

## **Faculty Senate Minutes #414**

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

**k 1:40 PM**

**Room L.61 NB**

**Present (35):** Jama Adams, Chevy Alford, Mark Alpert, Dale Barleben, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Adam Berlin, James Cauthen, Kashka Celinska, Janice Dunham, Jennifer Dysart, Peggy Escher, DeeDee Falkenbach, Lior Gideon, John Gutierrez, Maki Haberfeld, Charles Jennings, Karen Kaplowitz, Richard Kempter, Maria Kiriakova, Louis Kontos, Tom Kucharski, Anru Lee, Vincent Maiorino, Jay Pastrana, Melinda Powers, Dainius Remeza, Raul Romero, Raul Rubio, Cary Sanchez, Francis Sheehan, Carmen Solis, Charles Stone, Fritz Umbach, Daniel Yaverbaum

**Absent (13):** Simon Baatz, Andrea Balis, Claudia Calirman, Geert Dhondt, Terry Furst, Maria Grewe, Stanley Ingber, Shaobai Kan, David Munns, Hyunhee Park, Tanya Rodriguez, Manouska Saint Gilles, Richard Stripp

**Invited Guest:** Executive Director of Finance and Business Services Patricia Ketterer

### **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes #413 of the February 27, 2014, meeting
3. Announcements & Reports
4. Invited guest: Exec Director, Finance & Business, Pat Ketterer about John Jay's budget
5. Creation of Senate ad hoc Senate work groups to study specific issues and report to the Senate
6. Review of the agenda of the March 12 meeting of the College Council
7. Discussion of North Hall learning and teaching conditions as well as other quality of life conditions and possible courses of action
8. Recommendation of Performance Measure Process (PMP) measures to be chosen by JJ that are particular to John Jay College

1. **Adoption of the agenda.** Approved.

2. **Adoption of Minutes #413 of the February 27, 2014, meeting.** Approved.

3. **Announcements & Reports.** Noted.

**4. Invited guest: Exec Director, Finance & Business Pat Ketterer about John Jay's budget**

Director Ketterer reviewed the budget situation and said that the College has just realized that it will start next year with a \$1 million deficit. [N.B. A week later that deficit was identified by Director Ketterer as \$3 million.] She said that enrollment targets had not been met, especially among graduate students.

**5. Creation of Senate ad hoc Senate working groups to study specific issues and report to the Senate**

The Executive Committee determined that a working group on workload mitigation is not needed because a Senate ad hoc committee is already working on this issue.

The following Senators signed up for the following ad hoc working groups:

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

Jennifer Dysart – Psychology  
DeeDee Falkenbach – Psychology  
Karen Kaplowitz – English  
Melinda Powers -- English

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

John Gutierrez – Economics  
Raul Rubio – FLL  
Cary Sanchez – Counseling

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

Kashka Celinska – LPS  
David Munns – History  
Fritz Umbach – History  
Melinda Powers – English

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

Chevy Alford – SEEK  
Jay Pastrana – Sociology  
Charles Stone – Psychology

**e. North Hall conditions**

Chevy Alford – SEEK  
Charles Jennings – Security, Fire, and Emergency Management  
Karen Kaplowitz – English  
Carmen Solis -- SEEK

#### **6. Review of the agenda of the March 12 meeting of the College Council**

The Senate reviewed the proposal from the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures to change its name to the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures.

#### **7. Discussion of North Hall learning and teaching conditions as well as other quality of life conditions and possible courses of action**

The Senate reviewed its letter of December 23 to President Travis about North Hall and discussed the fact that the College administration has still not responded in writing. The only administration response was an oral review of the situation by VP Pignatello to the Council of Chairs, at a meeting of that body at which Senate President Kaplowitz, who is a non-voting statutory member, was present.

Senators noted that two evacuations of North Hall have been necessary, one because of fire, and that both took place subsequent to the Senate sending its letter to President Travis. Many stated that the dire situation in North Hall requires a substantive written response and action from our administration.

It was suggested that the Senate invite Vice Chancellor for Facilities Iris Weinshall to again attend a Senate meeting, this time to discuss specifically North Hall. Some said that the Senate should again request a written and substantive report from the John Jay administration, asking for specific information and action, and that in making this request the Senate should explain that we are contemplating inviting VC Weinshall to meet with us. A motion to this effect was made by VP Fritz Umbach and was adopted by unanimous vote. Senators Ned Benton, Charles Jennings offered to draft the letter which the Executive Committee and Senator Jama Adams offered to review and edit and which will be sent as soon as practicable.

#### **8. Recommendation of Performance Measure Process (PMP) measures to be chosen by JJ that are particular to John Jay College: Senators Ned Benton and Fritz Umbach**

The Senate had a preliminary discussion about a series of suggestions put forth by VP Umbach and Senator Benton.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.