feedback and technology issues.
 - IV.D. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE
 - IV.D.1. Elections: J. Blake – Chair; C. Wiseman – liaison; T. Agbotouedo – secretary
 - IV.D.2. Chair thanked committee for service over summer.
 - IV.D.3. Committee discussed topic of course orientation which will impact retention.
 - IV.E. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
 - IV.E.1. Elections: C. Jacknick / G. Valoy – co-chairs; C. Kronen – liaison; Y. Schneyderman secretary
 - IV.E.2. Discussed action items for the year.
 - IV.F. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- IV.F.1. Elections: B. Powell – chair/liaison; S. Brickman – secretary
- IV.F.2. Discussed action items for the year. Invited SGA President Nana Wiafe Addae Owusu to next meeting.

IV.G. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE

- IV.G.1. Elections: H. Glaser – chair/ liaison; S. Soren Malekar – Secretary
- IV.G.2. Discussed resolution requesting AS Chair be included on President’s cabinet. Senate has approved the resolution twice. Request a response from the administration.

V. CHAIR’S REPORT

- V.A. Welcomed everyone back.
- V.B. Discussed budgetary issues. Raised topic of PSC travel funds – has requested information on virtual conference fees.
- V.C. Was honored to serve on President’s Fund for Excellence and Innovation steering committee, the only faculty representative on the committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – no old business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- VII.A. Prof. J. Blake – informed body that Prof. Ardie DeWalt, Director of Counseling (retired), passed over the summer. Expressed concern that HEOs are replacing faculty counselors in the Counseling department. Currently there are four faculty counselors and in spring 2022 that number will be reduced to three.
- VII.B. Dean of faculty – role of this dean needs clarification. Prof. J. Longley inquired whether faculty will be included on next hiring committee when the position is filled.
- VII.C. ELIC (enhanced learning in the classroom) funds – board meeting to be held; board expected to support initiative.
- VII.D. Teaching health accommodations – approved for Fall 2021 but on hold for spring 2022.
- VII.E. Memorial for Prof. G. Mansouri to be held via Zoom. Zoom link available from Prof. R. Salam.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:08 pm