

**Bergen
Community
College
Faculty Senate**

Chairperson: Dr. Alan Kaufman

Vice Chairperson: Professor Brian Cordell

Secretary: Professor Joan Cohen

Treasurer: Dr. Toby De Marco

**FACULTY SENATE Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Room S138, 2:50
PM**

- I. **Review of Minutes, May 14, 2019 – Minutes were accepted**
Guests: Ilene Kleinman, Mecheline Farhat, Melissa Krieger

- II. **REPORT ON CURRICULUM**

All curriculum items from the September 24, 2019 Senate meeting were postponed because of technical difficulties.

- III. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Dr. Kaufman began his report by encouraging Senators, if they are available, to attend the naming ceremony for the Suzanne Helff Vet Tech Building. It will be on October 3 at 10 a.m.

Kaufman appointed the following: Toby DeMarco, Senate Parliamentarian; Joan Dalrymple, Senate Course/Curriculum Auditor; Dan Sheehan, Senate representative to the Faculty Development Committee.

Kaufman introduced Tony Ross, interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Kaufman reported that the newly-designed Default Curriculum is moving through the approval process and should come before the Faculty Senate in November. He also mentioned that the Success course would be redesigned during Fall, 2019.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

VPAA Brock Fisher noted that there are three major issues being tackled which will need Faculty and Senate input – re-imaging of the Student Success Course; Open Educational Resources and/or textbook cost reduction; 3 year rotating calendar. Fisher is willing to share where the administration stands on most issues. He hopes to act as conduit for the Senate to bring and exchange information.

Interim VP/SA Dr. Tony Ross – Gave his resume and then talked about One-Stop. He is working with Dr. Redmond and Dr. Agnew. Construction is to begin in January, 2020. He was asked how we will handle registration and noted that people will still be on the job, just in different places for at least 7 months. The only academic space that will be swapped out is Fashion and that may be moving to West Hall. He noted that the money for this was allocated a few years ago and does not come from general operating funds. Ross said he would bring blueprints to our October meeting.

Larry Hlavenka (Executive Director, Public Relations, Community and Cultural Affairs)

Hlavenka gave a brief presentation (part of one that had been presented to the Board of Trustees) regarding the college's new PR campaign which focuses on quality of faculty, coursework and students. Preview of the new college website which will be introduced sometime this semester. PR budget used to be \$1,000,000 but is now down to \$169,000. Therefore, we are relying on social media and news releases to get the word out.

There was then a question and answer period with all 3 men answering questions.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Development – Joan Dalrymple spoke about the work of Faculty Development. Elections will take place on October 15th. There are 8 new fulltime faculty members this semester.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

60 Credit Curriculum – Dr. Kaufman spoke with the New Jersey Secretary of Education about whether students can move from their present catalog year into the 60-credit catalog year. She said colleges can make their own decisions on this as a policy. Kim Smokowski noted that Bergen students have always been able to move into newer catalogs but they must meet with a counselor to do that.

A motion was made – Students have the option to move into the 2019 catalog year or keep their current catalog year. (52-0-1).

Search Committee Process – Dan Sheehan proposed this motion:

To insure that the next President of BCC is aligned with the mission of the college as carried out by the faculty, the Faculty Senate implores the Board of Trustees to conduct a search committee with

significant faculty membership and input for the hiring of the next president. Furthermore, we urge the Board of Trustees to conduct the search with limited or no use of a third party search firm. (47-3-2)

Curriculum

Because many Senators have not yet converted to Gmail, there were problems opening the curriculum files to review in advance of the meeting. Because of this action on the curriculum items was postponed until the next meeting.

100-19/20	Course Modification	SOC-102	Introduction to Human Services
101-19/20	Course Modification	EDU-101	Introduction to Education
102-19/20	Course Modification	EDU-120	Foundations of Early Childhood Education
103-19/20	Course Modification	EDU-130	Infant and Toddler Care and Education
104-19/20	Course Modification	EDU-220	Developmental Theory and Learning
105-19/20	Course Modification	EDU-226	Supervised Fieldwork Experience
106-19/20	Curriculum Modification	CERT.LGN.CON	Legal Nurse Consultant Experience
107-19/20	Curriculum Deletion	AA.FPA.THTR.DAN	Assoc. of Arts Theater Dance Option

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. Adjournment