

## **Faculty Senate Minutes #416**

**Thursday, April 9, 2014**

**1:40 PM**

**Room: L.61 New Building**

**Present (34):** Jama Adams, Chevy Alford, Andrea Balis, Dale Barleben, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Adam Berlin, Claudia Calirman, James Cauthen, Kashka Celinska, Jennifer Dysart, Peggy Escher, Terry Furst, Lior Gideon, Maki Haberfeld, Shaobai Kan, Karen Kaplowitz, Maria Kiriakova, Louis Kontos, Tom Kucharski, Anru Lee, Vincent Maiorino, David Munns, Hyunhee Park, Jay Pastrana, Melinda Powers, Dainius Remeza, Raul Romero, Raul Rubio, Cary Sanchez, Francis Sheehan, Charles Stone, Fritz Umbach, Daniel Yaverbaum

**Absent (16):** Jama Adams, Mark Alpert, Simon Baatz, Geert Dhondt, Janice Dunham, DeeDee Falkenbach, Maria Grewe, John Gutierrez, Stanley Ingber, Charles Jennings, Richard Kempter, Tanya Rodriguez, Manouska Saint Gilles, Carmen Solis, Richard Stripp, Fritz Umbach

**Guest:** Professor Nivedita Majumdar

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes #415 of the April 9, 2014, meeting**
- 3. Announcements & Reports**
- 4. Election of Additional At-Large 2014-15 Senators and College Council members**
- 5. Election of a Faculty Athletics Representative**
- 6. Review of a pending proposal to amend the FPC Guidelines regarding the Appeals Process**
- 7. Workload Initiative**
- 8. Revision of JJ's Mission Statement: Senate comments on Draft #1**
- 9. Review of the agenda of the April 23 meeting of the College Council**
- 10. Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate election guidelines**

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

**2. Adoption of Minutes #415 of the April 9, 2014, meeting. Approved.**

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

**4. Election Part II: Election of Additional At-Large 2014-15 Senators and College Council members**

In the first phase of the Faculty Senate membership election, the following 13 members of the full-time faculty were elected last month as at-large representatives of the full-time faculty on next year's Senate. All then accepted nomination to also serve on the College Council as at-large members and the Senate elected them to next year's College Council on March 27, 2014:

Andrea Balis – History/ISP  
Adam Berlin – English  
Janice Dunham – Library  
Jennifer Dysart – Psychology  
Peggy Escher – English  
DeeDee Falkenbach – Psychology  
Maki Haberfeld – LPS  
Karen Kaplowitz – English  
Raul Rubio – MLL  
Francis Sheehan – Sciences  
Staci Strobl – LPS  
Fritz Umbach – History  
Daniel Yaverbaum – Sciences

In the second phase of the Faculty Senate membership election, a second call for candidates for at-large Senate members was sent out on March 28. The following 6 faculty were elected by the Senate to the 2014-15 Senate as at-large representatives of the full-time faculty and were also elected as members or alternates to the College Council, as noted:

Kashka Celinska & College Council member – LPS  
Artem Domashevskiy & College Council – Sciences  
Louis Kontos & College Council – Sociology  
Melinda Powers & Alternate College Council -- English  
Dainius Remeza & College Council – English  
Charles Stone & College Council – Psychology

**5. Election of a Faculty Athletics Representative**

Each CUNY college must elect a Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), a requirement of the NCAA. The Senate elected Professor Lucia Trimbур (Sociology) and elected as the FAR Alternate Professor Jane Katz (Health and Physical Education).

**5. Review of a pending proposal to amend the FPC Guidelines regarding the Appeals Process.**

The Senate discussed the proposed changes and agreed to continue this discussion at the next Senate meeting on April 24. The FPC is expected to vote on the proposal on May 2.

**6. Workload Initiative**

The following statement, drafted by the Senate Executive Committee, was adopted by the Senate without dissent: the vote was 30 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention:

**Statement of the John Jay Faculty Senate on Teaching Load**

In a reaffirmation of our faculty-wide campaign for a reduction of the College's 4-3 base teaching load (and, for lecturers, 5-4 base teaching load), the need for which is evidenced by the results of the COACHE survey, we declare that teaching load reduction is our top priority. The current teaching load harms our students' academic success. We hold that resources in the College budget should be directed to mitigating teaching load for our current faculty even if it means not hiring new faculty. We call upon the administration of John Jay to support the faculty's top priority.

**7. Review of the agenda of the April 23 meeting of the College Council. Noted.**

**8. Revision of JJ's Mission Statement: Senate comments on Draft #1. Postponed.**

**9. Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate election guidelines. Postponed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.