

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Room S-138, 2:30pm**

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, March 8, 2016 and April 19, 2016

Guests: Yasmine Badaoui, Damien Davis, Ilene Kleinman, Brant Chapman, Deborah Cook, Robert Dill, Jill Rivera, Yun Kim, Dan Salerno, Rachel Lerner Colucci

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

The following items from the May 17, 2016 meeting have been approved by the President

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150-15/16	Course Modification	ALP-053	American Language II: Writing
151-15/16	Course Modification	ALP-054	American Language II: Reading
152-15/16	Course Modification	ALP-061/062	American Language III: Grammar: Parts A & B
153-15/16	Course Modification	ALP-063	American Language III: Writing
154-15/16	Course Modification	ALP-064	American Language III: Reading

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129-15/16	Course Modification	FAB-112	Flat Pattern Design I
130-15/16	Course Modification	FAB-113	Draping
131-15/16	Course Modification	FAB 210	Sewing Techniques II
132-15/16	Course Modification	FAB-212	Flt Pattern Design II
133-15/16	Course Modification	FAB-213	Draping II
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III. ELECTIONS

Elections were held for 2016-2017 Faculty Senate officers. There were no contested elections and the following faculty was reelected.

Chairperson	Dr. Alan Kaufman
Vice Chairperson	Professor Brian Cordell
Secretary	Professor Joan Cohen
Treasurer	Dr. Toby DeMarco

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kaufman praised the efforts of project graduation. He stated that he thinks efforts to help more students graduate is positive, and he particularly praised sending emails to students who are eligible to graduate but have not applied. He stated that he had been told of several recent situations in which students have had classes waived as a way to enable them to graduate, and he expressed concern about this. He stated that student success is about more than graduation rates; it is, he said, about providing students with a sound, thorough education. Kim Smokowski explained that certain math class credits can be exchanged for certain computer class credits, and maintained that the members of her department are not waiving courses. Kaufman was not aware of this, and said that he was pleased to hear that requirements are not being waived.

Kaufman reminded the Senate that students must begin to meet Developmental Math requirements by the time of their sixteenth credit. He reminded everyone that this was college policy, passed by the Faculty Senate and approved by both the College President and the Board of Trustees. He further stated that College policy cannot be violated, but must be adhered to in all cases.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Damyen Davis, Director of the Summer Intensive program reported. It will run this year from July 5 – August 18th. This is funded by the State for 11th and 12th graders from specific schools in the County to increase math and writing competencies. He discussed the successes of students from the various cohorts who have completed their studies at BCC and gone on to 4 year colleges, are JKW Honors Students and members of PTK.

Professor Robert Dill discussed the plans for the S-Wing lecture halls (S-134, S-136, S-138). The plan is for the rooms to be converted into one level classrooms for “active learning spaces”. The biology faculty were not consulted and they were against this idea. There will no longer be lecture halls on campus if these are reconfigured. Dr. Mullaney noted that these rooms are not fully ADA compliant. Motion: Senate resolves that faculty input be sought and consultations with the architect occur before construction moves forward.

Motion passed: 40-2-2.

Dr. Ruth Feigenbaum proposed that the cutoff date for withdrawal from classes be changed from “the Thursday at or after which a course would be 80% completed” to language excluding the “Thursday” and make it just “80% of the classes have been completed”. **Motion passed: 35-0-6.** The full policy (below) will be sent to the President for her approval.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

PRESENT POLICY

Student withdrawals from courses will be allowed up to but not later than the Thursday at or after which a course would be 80% completed.

PROPOSED POLICY

Student withdrawals from courses will be allowed up to but not later than the date at which 80% of the classes have been completed. If this date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the withdrawal date will take place on the following Monday.

WITHDRAWAL DATES

	<u>UNDER PRESENT POLICY</u>	<u>UNDER PROPOSED POLICY</u>
Winterim 2016	Thursday, January 14	Wednesday, January 13
Spring 2016		
Spring 1	Thursday, April 21	Tuesday, April 19
Spring 2	Thursday, April 28	Monday, April 25
Spring 3	Thursday, May 5	Monday, May 2
Flex 1	Thursday, March 3	Wednesday, March 2
Summer 2016		
Summer 1	Thursday, June 23	Thursday, June 23
Summer 2	Thursday, August 4	Friday, August 5
Summer U	Thursday, July 28	Thursday, July 28
Summer 3	Thursday, August 25	Tuesday, August 23

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Health Professions Faculty had no report.

Honors Program: There was plenty of discussion about a proposal for restructuring the Honors program since Maria Makowiecka is no longer the Program Director. AVP Mullaney has proposed the new position of full time coordinator in addition to a half-time secretary and a faculty member as Honors Director with perhaps 6-credit hours of release time. (Dr. Makowiecka had received 12 hours/semester.) According to the AVP, the change is being done because: there have been difficulties in the program's management, particularly poor budget management. Under this newly proposed structure, the Director would be freed up for work with scheduling courses and working on transfer agreements with universities. This new structure is modeled on that of PTK, and would, according to VP Mullaney, create stability and continuity semester to semester. The Honors faculty had previously voted to recommend a full-time secretary and a director with 12 release hours/semester. Honors Office space was also discussed. Dr. Mullaney said there would be new space for the JKW School of Honors now that Health professions have moved to its new building. It was suggested that Dr. Mullaney meet with a group of past Honors Directors to work toward a new structure for the program.

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Approved 42-0-0

III. Adjournment