

Bergen Community College Faculty Senate

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Vice Chairperson: Professor Brian Cordell
Secretary: Professor Joan Cohen
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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Room S-138, 3:50

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, March 7, 2017 — Minutes Accepted

Guests: Ilene Kleinman, Gemma Figaro, P.J. Ricatto, Marilyn Pongracz, Harold Kahn, Susanna Lansangan, Heidi Lieb, Ken Bonnaffons, Linda Emr, Carol Miele, Victor Anaya, Bob Freud, Milena Christov, Gail Fernandez, Lynne Richardson, Maria Kasparova, Takvor Mutafoğlu, Hernandez Rivera (Councilman, Bergenfield, NJ).

Professor Cohen, Secretary of Faculty Senate, reminded faculty to respond as to whether or not they are coming to the Faculty Senate Luncheon on May 16th, 12 noon at Biagio's in Paramus. A sign-up sheet was sent around the room.

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

The following items from the April 25, 2017 meeting have been approved by the President:

None received

The following resolution passed by the Senate on September 29, 2015, and forwarded to the President on May 9, 2016, has not been acted upon

155-15/16 Distinguished Professor

The following resolutions passed by the Senate on February 14, 2017 have not been acted upon

123-16/17 Curriculum Resolutions #1 and #2

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Kaufman noted that the minutes will begin to include under the "Report on Senate Resolutions to the President" those on which no action has yet been taken. He indicated that discussion of S-Wing lecture halls and of the Princeton Mid-Career Fellows Program were being removed from today's agenda.

He stated that he would defer the remainder of his report until the New Business item on Faculty Governance.

IV. CURRICULUM

A motion was made to move curriculum up in the agenda. There were no objections.

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| 120-16/17 | Course Addition | HIS201 | American Civil War and Reconstruction Era (1845-1877) |
| 124-16/17 | Course Deletion | AVT-220 | Introduction to Aircraft Avionics |
| 125-16/17 | Program Deletion | AAS.IDT.AVIONICS | Associate of Applied Science Avionics Option |

Curriculum was passed as a packet 51-0-0

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Leigh Jonaitis, Coordinator of EBS, presented the EBS rationale and decision to change the name of “English Basic Skills” to “Developmental English. There were no objections and it was not necessary to take a vote.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Lynne Richardson addressed the changes to the “Adjustment of Degree Requirements” form. It was accepted as presented.

Professor Brian Cordell discussed the “Policy for Deletion of Credit-bearing Courses and Academic Programs.” A number of changes to the wording were discussed and accepted. The Policy was approved 45-1-1.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kaufman began his remarks on Faculty Governance by pointing to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) book, ***Policy Documents and Reports*** (Ninth Edition, 2001). He read a few statements from it, itemizing the role of the faculty in a college's Shared Governance system. He then stated that a discussion of problems in the American Language Program would take place as these problems are illustrative of failures of Shared Governance at the college. He noted the inappropriate intrusions of the divisional dean into the department's curriculum business, pointing specifically to her attempts to set-up a departmental task force and her decision not to adhere to the processes enumerated in the department's recent Program Review. A vigorous discussion ensued, culminating in a motion: "the Faculty Senate calls for the administration to reaffirm its commitment to Shared Governance at Bergen Community College." The motion was affirmed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT