

Faculty Senate Minutes #409

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

1:40 PM

Room 630 Haaren

Present (35): Chevy Alford, Mark Alpert, Simon Baatz, Andrea Balis, Dale Barleben, Adam Berlin, Claudia Calirman, James Cauthen, Kashka Celinska, Geert Dhondt, Jennifer Dysart, Peggy Escher, DeeDee Falkenbach, Terry Furst, Maria Grewe, Norman Groner, Shaobai Kan, Karen Kaplowitz, Tom Kucharski, Vincent Maiorino, Charles McKenzie, David Munns, Hyunhee Park, Jay Pastrana, Melinda Powers, Dainius Remeza, Tanya Rodriguez, Raul Romero, Raul Rubio, Cary Sanchez, Francis Sheehan, Carmen Solis, Charles Stone, Staci Strobl, Fritz Umbach

Absent (13): Ned Benton, Janice Dunham, Lior Gideon, John Gutierrez, Maki Habermeld, Stanley Ingber, Richard Kempter, Maria Kiriakova, Kwando Kinshasa, Anru Lee, Manouska Saint-Gilles, Richard Stripp, Kathryn Wylie-Marques

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes #408 of the Thursday, October 10, 2013 meeting
3. Announcements & Reports
4. Approval of additional candidates for John Jay standing committees
5. VC for Legal Affairs legal opinion and Faculty Personnel Committee's (FPC) recent decisions
6. October 24 College Council agenda: Proposed revision – Undergraduate Dean's List requirements
7. Vote to ratify UFS Charter amendment adopted by UFS
8. JJ Senate ranking of CUNY budget request priorities
9. International Advisory Board membership
10. Discussion of teaching and learning conditions in North Hall
11. Invited Guest: Dr. Cheryl Littman of CUNY Central Administration: Presidential evaluation
12. Proposed CUNY Board of Trustees Policy on Expressive Activity

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes #408 of the Thursday, October 10, 2013 meeting. Approved.

3. Announcements & Reports. Noted. [Attachment A]

4. Approval of additional candidate for John Jay standing committees

Professor Beverly Frazier (LPS) was approved by unanimous vote to serve as the third faculty member, along with Professors Jean-Marie Col (Public Management) and Toy Tung (English), on the Board of Directors of the Student Activities Association.

5. VC for Legal Affairs legal opinion and Faculty Personnel Committee's (FPC) recent decisions regarding FPC operating procedures

Senator Tom Kucharski explained the history of the relationship between the FPC and the College Council: in May the FPC sent to the College Council proposed changes in its procedures. It was added as new business on the May agenda. The matter was tabled by the College Council. During the summer, President Travis requested a legal opinion from the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Frederick Shaffer as to whether the FPC needs approval by the College Council to change its guidelines which contain its operating procedures given that the guidelines had been adopted by vote of the College Council several years earlier. VC Schaffer's response [Attachment B] states that the FPC does not require approval by the College Council to change its operating procedures but it does require College Council approval to change substantive matters such as standards for reappointment, promotion, and tenure. Senator Kucharski reported on a decision just made by the FPC whereby starting next year, those personnel cases with unanimous positive votes by both departmental P&B committees and by FPC review committees will be considered by the full FPC as a slate to be voted on without discussion of individual cases; all members of the FPC will have the option of asking for individual consideration of such cases if they wish and such requests shall be automatically granted. Because tenure cases must be voted on individually they will be but without discussion when all previous votes have been unanimously affirmative.

6. Review of October 24 College Council agenda: proposal from UCASC to revise the Dean's List requirements for undergraduate students [Attachment C]

The Senate decided to support the proposal because it is good for students and for the reputation of the College. Small editorial improvements were suggested. It was also suggested that the Senate recommend that a separate Dean's List for part-time undergraduate students be proposed to the College Council, one more stringent than the current one but because the proposal would eliminate part-time students a separate list should be established, such as at Baruch.

7. Vote to ratify UFS Charter amendment adopted by UFS [Attachment D]

The Senate voted to approve the UFS Charter amendment adopted by the University Faculty Senate the previous night. The vote was 30 yes, 1 no, and 4 abstentions.

8. JJ Senate ranking of CUNY budget request priorities [Attachment E]

The Senate's top two priorities are more reassigned time, for which 16 Senators voted top ranking and 3 Senators voted second ranking, and more full-time faculty, for which 5 Senators voted top ranking and 15 Senators voted second ranking. The other categories were evenly divided.

9. International Advisory Board membership [Attachment F]
10. Discussion of teaching and learning conditions in North Hall
11. Invited Guest: Dr. Cheryl Littman of CUNY Central Administration: Briefing of the Senate on the 5-year campus-wide evaluation survey of President Travis [Attachment G]
12. Proposed CUNY Board of Trustees Policy on Expressive Activity [i.e., demonstrations] to be voted on in January by the CUNY Board of Trustees [Attachment H]

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved

2. Announcements & Reports

3. Adoption of Minutes #408 of the, 2013 meeting. Approved

4. Approval of additional candidates for John Jay standing committees

The Senate approved the following additional faculty members to serve on standing committees:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.