

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes

November 25, 2009

- I. President Pérez called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM
- II. ATTENDANCE – Everyone attended except:

Adula, Kadidja	Man, Harvey
Anderson, Emily	Martinez-Lopez, Carmen
Blake, James	Montanez, John
Brookes, Gay	Narvaez, Christian
Carr, John	Nichols, Jacqueline
Cooper, Barry	Palmer, Lisa
Creaco, Anthony	Pamplin, M. Claire
Dabkowski, Kamil	Powell, Connett
Dash, Jon	Powell, Susana
Field, Paula	Rankin, Kevon
Ford, Saavik	Russo, Josephine
Garcia, Jessica	Sales, Angela
Ginsberg, Chaim	Salm, Sarah
Hernandez, Joel	Smoke, Gary
Jervis, Angela	Tonge, Emily
Kalogeropoulos, Nikolaos	Wolfson, Josh
Karasek, Cynthia	Ye, Lin
Maimon, Eric	

III. AGENDA ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 10/28/09 WERE COMPLETED:

- A. The Ad Hoc Committee on Corrective Changes to the Governance proposed two items. (See Attachment # 1.)
 1. Governance Vote # 6 – Volunteer Non-Voting Members for Academic Standing Committees
 1. Option A: Where a faculty person volunteers to serve as a non-voting member of an Academic Standing Committee, the chairperson of the committee may, in his or her discretion, decided whether to recommend to his or her committee that it consider adding a volunteer, non-voting member. If the committee, pursuant to a vote of the majority of the whole number of committee members votes in favor of adding the volunteer, the volunteer shall be appointed to the committee with his or her term of office ending in the May subsequent to their appointment.
 2. Option B: Where a committee member believes that a member of the college community has a background or

experience that uniquely bears on a matter under committee consideration, the committee member may request that the chairperson consider adding the individual to the committee as a non-voting member to serve as a resource to the committee. The chairperson of the committee may, in his or her discretion, decide whether to recommend to his or her committee that it considers adding the individual as a non-voting member. Where the chairperson seeks to add a resource person to the committee, he or she shall explain to the committee the special skills or experience that the proposed individual will bring to a matter under committee consideration. If the committee, pursuant to a vote of the majority of the whole number of committee members, votes in favor of adding the individual, the individual shall be appointed to the committee with his or her term of office ending in the May subsequent to his or her appointment.

3. Parliamentarian Professor Glenn Miller pointed out that the Council could not vote "Either A or B." Each motion had to be voted upon separately.
 4. SGA Representative Brian Romero moved that Option A be amended to say that volunteers should leave the room during voting.
 5. Professor Anne Friedman spoke against both motions, stating that they should be elected positions
 6. Professor Cynthia Wiseman asked if there was a procedure for how to vote for volunteers. Vice President Robert Diaz assured her that the procedure was included in the motion.
 7. Professor Shirley Rausher spoke against the amendment because volunteers are by definition non-voting.
 8. Professor Wiseman said the members should be elected.
 9. Action: Mr. Romero's amendment that volunteers should absent themselves during voting – Did not pass
 10. Professor Rivas asked whether the Governance forbids committees having volunteers. Vice President Diaz stated that the Governance did not forbid volunteers, but it did delineate who can be on committees
 11. Professor Robert Lapidés asked whether committee meetings are public, and Vice President Diaz stated that they are.
 12. Action on Option 6A – Unanimously rejected
 13. Action on Option 6B – Unanimously rejected.
2. Governance Vote # 7 - Resolution on Academic Freedom policy committee (proposed changes in **bold**.)

RESOLVED, that Article I, Part A, Section 5 subsection c be amended to provide for a standing committee on Academic

Freedom and adding subsection e, vii which sets forth the functions of the Academic Freedom Committee:

Article I, Part A, Section 5, subsection c

c. The standing policy committees are:

Academic Standing

Admissions

Curriculum

Instruction

Faculty Development

Student Affairs

Academic Freedom

Article I, Part A, Section 5 subsection e

vii. The Academic Freedom Committee educates the faculty on academic freedom issues and concerns conducts screening and oversight of academic freedom complaints at BMCC and maintains a record of academic freedom violations at BMCC.

1. Action: Yes: 16

No: 46

Invalid: 16

2. The motion failed.

B. Mr. Greg Wist presented the 2010-2011 Calendar (see Attachment # 2) and listed the variances BMCC requested.

1. The last day of classes will be added.

2. Professor Phil Belcastro asked if the Union approved the calendar, and Mr. Wist replied that the calendar has been given by CUNY Central.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. October 28, 2009 College Council Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. REPORT - President Antonio Pérez

A. President Pérez announced the formal Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Fiterman Hall would take place on December 1, 2009.

B. President Pérez stated that he had received the five year evaluation report.

1. There is concern about faculty having a voice in decision making.

2. Dean Jane Delgado talked about a proposed model for a year-long improvement cycle that featured more committees for more input.

3. Professor Mike Vozick asked if contingent faculty were to be included, and Dean Delgado said that they were included.

C. President Pérez stated that there had been questions about faculty research and publication. The President stated that both teaching and publication were important for tenure and for promotion.

1. Professor Richard Chorley asked about old hires, for which the rules changed midstream.
2. Professor Friedman asked whether President Pérez was open to a conversation about workload as it related to research and publication.
3. President Pérez answered that he had added resources and will continue to do so, but the focus is on teaching and research in that order.
4. Professor Emily Anderson stated that the Departmental P& B Committees should be setting standards.
5. Professor Kay Conway suggested a Personnel Review Committee Advisory Group to standardize evaluations.
6. President Pérez referred the matter to Dean Delgado.

- I. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. The Budget Committee report will be given at the next meeting.
 - B. The Campus Facilities and Security report will be given at the next meeting.
- II. President Pérez adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.