

Minutes of the College Council Meeting

Thursday, November 30, 2017

12:30pm/C-313

**Attendance:**

Dr. Yun Kim  
Dr. Toby De Marco  
Dr. Alan Kaufman  
Professor Joan Cohen  
Professor Laurie Hodge  
Ms. Catherine Krostek  
Ms. Jaymee Griffin  
Ms. Marissa Drukker  
Dr. Drorit Beckman  
Ms. Racheal Lerner  
Ms. Sibora Peca  
Mr. Thomas Lotito  
Mr. Tom Keinan

**AGENDA**

The agenda was presented:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2017 meeting
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Faculty Senate
  - b. Staff Senate
  - c. Student Government Association (SGA)
4. Old Business:
  - a. Voting results for new College Council secretary
  - b. Selection of Peer Institutions: presented by guest, Madeline Trimble, Senior Research Associate, Institutional Research/CIE
  - c. Summer Hours (including consideration of SGA resolution)
  - d. SGA resolution regarding suggested College Council Constitution changes
  - e. Final approval of the College Council Constitution
5. New Business
  - a. Communication Task Force Report of August 2013
6. Adjournment

**Proceedings:**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:36pm.

II. Motion to approve the minutes from the College Council meeting of October 26, 2017. No discussion or changes; motion approved.

III. Committee Report:

- Faculty Senate: It was noted that Dr. Michael Redmond, Interim President of Bergen Community College (BCC) and the Patrick Fletcher, Vice-Chair of BCC's Board of Trustees attended the most recent Faculty Senate meeting, held on November 28, 2018. A resolution was passed regarding Student Religious observance.
- Staff Senate: The most recent Staff Senate meeting held on November 9, 2017. There is a full committee this year. Sub-committees are planning the Casual Monday event and the Staff Senate Picnic. Also the Coffee & Conversation Cart is active and has visited multiple departments this semester. The Staff Senate E-Board met with Dr. Redmond and shared ideas on how the Staff Senate can benefit the College.
- Student Government Association: The SGA will be holding their annual Winter Wonderland on December 6, 2017 from 5-9PM, in the cafeteria. The SGA will also hold a council meeting on December 16, 2018 to get student perspectives on issues and to inform students of the resources available to them.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Dr. De Marco announced that Catherine Krostek will be the new Secretary for the College Council.
  - Motion was made to move the agenda item regarding the topic of the Selection of Peer Institutions to be discussed next. The motion was approved.
- b. Madeline Trimble, Senior Research Associate, Institutional Research/CIE presented on the Selection of Peer Institutions. The updated list was discussed, the selection process and how BCC will use the data was explained. Dr. Redmond will be presented with the final list of twelve colleges for review.
- c. Sibora Pica, President of the SGA, read aloud the proposed resolution regarding summer hours that was written with student input. Discussion followed and the motion was made for BCC to return to its former policy of a Monday through Thursday schedule during the summer months of June, July and August. Motion approved: eleven (11) yay, zero (0) nay, zero (0) abstentions.
- d. Sibora Pica read aloud the proposed resolution regarding a change be made to Article II, section d of the College Council Constitution. A discussion followed regarding the benefits of having consistent student representation and giving SGA members, other than the executive board, the opportunity to have an active role at the College Council meetings. The motion was made to accept this change. Motion approved: twelve (12) yay, zero (0) nay, zero (0) abstentions.

- e. Motion was made to postpone the final approval of the College Council Constitution until the above mentioned changes can be made. Motion approved: eight (8) yay, zero (0) nay, four (4) abstentions. Dr. De Marco agreed to make the revisions to the constitution and present the update at the next College Council Meeting.

VI. New Business:

- Dr. Redmond suggested the members of the College Council review the Communication Task Force Report of August 2013. Members were asked to read the report and indicate any areas where recommendations (made by the task force) may have been initiated or carried out. The council will discuss the report at the next College Council meeting and forward its recommendations to Dr. Redmond. (A copy of the Communication Task Force Report was recently e-mailed to each member of the council.)
- A motion was made to let it be known to the President that the College Council appreciates the openness of the lines of communication that have been presented and looks forward to it continuing. Motion approved: eight (8) yay, zero (0) nay, four (4) abstentions.

V. Adjournment was at 1:36pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Heck

- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 @ 12:30–1:30 pm in C-325.