

Faculty Senate Minutes #413

Thursday, February 27, 2014

1:40 PM

Room L.61 NB

Present (32): Jama Adams, Chevy Alford, Simon Baatz, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Adam Berlin, Claudia Calirman, James Cauthen, Kashka Celinska, Janice Dunham, Jennifer Dysart, Peggy Escher, Terry Furst, Lior Gideon, Maria Grewe, Maki Haberfeld, Shaobai Kan, Karen Kaplowitz, Richard Kempter, Maria Kiriakova, Louis Kontos, Tom Kucharski, David Munns, Melinda Powers, Dainius Remeza, Cary Sanchez, Francis Sheehan, Carmen Solis, Charles Stone, Richard Stripp, Fritz Umbach, Daniel Yaverbaum

Absent (16): Mark Alpert, Andrea Balis, Dale Barleben, Geert Dhondt, DeeDee Falkenbach, John Gutierrez, Stanley Ingber, Charles Jennings, Anru Lee, Vincent Maiorino, Hyunhee Park, Jay Pastrana, Tanya Rodriguez, Raul Romero, Raul Rubio, Manouska Saint Gilles

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes #412 of the December 6, 2013, meeting
3. Announcements & Reports
4. Election of the Vice President of the Faculty Senate
5. Election to fill a vacancy on the Senate Executive Committee
6. Election of 7 faculty members for appointment to the International Advisory Board
7. Election to fill vacancies on College-wide and University Committees
8. Review of the agenda of the March 12 meeting of the College Council
9. Creation of ad hoc Senate task forces to study the specific issues
10. Review of the John Jay Mission Statement which must be revised
11. Review of PMP [Performance Management Process] measures JJ must choose

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes #412 of the December 6, 2013, meeting. Approved.

3. Announcements & Reports

New Senators were welcomed and introduced: Jama Adams representing Africana Studies; Elton Beckett representing Communication and Theater Arts; Charles Jennings representing Protection Management; and at-large Senators Louis Kontos (Sociology) and Daniel Yaverbaum (Science).

4. Election of the Vice President of the Faculty Senate

Staci Strobl resigned from the Senate and, thus, from the vice presidency to teach at the Bramshill (English) Police College during the spring semester. It was explained that the VP presides over meetings in the absence of the President and also serves on the Senate Executive Committee; on the Provost Advisory Committee; and on the Budget Planning Committee. Senator Janice Dunham conducted the election at the request of the Executive Committee. Two candidates were nominated: Francis Sheehan and Fritz Umbach. By a toss of a coin, Francis Sheehan had the choice and chose to speak first. Each candidate gave a three-minute speech. Secret, written ballots were cast and the ballot counters gave the results to President Kaplowitz who announced that Fritz Umbach had been elected.

5. Election to fill a vacancy on the Senate Executive Committee

Because VP Umbach had already been a member of the Executive Committee, the empty seat on the Executive Committee occasioned by the resignation of Staci Strobl still needed to be filled. Two candidates were nominated: Ned Benton and Adam Berlin. Each gave a one-minute speech. Secret, written ballots were cast and the ballot counters gave the results to President Kaplowitz who announced that Adam Berlin had been elected.

6. Election of 7 faculty members for appointment to the International Advisory Board

The Senate reviewed the criteria for membership and the written statements provided by the 18 candidates [Attachment A.] The Senate cast secret, written ballots. Elected were the following seven faculty members who will serve with Professor Lisandro Perez, who will chair the IAB:

Jana Arsovsk – Sociology	Mangai Natarajan – Criminal Justice
C. Jama Adams – Africana Studies	Elaine Yu Li – Public Management
Silvia Dapia – Foreign Languages & Lit	Gabrielle Salfati – Psychology
Olivera Jokic – English	

7. Election to fill vacancies on College-wide and University Committees

The Senate elected the following individuals for the following vacancies by secret, written ballots:

College Council: Louis Kontos – Sociology
College Council Executive Committee: Raul Rubio – Foreign Literature
Student Travel Committee: Jana Arsovsk – Sociology
College-wide Grade Appeals Committee: Anissa Helie – History
Student/Faculty Disciplinary Committee: Louis Kontos – Sociology
Co-Chair of Senate Tech Committee: Alexander Schlutz – English
Student Technology Committee: Joshua Clegg – Psychology
Technology Advisory Committee: Alexander Schlutz -- English

University Faculty Senate delegates representing full-time faculty: 4 positions

Janice Dunham – Library

Helen Kapstein -- English

Jane Katz – Health & Athletics

Patricia Tovar – Anthropology

University Faculty Senate delegate representing adjunct faculty: Kimora – Law, Police Science

University Faculty Senate full-time alternate delegate: Ned Benton – Public Management

8. Review of the agenda of the March 12 meeting of the College Council

It was agreed that the proposal from UCASC establishing a Dean's List for part-time students would be supported by the Senate. Other agenda items will be considered at the March 12 Senate meeting as needed.

9. Creation of ad hoc Senate task forces to study the following issues and report to the Senate either information and/or proposals for the Senate's consideration:

The Executive Committee proposed that small groups – of two or more Senators – volunteer to work on the following issues that have come to the attention of the Executive Committee as requiring dissemination of information to the Senate and possibly action by the Senate. President Kaplowitz reviewed each item and following that review, she sent around a sign-up sheet for Senators interested in these topics to sign up for; if no one signs up, the Senate will not take up these issues:

a. Expansion/revision of the Community Hour to include Master's faculty and students

The Community Hour currently applies only to undergraduate courses and students; this means that faculty and students in our Master's programs cannot participate in Community Hour actives and meetings. Volunteers: Jennifer Dysart and Tom Kucharski

b. Academic Integrity Policy and Practices: Student/Faculty Disciplinary Committee

Much confusion has been expressed to members of the Senate Executive Committee about the relationship between the Academic Integrity Officer, Kevin Nesbitt, and the Student/Faculty Disciplinary Committee which is supposed to adjudicate academic dishonesty charges. It has been reported to the Executive Committee that not a single hearing was conducted during the Fall 2013 semester of the Student/Faculty Disciplinary Committee. Volunteers: Cary Sanchez

c. Student Evaluation of the Faculty: online pilot results and the future

The President and Provost plan to bring back to the College Council in September a proposal to have entirely online student evaluation of the faculty, a proposal the faculty and students on the College Council defeated in May 2013. Kevin Nesbitt has put together a task force to consider ways to increase student participation, which was the weightiest concern of the faculty. On that task force are two senators: David Munns and Fritz Umbach. Volunteers: David Munns , Fritz Umbach and Melinda Powers.

d. Workload mitigation funding proposal for submission to the Auxiliary Corp Board

The Auxiliary Corporation Board will be voting on the allocation of its revenues in March. This group would develop a letter from the Senate for adoption by the Senate proposing that some of its revenues be allocated for workload mitigation: Volunteer: Adam Berlin

e. Workload mitigation proposal development on the basis of service/governance

Some members of the Executive Committee are proposing that part of the workload mitigation program be based on service that faculty engage in that take more time and effort than others. Senator Berlin argued against this approach, saying we should focus our efforts on a reduced workload for all faculty all at once rather than a piecemeal approach, because the latter approach would be divisive. Senator Adams said he is ready to debate that position but understands that these items are not for discussion now but rather for work by small groups and then an informed discussion at a future Senate meeting. The Senate president concurred. Senator Berlin said that he therefore hopes no one signs up for this. Volunteers: none.

f. Activities and events designed to foster student/faculty engagement outside of class

Student leaders have asked in various venues what activities the Faculty Senate is proposing to increase faculty/student engagement and faculty/student joint activities. Volunteers: Chevy Alford and Charles Stone

g. North Hall

Following up on the quality of teaching, learning, and life in North Hall. Volunteers: Chevy Alford and Carmen Solis,

h. Advisory Board for Online Education

The Task Force on Online Education proposed in its Report to President Travis that he appoint an advisory board to the Director of Online Education; that did not happen. Yet when the Task Force on International Education proposed in its Report to President Travis that he appoint an advisory board on international education, that did, just now, happen. This group would ascertain why there was none established and whether there should be one and make its recommendations to the Senate. Volunteer: none.

10. Review of the John Jay Mission Statement which must be revised

The Middle States Commission is requiring John Jay to revise and update its Mission Statement (which is different from the Vision Statement which the Senate participated in drafting a few years ago); the Mission Statement was last approved by the College Council twenty years ago. An ad hoc task force has been appointed, co-chaired by Provost Bowers, Associate Provost Llana, and Senate President Kaplowitz. As communicated in an email to the John Jay community, comments to the ad hoc task force are being solicited. The Senate will have two opportunities to comment on the draft document, as there will be two drafts, and then vote at the May College Council meeting

11. Review of PMP [Performance Management Process] measures JJ must select

Interim Chancellor William Kelly has dramatically changed the PMP process and measures. The changes were reviewed. Each college now must choose three to five measures that in addition to all the other measures it will be assessed by. Ned Benton and Fritz Umbach volunteered to draft ideas for the Senate's consideration at its next meeting.

By a motion made and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.