

Bergen Community College
College Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

C-313

College Personnel in Attendance:

Dr. Yun K. Kim
Ms. Marissa Drukker
Dr. Tobyn De Marco
Mr. David DeLizio
Ms. Monica Postle
Ms. Angelica Flores
Ms. Laurie Hodge
Professor Joan Cohen
Dr. Alan Kaufman
Ms. Catherine Krostek
Mr. Greg Fenkart
Mr. Jim Miller
Professor Brian Cordell
Dr. Drorit Beckman
Ms. Jaymee Griffin

AGENDA

The agenda was presented:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2017 meeting
3. Committee Reports from:
 - a. Faculty Senate
 - b. Staff Senate
 - c. Student Government Association
4. Old Business:
 - a. Sanctuary College status
5. New Business
 - a. Review and updating of the College Council's webpages
 - b. College Council's e-mail box and its regular maintenance
6. Adjournment

Proceedings:

- I. Call to order at 12:34 PM.

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

III. Constituent Groups Reports:

Faculty Senate:

- Dr. Kaufman stated that the Faculty Senate had its meeting on Tuesday April 25, 2017 and there was vigorous discussion of shared governance in which the behavior of the administration with regard to the ALP program was addressed. Many Senate and faculty members criticized the administration for its intrusion into faculty governance, and there was a motion that requested that the administration adhere to College shared governance policies.

Staff Senate:

- Staff Senate had its last meeting on April 20, 2017 at 12:30 PM in C-313.
- The topic of the College's summer hours (Monday or Friday) was discussed during the Staff meeting, and a motion was introduced to bring the issue to the College Council for recommendations for future changes. It is difficult for staff working in the summer to balance hours, and it is even more difficult for small departments.. The Staff Senate stated that they were not part of the discussion of summer hours, and they would like to see the background information regarding this decision. Dr. De Marco mentioned he could provide that information. Currently, a full three-day work week during the summer months limits productivity, and it may be neither economical nor efficient to keep the buildings open on Fridays
- Dr. Kaufman commented that he did a tour and an informal survey of the College on a Friday in the summer and there was only one class in session in the morning.
- Also discussed at the most recent Staff Senate meeting were the issues of vacation time, the lack of communication regarding time usage limits, and the reconsideration of their membership and Constitution. They would like to schedule a meeting in May 2017 and postpone their elections until June 2017. The Staff Senate states that when they were given their membership parameters it was not proportional to the number of staff members employed in each constituent group.
 - The Staff Senate Picnic will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017.

Student Government Association:

- Mr. DeLizio reported that the SGA is holding the voting for its Spring 2017 Elections this week from Monday, April 24 through Friday, April 28.
- The Judiciary hosted an Integrity event on April 24, 2017 in the Student Center where students were encouraged to sign an Integrity banner stating that they will uphold the Student Code of Conduct, and that they will not cheat during Final Examinations.

- The Ad-Hoc Sanctuary Committee produced a report and submitted the Sanctuary College Resolution. It was passed unanimously in the SGA Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.
- Ms. Flores added if it were possible, to spread the message and let students know to vote in the SGA elections. Dr. Kaufman suggested sending out an email to faculty, through the faculty master list, letting them know to notify their students to vote.

IV. Old Business

Sanctuary College – Dr. Kaufman commented that he attended the Student Government Senate meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, and given that two of the three entities of the College Council agree in declaring the College a sanctuary college, he made a motion for the College Council to send its recommendation for the College to declare itself a sanctuary college to the President. The motion was seconded by Professor Hodge.

- The Staff Senate stated that they had conducted very thorough research on the issue. During their Casual Monday (March 13, 2017) they had an informal information session regarding sanctuary colleges for the staff. The Staff Senate was still hesitant to come to a conclusion and asked for more information regarding the Student Government's discussion and report on this topic. Ms. Flores suggested sending out the Sanctuary College report conducted by the Student Government Ad-Hoc Sanctuary Committee to the members of the College Council. (Attachment A)

- Professor Cohen did not think the College Council should vote on Dr. Kaufman's motion to send its recommendation of declaring the College a sanctuary college if the Staff Senate is not ready to give their feedback. She also requested to have reports from both bodies to be sent to the College Council members. (Attachments A and C)

- Professor Cohen made the motion to postpone Dr. Kaufman's original motion of sending its recommendations to the President about declaring the College a sanctuary college until the next College Council meeting (September 2017).
Motion approved: eight (8) yay, three (3) nay, two (2) abstentions.

- The Staff Senate suggested to have a list of resources available for students who need assistance.

Motion: To request the Center for Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation to communicate a list of available resources to all students/undocumented students.

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

- Dr. Kim suggested all of the documents pertaining to sanctuary college produced by the Faculty Senate, the SGA, and the statement read at a previous Board of Trustees meeting be sent to the members of the College Council. (Attachments A, B, C and D)

V. New Business

Review and updating of the College Council's webpages

Motion: To allow Dr. Kim, Dr. De Marco, and Ms. Krostek to clean up the College Council website.

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

College Council's e-mail box and its regular maintenance

○ Dr. Kim and Dr. De Marco will be checking and keeping a regular maintenance with the College Council's email box.

- Dr. Kim suggested the items of summer hours and sanctuary college be added to the agenda for the next College Council meeting in September 2017.

VI. **Adjournment** - The CC meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelica Flores.