

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Thursday, October 22, 2009
Central Campus, 17/424-425
02:30 PM

Senators in attendance (as signed in):

Jim Lansing, Teresa Hodge, Rosa Gaskins, Alan Applebaum, Xiao Wang, Michael Tenenbaum, Todd Bernhardt, Chris Casper, Ione Turpin, Robert Wiltgen, Angela Michaels, Blaine Browne, Angel Rodriguez, Karen Roberts, Damon Davis, Darendra Borgers, Neil Linger

Guests in attendance (as signed in):

Irmgard Bocchino, Pam Katzir, Joyce Walsh-Portillo, Scott Mos???, Hank Martel, Eileen Garcia, George G. Masforroll, Deborah Hefferin, Dawn Broschard, Carole Comarcho, Martin McClinton, Peter A. Battaglia, Deborah Kondelik, Lourdes Oroza, Roy Pocknee, John Kaufman, Carolyn Tonge, Lisa Ciardulli, Colleen Quinn

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Jim Lansing called the meeting to order at 2:42 pm.
 02. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Rosa Gaskins, and seconded by Michael Tenenbaum, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.
 03. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Michael Tenenbaum, and seconded by Xiao Wang, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. The motion carried.
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04. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. *Senate Secretary Election*

Jim Lansing opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of the Senate. A motion was made by Michael Tenenbaum, and seconded by Angela Michaels, to nominate Darendra Borgers. There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed. Darendra Borgers was unanimously appointed as the new Faculty Senate Secretary.

B. *President's Report – Jim Lansing reported the following items to the Senate*

- Lyceum Awards – The evening went well and was a success.
- FAS Campaign – There is still time to contribute to the Foundation as the Faculty and Staff Campaign is still underway. President Lansing encouraged faculty senators to participate in the campaign and told everyone that they could specify a particular scholarship toward which their contributions are to be directed.
- FACC – FACC days at BC are happening now and runs through October 26th. In addition, this year's convention being held in Orlando on November 17-20. We are a part of Region 5, the host committee, so everyone was encouraged to attend the convention.
- Facilities Master Plan Update – The college has hired a firm.
- United Way – The giving campaign will be coming in January 2010.
- H1N1 Flu Update – A pandemic response consultant has been hired.

- BC Foundation Governance Board Meeting – President Lansing announced that there will be a Board & Leadership Academy starting in 2010.

C. *Appointments to Vacant Senate Seats*

There were three new appointments for the vacant senate seats, namely, (1) Behnoush Memari, Chemistry - North, (2) Sandra Stone, CHSE - North, and (3) Oluyinka Tella, Advisement - North. President Lansing stated that these appointments required a two-thirds approval of the senators and asked that a motion be made. Karen Roberts made a motion to approve the senate appointments and Damon Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Senate welcomed the three new senators.

D. *Faculty Senate Constitution Update*

Kate Le Grand was not present so this item was tabled until next month's senate meeting.

E. *Cell Phone Interruptions in Class*

Karen Roberts presented new language for a statement regarding cell phone interruptions in the classroom. After much discussion regarding the wording in the statement, Chris Casper made a motion to approve the statement as amended. Xiao Wang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously as amended.

F. *Curriculum Committee Approval Process Changes*

Martin McClinton & Deb Hefferin presented the new approval process for course changes going to the Curriculum Committee. After much discussion, Martin & Deb asked for the endorsement of the Senate for this new process. Xiao Wang made a motion to endorse the new process and Rosa Gaskins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. *Campus Student Grade Appeal Committees – John Kaufman*

John Kaufman brought 5 points to the attention of the Senate for consideration and discussion. (1) Sometimes discrimination and harassment are coupled with a grade appeal. Those charges should be handled through the Provost or VP of Student Affairs, as the grade appeal committee should not decide this. (2) Faculty members shouldn't have to defend a textbook that has been approved by faculty, especially with regard to issues involving racism, sexism, or discrimination, and this issue shouldn't be in a grade appeal. (3) Grade appeal deadlines should be enforced. (4) Parents shouldn't be in the grade appeal. (5) Adjuncts should be treated the same as full-time faculty in a grade appeal. After considerable discussion, Karen Roberts made a motion that we request the appropriate powers that be look into this. The motion was seconded by Angel Rodriguez. The "powers that be" were identified as the Academic Deans and VPAA. Karen Roberts is writing a paragraph with the request. The motion passed; however, there was 1 nay.

H. *Gen Ed Outcomes & Assessment Update – Joyce Walsh-Portillo & Team Members*

Joyce Walsh-Portillo updated the Senate on what she and her team have accomplished so far: (1) reviewed course outlines for 10 pilot gen ed courses, (2) determined which SLOs will be assessed, (3) aligned 3 SLOs with 2 or 3 gen ed competencies in each course, and (4) identified 10% of sections for each course to be included in the pilot. Teresa Hodge presented an outcomes and assessment update on STA2023. Todd Bernhardt discussed

SYG2000. Deb Hefferin presented SPC1608. Some data will be presented at the Nov. 12 Collegewide meeting. Everyone is also encouraged to read the FAQ's sheet about SLOs and the Gen Ed Committee that was provided.

I. *H1N1 Flu Update*

This item was tabled until next month's Senate meeting.

.05 NEW BUSINESS

A. *Developmental Education Update – Irmgard Bocchino & Carole Comarcho*

Irmgard and Carole presented college readiness data and the percentages of college students needing no prep, 1 prep, 2 prep, and 3 prep classes. They explained how holistic advisement and learning communities are attempting to help with the situation of so many students needing 2 and 3 prep classes. They also shared many of the Title V initiatives. They reminded everyone of the November 6 "Successful Models of Learning." Hank Martel expressed his thanks to Carol, Irmgard, and Trish for all the work and support they've done for Title V and the students.

B. *Student Class Attendance Issues – Angela Michaels*

Angela Michaels brought up the issue of the student attendance policy and that it's not very cut and dry when it says "excessive absences." The question was raised as to whether or not we can make it specifically clear. After some discussion, Jim Lansing said that he's waiting for the policy committee to come back regarding this issue. The minutes reflect the fact that concern was voiced on the student attendance issue, and the Senate will come back to it.

C. *Equity Committee Survey – Maria Hincapie for Maria Bernal-Dobek*

Maria Hincapie informed the Senate that there will be a "Diversity of Inclusion" survey sent out on Friday via email in order to get feedback from faculty and staff to see if the college can go forward with a proposal to implement a "Dialogue of Inclusion," a place where we can come together to discuss diversity and inclusion. The survey has been approved by Dr. Chun and the Equity Committee. It is anonymous, and she encourages us to fill it out.

D. *Class Transfer Request Form – Damon Davis*

This item was tabled until next month's Senate meeting.

E. *College Sustainability Committee Update – Rosa Gaskins for Dr. Peggy Green*

Rosa Gaskins provided information about how four years ago the Collegewide Environmental Sustainability Committee proposed that the college adopt a Sustainability Policy. Sending the policy through the approval path was delayed by changes in the college administration, and The Board has now asked that the original proposed broad policy be made more specific, with each area of the college addressing how they will

incorporate sustainable thinking into planning, decision making and action. Currently, each area of the college has begun work on a sustainability policy. Members of the task force include Rosa Gaskins, Peggy Green, the three campus Academic Deans (Peter Battaglia, Hank Martel and Monica Ramirez), and David Moore (representing the VP of Academic Affairs). We want to inform the Faculty Senate of our work as we begin our task, and invite you to give input in the process. Please send your ideas to Rosa Gaskins. If the Faculty Senate wants to have one or more representatives on the Task Force, their participation would be welcome. As soon as the task force comes up with a proposal, it will be taken to the Senate for review and revision before it is sent to the President's Cabinet.

.06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Contract Negotiation (Damon Davis) – committee has been charged, but for the first time the President wasn't there. Two meetings have been made, and both canceled on behalf of the administration. They are looking for a date.
2. Political Action (Damon Davis) – We are grey. We need to press our politicians on ways to get revenue so we don't have to make cuts. He reported on small delegations over the last 2 months that have gone out and talked to a lot of politicians.
3. Activities (Damon Davis) – planning a holiday happy hour December 18th after graduation at Gatsby's. They will collect toys for tots.
4. Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Damon Davis) – He said he was disappointed that the college didn't do anything to make people aware, but Lourdes Oroza announced that South had a luncheon and invited representatives from the American Cancer Society.
5. Collegewide Faculty Meeting is November 12, 2:15pm at South Campus in 69/133.
6. FACC Days

.07 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darendia Borgers, Faculty Senate Secretary.

**The next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for
November 19, 2009
on
South Campus, Bldg. 69/133**