

## Faculty Senate Minutes #420

Thursday, May 22, 2014

1:40 PM

Moot Court NB

**Present (39):** Chevy Alford, Andrea Balis, Dale Barleben, Ned Benton, Adam Berlin, Claudia Calirman, James Cauthen, Kashka Celinska, Marsha Clowers, Silvia Dapia, Artem Domashevskiy, Janice Dunham, Jennifer Dysart, Peggy Escher, DeeDee Falkenbach, Joel Freiser, Terry Furst, Lior Gideon, John Gutierrez, Charles Jennings, Hunter Johnson, Karen Kaplowitz, Maria Kiriakova, Lou Kontos, Tom Kucharski, Vincent Maiorino, Jay Pastrana, Edward Paulino, Frank Pezzella, Melinda Powers, Dainius Remeza, Marcel Roberts, Raul Romero, Raul Rubio, Ian Seda, Francis Sheehan, Katherine Stavrianopoulos, Charles Stone, Fritz Umbach, Daniel Yaverbaum

**Absent (5):** Maki Haberfeld, Kyoo Lee, Xerxes Malki, Staci Strobl, Robert Till

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of the 2014-15 Faculty Senate members
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election to fill a vacancy on the Faculty Senate and College Council
4. Announcements & Reports
5. Approval of Minutes #419 of the May 9, 2014, meeting
6. Review of the organization and work of the Faculty Senate, Robert's Rules, and the NYS Open Meetings and Public Officers Laws
7. Election of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
8. Election of 2 faculty members for the Interim College Council Executive Committee
9. Election of Senate reps to the College Budget Planning Committee, Fiscal Planning Subcommittee, and Strategic Planning Subcommittee
10. Election of 5 faculty members to the Search Committee for Associate Provost & Dean of Undergraduate Studies
11. Proposed statement on faculty teaching load mitigation for adoption by the Senate
12. New business

1. Welcome and introduction of the 2014-15 Faculty Senate members [Attachment A]
2. Adoption of the agenda

A motion to change the order of the agenda items so that the Senate may fill by election a vacant seat on the Faculty Senate and College Council before further business was conducted was approved

**3. Election by the Senate to fill a vacancy on the Faculty Senate/College Council**

The Senators cast written, secret ballots and elected Raul Romero (MLL), who was telephoned in his office and hastened to the Senate meeting where he took his seat as a member.

**4. Adoption of Minutes #419 of the May 9, 2014, meeting. Approved.**

**5. Announcements & Reports [Attachment A, AA, and AAA]**

**6. Review of the organization and work of the Faculty Senate, Robert's Rules, NYS Open Meetings and Public Officers Laws [Attachment B]**

**7. Election of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

Senator Janice Dunham, at the request of the Executive Committee, conducted the elections. Nominations were made and secret, written ballots were cast for all the positions. Elected were:

Karen Kaplowitz: President  
Fritz Umbach: Vice President  
Ned Benton  
Adam Berlin  
Kashka Celinska  
Melinda Powers  
Francis Sheehan

The secret ballot counters reported that all candidates received unanimous votes.

**8. Election of 2 faculty members for the Interim College Council Executive Committee**

The Interim College Council Executive Committee (ECCC) meets once in September to set the agenda of the September meeting of the College Council and is in operation from July 1 until that time. The Interim ECCC is also empowered to do the work of the ECCC during the summer

if such work is needed. The Senate President and the Senate Vice President are statutory members; two additional Senate/College Council members must be elected at today's meeting.

The Senate elected Ned Benton and Francis Sheehan.

**9. Election of Senate representatives to the College Budget Planning Committee, Fiscal Planning Subcommittee, and Strategic Planning Subcommittee**

Because the budget allocation from NYS arrives at CUNY and then at the campuses during the summer and decisions must be made about the budget during the summer, the Senate always elects its budget representatives at this first organizational meeting. The Senate President and Vice President are statutory members. The Senate elected Fritz Umbach and Tom Kucharski to the Fiscal Advisory Committee and to the College Budget Committee and elected Fritz Umbach and Janice Dunham to the Strategic Planning Committee.

**10. Election of 5 faculty members to the Search Committee for Associate Provost & Dean of Undergraduate Studies**

By secret, written ballot the Senate elected:

Andrea Balis – History/ISP  
Katie Gentile – Counseling  
Jay Hamilton – Economics  
Karen Kaplowitz – English  
Carmen Solis – SEEK

Professor Lisandro Perez (LA/LAS) will chair the committee. The other members are Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies Allison Pease; Dean of Graduate Studies Anne Lopes; Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness James Llana; Dean of Students Ken Holmes; and an undergraduate student.

**11. Proposed statement on faculty teaching load mitigation for adoption by the Senate**

For the new Senators, a review was provided about the teaching load mitigation proposal from the Faculty Senate, its goals, its current status, and the positions taken to date by the Council of Chairs which has jointly adopted various statements with the Faculty Senate.

The most recent statement was developed by a group of Chairs and Senators and PSC leaders and was adopted last week by the Council of Chairs and is before the Faculty Senate for adoption by it; this statement contains the language that the elected faculty leadership want

included in John Jay's Financial Plan for 2014-15, which is due at the CUNY Central Office by early September:

*Within the Adjunct budget, the \$120,000 allotted to faculty reassessments for workload mitigation in FY 2013-2014 is increased to \$240,000. The additional funds will be used to extend and streamline the Provost's "Revitalization of Teaching" program, in consultation with elected faculty leaders, so as to enhance teaching by facilitating a sustainable workload.*

*We urge the Faculty Senate, Council of Chairs, and the PSC, and the faculty members of the Financial Planning (FPS) and Strategic Planning (SPS) Subcommittees, and the College Budget Planning Committee (BPC) to take appropriate steps to support inclusion of this language in the FY 2014-2015 Financial Plan.*

*We urge the faculty members of the Budget Planning Committee (BPC) to individually endorse this language for inclusion in the Financial Plan and to vote for any motion or action at the BPC to achieve this result*

The Senate unanimously adopted this statement by a vote of 39 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.