

# 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 24, 2017  
Room S-138, 3:50

### I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, October 24, 2017 —

Guests: Rachel Lerner, Paul Griffo, Joseph Sivo, Luis De Abreu, Beverly Margolis, Lynne Richardson, Jacqueline Ottey, Peter Vida, John Bandman, Minas klusoulis, Jill Rivera, Ilene Kleinman, Carol Otis (BOT)

### II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

**The following items from the October 24, 2017 Senate meeting have been approved by the President.**

100-17/18 Management	Curriculum Modification	AAS.BT.HR.HOSP	AAS Hospitality
101-17/18	Course Modification	PHY 294	Engineering Mechanics

**The following resolutions were forwarded to the President.**

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

**The following resolution passed by the Senate on September 15, 2015 was not approved by President Redmond**

155-15/16 Distinguished Professor

### III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Kaufman announced that Dr. De Marco's report on the Code of Conduct and Dr. Kim's committee report on the Senate Standing Committee on Learning Assessment will be put back to the November 28 Senate meeting, as will Dr. De Marco and VP Mullaney's report. Kaufman provided the names of the members of the Academic Master Planning Task Force, to be co-chaired by Kaufman and VPAA Mullaney: Gene Calderon, Brian Cordell, Fred Golub, Steve Fisher, Bill Jiang, Dianna O'Connor, Doug Short, and Randy Forsstrom. Anthony Yankowski also volunteered to serve. Mullaney stated that a meeting would be held soon.

Kaufman spoke briefly about Guided Pathways and Achieving the Dream. He stated that the co-chairs of a Guided Pathways committee had said that their work was not designed to touch upon the academic curriculum. Kaufman introduced Carol Otis, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

#### **IV. SPECIAL REPORTS - None**

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Gen Ed Committee:**

Brian Cordell presented updates from the committee.

MUS XXX – History of American Pop Music - Approved for the Humanities

HIS 201 – American Civil War and Reconstruction Era, 1845-1877 – not approved

LIT 231- Literature and Environmental Issues in Diverse Society – At State for review

Update on 2016-2017 Assessment – Assessed artifacts from Literature, Composition, Education, Psychology and Music. Looked at Written Communication and Global Understanding and compared results between 100 level and 200 level courses. The question is how to move forward with these results. We want to put them together to give a better understanding for objectives and how we are teaching.

The committee will soon be collecting artifacts for the next assessment.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Academic Master Planning Task Force:**

Dr. Kaufman and Dr. Mullaney announced the members of the Task Force: Co-Chairs: Alan Kaufman and William Mullaney, Gene Calderon, Brian Cordell, Fred Golub, Steve Fischer, William Jiang, Dianna O'Connor, Doug Short, Randy Forsstrom and Anthony Yankowski.

The Task Force is designed to help the college deal with the budget deficit through: meaner and leaner schedules; offering courses at the right time and eliminating extraneous sections. The Task Force will create a report which will be sent to the President and then on to the Board of Trustees.

Gregg Biermann noted that the financial burden has been shifted from the state to the students. He asked what we are and can do about it. Is administration looking for outside funding, etc.

### **Statement on Religious Observance:**

Rachel Lerner presented the revised "Statement on Religious Observance". She noted that a master "holiday" calendar will link to an outside source calendar, rather than us making our own. We have 700 adjuncts and it is necessary to give them some guidance on this topic. It is understood that in some disciplines faculty might have to make different kinds of accommodations. Rachel was asked to come back with a revised policy and Senate will vote on it. If it passes it will then be sent to the President and Board of Trustees.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Transcript Notations:**

Dean Peter Vida and Lynne Richardson discussed Transcript Notations which would go on the official academic transcript. This would include participation notations (PTK, etc.) There was discussion that included questions such as what criteria would be used; why students need this and might there be a "participation transcript". It was decided that Dean Vida and Lynne would set up a small committee to discuss this and report back to Senate in November.

### **NJCCC Deletion of Courses:**

Kaufman showed a list of courses that the New Jersey Council on County Colleges had deleted from a list of approved course offerings. He asserted that it was inappropriate on their part to take such an action, that is was a violation of appropriate shared governance processes. He stated that curriculum must be deleted at the individual college, following their governance processes. The college should then send their list of deletions to NJCCC, which should act upon those and only those.

A motion was passed in Senate: NJCCC should follow the rules and procedures of appropriate shared governance by recognizing that curriculum is deleted at the individual college level then sent to the NJCCC who should act upon those and only those.

Passed 48-0-1

### **Search Process:**

Professor Biermann discussed the search process for a new President. He presented a list of things that were done poorly in the past, but Senate Chair Kaufman suggested he present positive suggestions for the future to bring to the Board of Trustees. Kaufman recalled that the search for President Wynn was chaired by a faculty member and that faculty should be part of the process. He did remind everyone that it is the statutory responsibility of the Board of Trustees to select a President.

**Board of Trustees Chair Carol Otis:**

Carol Otis addressed the Senate regarding the search for a new President. They cannot just appoint Dr. Redmond as President, there must be a search, however “interim” is being taken away from his title. He will be “President during an interim term”. The BOT will not be hiring a search firm, but would like to start the search by January. She explained that there will be a number of categories of persons on the search, including from the county, the community, faculty and staff. Camden County College did their search for a new President by themselves.

**Curriculum:**

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Passed 37-0-2

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**