

**Bergen
Community
College
Faculty Senate**

Chairperson: Dr. Alan Kaufman

Vice Chairperson: Professor Brian Cordell

Secretary: Professor Joan Cohen

Treasurer: Dr. Tobyn De Marco

**FACULTY SENATE Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2000
Room S138, 3:50**

I. Review of Minutes, – December 2019 Minutes were accepted

Guests: Ilene Kleinman, Adam Goodell, Brant Chapman, Steve Fisher, Emily Vandalsky, Brian Helmstreet

II. REPORT ON CURRICULUM

None

III CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair's report was brief, addressing just two items. Dr. Kaufman noted that the academic calendar was complete for the 2020 summer session and that it should by now have been disseminated. He stated that calendars are going to be brought before Senate. He said that decisions need to be made about offerings at the Lyndhurst campus and that some calendar decisions will depend upon those judgments. In the meantime, Dr. Fisher, Dr. Kaufman, and Professor Cohen will be working on the calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Kaufman then spoke very briefly about cookies and asked Senators how they felt about fruit being added to today's refreshments. Christine Silvestri, VP Fisher' secretary, who orders refreshments and so made the decision to order fruit, received applause for her decision.

III. SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Tony Ross, interim President reported on a number of things going on around the college. He noted that he with others are working a plan for the Meadowlands. He is definitely interested in hearing from and talking with faculty, especially who teach there. There was also mention of the Meadowlands Environmental Center and how that might be incorporated into environmental science courses.

The movement of people and offices for the One-Stop is almost complete. The renovation is anticipated to take 6-8 months, but is already behind schedule since it was supposed to start in January.

There is no news on the Presidential search. Dr. Kaufman noted that he will keep the Senate up-to-date of any activity and/or action. Brian Agnew's position will not be filled.

The Retention Committee is in need of another faculty member. It was suggested to have someone from the math department.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Brian Cordell reported that a committee has been formed to work on the Success Course. Brian and Emily Vandalovsky are co-chairs. The committee will be working to re-envision the courses and uncouple it from Basic Skills. One of the student reps asked if she could attend the meetings and was invited to join the committee

Dan Sheehan's report on Specialized Course fees was postponed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Drs. Brock Fisher and Ilene Kleinman reported on the N.J. Assembly Bill 791 which addresses academic credit to veterans. They have to be in a degree program and their transcripts and time served. The minimum is 6 credits. The veterans record will be evaluated by the ACE – American Council on Education. They will then let college's know what credits should be given. Having an outside group doing the evaluation, made everyone much more comfortable with the bill. Doug Short made the observation that the college has been doing this all along, using the ACE to evaluate. John Giamo is the point person in the Veteran' office.

Dr. Drorit Beckman made a presentation regarding the committee working on "Policies and Procedures". There are about 70 policies that need to be looked at and kept as is, withdrawn or updated. She handed out some sample policies and the template being used. Kate McGivern noted that this committee has been working for two years.

Kate McGivern made the observation that people are not attending college-wide committees and used the Academic Standing committee as an example. They have not had a quorum and cannot therefore work on the business of students. Alan reminded the faculty that the faculty constitution requires

attendance by those elected to the committee. Anyone who misses more than 3 meetings can be removed from the committee. Kaufman said he would inform all committee chairs of this.

Curriculum

115-19/20	Course Deletion	LIT-222	Introduction to Literary Criticism
116-19/20 AS A PACKET	Course Deletion	LIT-224	International Literature
117-19/20 in Humans	Course Addition	BIO-2XX	Physiological Actions of Cannabinoids
118-19/20 Cultivation of	Course Addition	BIO-2XX	Commercial Practices used in the Cannabis Species
119-19/20 and Industrial Cannabis Species AS A PACKET	Curriculum Addition	COA.CANN	Certificate of Achievement-Medicinal
120-19/20	Course Modification	COM-106	Television Production I
121-19/20	Course Addition	COM-2XX	Digital Film Making
122-19/20	Course Addition	COM-2XX	Podcasting

Voted as a consent agenda 48-0-1

VIII. Adjournment – 5:30 PM