

# Bergen Community College

## College Council Meeting

February 23, 2017

12:30pm – 1:30pm/C-313

### College Personnel in Attendance:

Dr. Yun Kim  
Dr. Tobyn De Marco  
Dr. Alan Kaufman  
Ms. Angelica Flores  
Ms. Monica Postle  
Professor Laurie Hodge  
Mr. Jim Miller  
Professor Brian Cordell  
Professor Joan Cohen  
Mr. David DeLizio  
Ms. Marissa Drukker  
Dr. Drorit Beckman  
Mr. Cormac Godfrey  
Ms. Nidaa Ombali (SGA Guest)  
Ms. Rachel Lerner (SGA Advisor)

### AGENDA

The agenda was presented:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2016 meeting
3. Committee Reports from:
  - a. Faculty Senate
  - b. Staff Senate
  - c. Student Government Association
4. Professional Development Day – Resolution
5. Final Review of the College Council Constitution
6. Old Business:
  - a. Sanctuary College
  - b. Election of College Council Secretary
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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### Proceedings:

- I. Meeting started at 12:33pm.
- II. Minutes from the College Council meeting of December 15, 2016 were approved, pending a correction to reflect that Professor Laurie Hodge was in attendance.
- III. Constituent Groups Report:

### Faculty Senate:

- Dr. Kaufman stated that at the last Faculty Senate meeting, two resolutions on curriculum were passed. The resolutions are: (1) eliminate the word “MAJOR” from student transcripts; and (2) a request to be clear about documenting, reporting, and presenting degree programs and program options. These resolutions will be going to the President’s Office soon.
- Dr. Kim asked if a copy of these resolutions could be e-mailed to her so that it could be attached to the meeting minutes and Professor Cohen agreed to do so.

### Staff Senate:

- Ms. Postle reported out on the Casual Monday. This year’s theme is on Active Listening, and planning for the day is progressing. The Staff Senate (SS) is also planning a summer picnic.
- The SS newsletter will be coming out soon – the theme will be *connect, communicate, and educate*.
- Currently, the SS is short eight members.

### Student Government Association:

- Mr. DeLizio reported that the SGA is working on its website and expanding social media presence.
- They are working on developing a recommendation regarding parking ticket issues with Public Safety; the Judiciary body is working on parking ticket appeals and digitizing the process. Students will have the opportunity to appeal. However, a parking ticket must be paid first then followed-up with an appeal to avoid registration “hold.”
- SGA is planning Diversity Day. Each day one unit will be recognized. The Leadership Gala is on Wednesday, 3/1/17, 5-9:00pm. Faculty and staff are invited to the Gala. In addition to show case the student leadership, the Gala will raise money to support the emergency fund for the students.

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### IV. Professional Development Day (PDD) and Faculty Conference

- Dr. De Marco reported that he and Dr. Kim met with Dr. Bill Mullaney to discuss how the CC can be more involved with the planning of the PDD. Dr. Mullaney informed of a PDD Committee, and agreed to have a CC representative on this PDD Committee. Currently, Jaymee Griffin, Linda Box, Maureen Ellison-Davis, and Lisa Mayer are on the PDD Committee.
- A motion on the floor to elect a representative – 11/Yes, 0/No, 0/abstain. The motion passed.
- A single nominee, Mr. Cormac Godfrey, was elected to represent the CC on the PDD Committee; Mr. Godfrey will report on the PDD as a regular agenda item.

### V. College Constitution

- Review of the final version that was distributed with the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Agenda.
- The CC approved the Constitution, pending a correction of one typo in Article II, section 4, line 2 on page 2.
- Drs. De Marco and Kim will forward the College Council's Constitution to President Walter.

### VI. Old Business

- Sanctuary College - Mr. DeLizio reported that SGA created an Ad Hoc committee was created and is looking into the multiple implications of declaring Bergen a sanctuary college. A report will be prepared and it will be shared with the CC. Mr. DeLizio asked for a motion to postpone this item to the March CC meeting. Dr. De Marco read a short segment of a letter signed by 48 university presidents, which they sent to President Donald Trump. Although, President Walter read a statement in support of Bergen being a safe campus during the Feb. Board Meeting, Dr. De Marco suggested that writing a statement on the issue - affirming that Bergen is a safe campus—would be a beneficial message to our students, who may be confused and fearful. Mr. Miller agreed to locate and e-mail Dr. Walter's opening statement to the Board members. A suggestion was made from the floor that the Staff Senate could also create a small group to discuss the topic. Dr. Kim requested the Faculty Senate share its written statement recommending Bergen to become a sanctuary college.
- A motion to postpone further discussion and action of sanctuary college was approved.

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- Election of College Council Secretary – a motion for nominations was introduced. Ms. Angelica Flores nominated herself. Ms. Flores was the only nominee. Ms. Flores was elected CC Secretary. Ms. Flores' term commences in March 2017.
- VII. New Business – No new business
- VIII. Adjournment - The Council meeting was adjourned at 1:23 P.M.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Yun K. Kim*