

**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, October 2, 2018

Room S138, 3:50

- I. Review of Minutes, October 2, 2018 – Minutes were accepted** Guests:
Ilene Kleinman, Adam Goodell, Takfor Mutafoğlu

II. REPORT ON CURRICULUM

There were no curriculum items for approval for this meeting. All curriculum items had been approved.

The Agenda was moved to allow Dr. Mullaney discuss the Community College Opportunity Grant which Bergen received along with 13 other colleges in New Jersey. \$20 million dollars will be shared amongst these schools. Every Community College in the State will get \$250,000 in the Spring for students who qualify for the Fall. These funds cover last dollar tuition which means students have to use their financial aid, scholarships, etc. before they can get any of these funds. Students or their families need to make less than \$45,000 per year to qualify.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Kaufman spoke about curricular matters. He indicated that much of the 2018-2019 academic year will be spent at the college revising all curricula to bring them to the new state-wide limit of 60 credits for associate degrees, with some exceptions to be made for programs with accreditation standards. NJ Senate Bill 1265 "Provides that no more than 120 credits will be required for baccalaureate degree awarded by public institution and no more than 60 credits for associate degree."

Four committees are to be established by the Senate and the administration: to work on the 60-credit limit, on accredited programs, on AS.PS.Gen., and on what is being called the “Default Student Experience.” Deans and faculty members will co-chair each committee.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

General Studies Program Review:

Carol Miele and Ilene Kleinman presented their completed review document for the General Studies Program Review. It did not need to be approved or voted on by the Senate.

Update on Curriculum Electronic Process:

Brian Cordell and Joan Dalrymple discussed the continued work on the resolution passed at the May 15th meeting which called for all Curriculum (submissions, deletions, changes) be moved to an electronic process. They worked with Nishika Gupta and Arooj Javed in Records Management, to create Lazerfiche documents and create a workflow. They showed a draft of the document that would be used. All curriculum documents will have to go through this form to be submitted. Signatures can be done from any computer with internet access and documents can be uploaded. There were lots of questions which were addressed to edit and add to the form. Joan and Brian are sure that eventually this will make the work of the curriculum committee much better and more efficient.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Dan Sheehan updated Senators about discussions concerning the number of students in classes, class and section cancellations and additions. Dan noted that students are being turned away because there aren't enough classes open and, when one gets opened, the student who wanted it isn't always aware. ADCO and Deans are meeting later this month to discuss.

Curriculum: There were no curriculum items presented at this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

