

Bergen Community College
College Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2017

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

C-313

College Personnel in Attendance:

Mr. Tyler Kim (SGA Guest)
Mr. Cormac Godfrey
Mr. David DeLizio
Ms. Angelica Flores
Professor Joan Cohen
Ms. Doreta Biba (SGA Guest)
Mr. Jim Miller
Dr. Tobyn De Marco
Ms. Rachel Lerner (SGA Advisor)
Ms. Marissa Drukker
Dr. Drorit Beckman
Professor Brian Cordell
Ms. Monica Postle
Ms. Sibora Peca
Dr. Alan Kaufman

AGENDA

The agenda was presented:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2017 meeting
3. Committee Reports from:
 - a. Faculty Senate
 - b. Staff Senate
 - c. Student Government Association
4. Old Business:
 - a. College Council Constitution status
 - b. Sanctuary College status
5. New Business
 - a. Faculty Conference and Day of Development Suggestions for Liaison
6. Adjournment

Proceedings:

- I. Call to order at 12:33 PM.

- II. Minutes from the College Council meeting of February 23, 2017 were approved.

III. Constituent Groups Report:

Faculty Senate:

○ Dr. Kaufman stated that the Faculty Senate agenda was very light, and that there is nothing to report.

Staff Senate:

- Staff Senate had its Third Annual Casual Monday (March 13, 2017).
- The Staff Senate surveyed the attendees of the Casual Monday event and received 45 responses, which is approximately 30% of the 143 attendees. Please contact a Staff Senate office if you would like detailed information regarding the survey.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be on April 20, 2017 at 12:30PM, in C-313.
- In regards to the sanctuary schools, the Staff Senate E-board discussed the topic and believes it is a very complicated issue and would like to hear what the students think about it. Another step will be to open up this topic for conversation with staff.

Student Government Association:

- Mr. DeLizio reported that the SGA is holding its Spring 2017 Elections to recruit new Executive Board members. Currently, there are ten (10) applicants.
- The SGA Elections campaigning week will be held April 14 – 23, 2017.
- The Auxiliary Committee within the SGA is working on implementing charging stations on campus for electronic devices.
- The HESAA's Student Advisory Committee is looking for students interested in participating in state-level initiatives regarding funds and education.

IV. Old Business

College Council Constitution – The revised College Council Constitution was sent to President Walter. President Walter chose not to send it to the Board of Trustees for review and approval. The President indicated that the previous CC Constitution was neither reviewed nor approved by the BCC BOT. Dr. De Marco indicated that the BCC BOT reviewed and approved previous CC Constitutions. Dr. De Marco will discuss with President Walter whether the current, revised College Council Constitution should be reviewed and approved by the BCC Board of Trustees.

Sanctuary College - Mr. DeLizio expressed the complexity and difficulty of gathering information about Sanctuary College status, and the problems of surveying students' views on sanctuary school status. Dr. De Marco suggested that SGA address the issues regarding Sanctuary College individually. A member inquired whether the CC should be only researching the issue of Sanctuary College (not making recommendations). Dr. De Marco reminded everyone that the College Council is a

policy recommending body. Members inquired about BCC's current policies that may be relevant to the issues of Sanctuary College.

o Dr. Beckman mentioned that the Interim Dean of Assessment is reviewing BCC's policies and procedures, to organize and look for gaps and inconsistencies in the current policies but not to make changes.

Dr. Kaufman motioned that it was inappropriate to have the Interim Dean of Assessment review BCC policies and procedures, and that this task should be delegated to the appropriate entities. Professor Cohen suggested input from the College Council would help the Interim Dean of Assessment with this task.

Motion: The College Council deems it inappropriate for the Interim Dean of Assessment to review the policies and procedures of BCC because such review (and recommendations) of policies and procedures belongs to the College Council.

Mr. Godfrey amended the motion: the College Council shall propose recommendations through a subcommittee. Dr. Kaufman accepted the amendment.

Motion with amendment approved: nine (9) yay, zero (0) nay, one (1) abstention.

Motion: to postpone the college sanctuary discussion and consideration to the next College Council meeting.

Motion approved: twelve (12) yay, zero (0) nay, zero (0) abstentions.

For the next CC meeting, Dr. De Marco suggested that a discussion without the use of the word "sanctuary" may be helpful to the CC, and may allow the body to approve specific recommendations without a declaration of "Sanctuary College."

V. New Business

Faculty Conference and Day of Development Suggestions for Liaison - No new suggestions were presented.

Dr. Kaufman inquired whether Mr. Godfrey received any invitations to meetings regarding the Faculty Conference and/or Day of Development. Mr. Godfrey received no invitations.

VI. Adjournment - The CC meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelica Flores (with edits).