

Minutes of the College Council Meeting
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Thursday, December 15, 2016

12:30pm/A-318

College Personnel in Attendance:

Dr. Yun Kim
Dr. Tobyn De Marco
Dr. Alan Kaufman
Ms. Joan Cohen
Ms. Catherine Krostek
Mr. David Delizio
Ms. Angelica Flores
Mr. Cormac Godfrey
Ms. Marissa Drukker
Dr. Drorit Beckman

AGENDA

The agenda was presented:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2016 meeting
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Faculty Senate
 - b. Student Government Association (SGA)
 - c. Staff Senate
4. College Council Constitution: Review of Changes
5. Old Business:
 - a. College Council Website
 - b. Resolution regarding Day of Professional Development
 - i. Guest, Dr. William Mullaney
6. New Business
 - a. Election of a New College Council Secretary
7. Adjournment

Proceedings:

I. Meeting started at 12:34pm. There was a welcome and an introduction of three new College Council members: Senate Officers/Dr. Drorit Beckman (Parliamentarian), and Marissa Drukker (Secretary) as well as a new SGA Officer, Cormac Godfrey (Chief Justice). The remaining College Council members each introduced themselves.

II. Minutes from the College Council meeting of November 17, 2016 were approved pending a correction on page three, under 6a. – revised to read...A member noted...correction was made.

III. Constituent Groups Report:

- Faculty Senate: Dr. Alan Kaufman mentioned two items of discussion from a recent Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Francis Schmidt had a concern regarding IT and that it is ‘teaching’ that drives technology. A committee will be created to discuss this topic. Also the Faculty Senate passed a motion to make Bergen Community College a Sanctuary College. An explanation of what a Sanctuary College was requested.
 - o A ‘Sanctuary campus’ is a designation for a college or university in the United States that adopts policies to protect students who are undocumented immigrants.*
- Alan Kaufman mentioned this was an outgrowth from the recent presidential election results. Many colleges are considering this policy. For Bergen to fully be designated a “Sanctuary Campus” legal advice and board approval would be needed. He also asked the College Council to endorse this policy. The Staff Senate and the SGA were asked to discuss this issue with its members...this was acknowledged and agreed upon. The motion was passed for the College Council to postpone to the next meeting to endorse a ‘Sanctuary Campus’ policy and to take into consideration the opinions and recommendations of the SGA and our students.
- Staff Senate: Nothing to report
- Student Government Association: Mr. DeLilizio announced the new SGA Officer/member of the College Council, Chief Justice, Cormac Godfrey. Also the SGA has been promoting campus activities and facilities that are open to students – encouraging student usage.
- Dr. Kim asked anyone in contact with students to remind them to register for Spring 2017 classes before the end of December. Dr. Kaufman commented that that was a good idea, but the College was not doing anything to promote it and prematurely closing or putting holds on classes too early before the start of the semester does not encourage students to register. Students go to register and are finding a lot of classes canceled. Spring 2017 registration started too early within the Fall 2016 semester and it was not publicized enough. Ms. Flores brought up the payment plan for Spring 2017 classes was changed and not advertised early enough. Dr. Kaufman mentioned this may have been the reason for the high number of seat deletes. Ms. Krostek mentioned that the NJ Stars student’s classes were protected from seat delete for Spring 2017. Ms. Drukker interjected that she is a volunteer Student Success Ambassador and she noticed registration for Spring 2017 started too early and was not advertised effectively. Mr. Godfrey agreed and stated that most students do not register for the next semester until they see how they did in the current semester. He suggested that some education on the registration process needs to be presented to students throughout the school year. Students traditionally register late, and conflicts with work and life can determine when a student can

take classes. Mr. Godfrey also suggested staggering registration. Dr. Kim mention this may be difficult due to the timing of financial aid issues.

IV. College Council Constitution - Review of Changes: Dr. De Marco, having the updates from the last meeting, revised the current draft of the constitution.

- Article 2 – Section 3 is new and approved
- Article 2 – Section 4 - minor changes to be made to ensure word consistency.
- o Dr. De Marco will draw up a final draft and along with Dr. Kim confirm all changes. The final copy will be sent out to all members of the College Council and then the new College Council Constitution will be presented to the President of BCC. Motion passed – all in agreement of this process.

V. Unfinished/Old Business:

- College Council Website: Article 3 – Section 2 – will remain as is.
- Resolution regarding Day of Professional Development
 - Guest, Dr. William Mullaney...Dr. Mullaney was delayed at a previous appointment and unable to attend this College Council meeting.

VI. New Business:

- Election of a New College Council Secretary: Deferred to the February 2017 meeting
- No January 2017 meeting

VII. Adjournment was at 1:18pm

- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 @ 12:30–1:30 pm in C-313.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Heck

*Sanctuary campus - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanctuary_campus