FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Room S-138, 3:50 PM

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES: The May 15, 2012, minutes were approved by voice vote.

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT
The following items from the May meeting were approved by Interim President Adames.

SR#69-11/12 Monitoring Report to the Middle States Commission on Colleges and Schools
SR#70-11/12 Withdrawal Deadline Policy
SR#17-11/12 Course Addition WEX/DAN-1XX Yoga Dance
SR#44-11/12 Course Modification THR-124 Dance Experience

As a package:
SR#41-11/12 Course Modification INF-265 Network Configuration I
SR#42-11/12 Course Modification INF-266 Network Configuration II
SR#43-11/12 Curriculum Modification AAS Information Technology – Database Programming and Administration [AAS.IT.NET]

SR#53-11/12 Course Addition BUS-1XX Social Networking for Business

As a package:
SR#60-11/12 Course Modification INF-153 Java Programming
SR#61-11/12 Course Modification INF-268 Advanced Java Programming
SR#62-11/12 Course Modification INF-239 Application Development

SR#63-11/12 Course Addition SPE-010 Idioms, Conversation, and American Culture

SR#64-11/12 Course Addition LIT-2XX Introduction to the Short Story

SR#65-11/12 Course Modification VET-205 Clinical Laboratory Procedures I

SR#66-11/12 Addition of LIT2XX Introduction to the Short Story to the General Education Course List (pending state approval)

As a package:
SR#67-11/12 Course Addition BUS-1XX Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations
SR#68-11/12 Curriculum Modification AS Professional Studies, Nonprofit Management Option [AS.PS.BUS.NONPRF.MGT]
III. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Senate Chair, Dr. Alan Kaufman, appointed Professor Joan Dalrymple Senate Course Auditor.
- Dr. Kaufman appointed Dr. Suzaan Boettger Senate representative to the Faculty Development Committee.
- Barbara Buff reported on the Health Center’s Food Pantry and called for support of the Pantry, preferably in the form of cash contributions.
- Professor Jennifer Lyden, Philosophy & Religion, reported on the St. Baldrick's Foundation project that funds research on childhood cancer. Jennifer and many others have sacrificed their hair, having their heads shaved as witness to the importance of the project. She called for contributions to the Baldrick's fund.
- Without objection, Dr. Kaufman reappointed Professor Mauro Marzocco Senate non-voting representative to the College Council. There was discussion of the continuing absence of a College Council non-voting representative to the Senate. Reference was made to the following provision in Article II, Section 2, of the Faculty Constitution:

2.1.d A Senate representative elected by the College Council. Said representative shall be a non-voting member of the Senate. (This provision shall be effective only so long as the Constitution of the College Council includes a comparable provision making a Senate-elected person a non-voting member of the Council.)

- Article II, Section 2, of the Faculty Constitution also provides as follows:

2.1.a The Academic Vice President and a second Vice President designated by the President of the College.

Dr. Kaufman noted that, currently, the second administrative seat in the Senate is vacant and reported the President Walter will appoint someone to fill the seat as of the 2013SP semester.

- Dr. Kaufman alerted the Senate to current administration-faculty conflicts at Queensboro Community College. The interim Academic Vice President at Queensborough recently notified the faculty in the English Department that English composition courses, beginning in Fall 2013, would be reduced from four hours to three. When the department balked, she stated that adjuncts would be eliminated, searches for full-time faculty halted, and Composition sections would not be offered. Students needing to take Composition would therefore need to take the course at another community college. She further said that the reappointment of full-time faculty would be reviewed. Dr. Kaufman maintained that we all need to pay attention to behaviors such as this at other colleges since what happens at one place can move to others. We must always be vigilant about faculty shared governance prerogatives and about maintaining our academic integrity.

IV. PRESIDENT’S PRESENTATION: Dr. B. Kaye Walter

New BCC President, Dr. B. Kaye Walter, was welcomed by the Senate and commented on a few matters of importance.

- She emphasized that, in her view, the college curriculum belongs to the Faculty and that it must be developed by the Faculty.
- She distributed an article on ending late registration and urged everyone to read it and think of ways we could apply it to our own "late start" dilemmas.
- She referenced an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding placement testing and whether it is helpful these days. The President encouraged everyone to read it.
- She asked the Senate to form a team to begin looking at the data of the CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement) so that we can actually do something with the survey results.
• She asked whether the Senate would like to have a presidential inauguration, also requesting the Senate leadership to advise her of the Senate's will on this matter.
• The Middle States team visiting the college on October 3 and 4 will give a summary report to the college at 9:45 AM on October 4 in the Tech Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Following the President's presentation, she responded to questions from Senators on various matters.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• SR#8-12/13 2013FA-2014SUM Academic Calendar – Senate Executive Committee and AVP Adames
  The proposed calendar was discussed at length. Proposals for changes were made. By general consensus, Dr. Kaufman agreed to lead the Senate Executive Committee in further work on the document and then to bring it back to the Senate at its October meeting.

AVP José Adames reported that he will create a task force to develop a new long-term, multi-year and multi-phased Academic Calendar. He called for volunteers to express their interest via email to him.

Invited guest participant, Mr. Paul Ragusa, contributed comments about the functions of the Ciarco Learning Center, of which he is the Administrator.

Invited guest participant, Dr. Ronald Milon, Meadowlands Administrator, was ill and thus unable to attend the Senate meeting. As a matter of professional courtesy, he should have notified the Senate Chair about his inability to attend the meeting.

• Professor Anne Marie Roscello, presented a report on developments in the Faculty Development Program, of which she is Chair.

• In the unexcused absence of Mr. Nestor Melendez, Interim Asst. Dean of Student Life & Judicial Affairs – who, like Ronald Milon, was ill yet did not notify the Senate that he would be unavailable for the meeting – Dr. Kaufman reported briefly on the newly-established B.I.T. (Behavioral Intervention Team), noting that this program should not have been instituted without review and consideration by the Faculty Senate.

• Dr. George Cronk, Senate Curriculum Auditor, reported briefly on the current status of the College Catalog. Discussion followed.

VI. VISITORS: Stacey Balkan, Brant Chapman, Jennifer Lyden, Paul Ragusa.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cronk
Dr. George Cronk, Senate Secretary