

Faculty Senate Minutes #469
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Monday, September 18, 2017

1:40 PM

Moot Court NB

Present (30): Chevy Alford, Rosemary Barberet, Elton Beckett, Ellen Belcher, Ned Benton, Michael Brownstein, Kashka Celinska, Sven Dietrich, DeeDee Falkenbach, Katie Gentile, Heath Grant, Maria Grewe, Jill Grose-Fifer, Maki Haberfeld, Veronica Hendrick, Karen Kaplowitz, Erica King-Toler, Maria Kiriakova, Johanna Lessinger, Yue Ma, Vince Maiorino, Xerxes Malki, Peter Mameli, Aida Martinez-Gomez, Mickey Melendez, Joseph Rebello, Lauren Shapiro, Francis Sheehan, Charles Stone, Rebecca Weiss

Absent (15): Mark Alpert, Andrea Balis, James Cauthen, Lisa Farrington, Joel Freiser, Jonathan Gray, Lou Kontos, Anru Lee, Brian Montes, Frank Pezzella, Belinda Rincon, Stephen Russell, Dante Tawfeeq, Hung-Lung Wei, Guoqi Zhang

Guest: Professor Jay Hamilton

Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Announcements & Reports**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes #468 of the September 5, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting**
- 4. Faculty Personnel Committee's review of its Statement on Faculty Service**
- 5. First Review: "Faculty Senate Statement on Faculty Leadership and Engagement"**
- 6. Election of faculty members to College committees**

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Announcements & Reports

President Benton reviewed the status of the Economics Department adjunct who had tweeted that one benefit of teaching at John Jay is that he taught "future dead" police officers. When asked, Professor Jay Hamilton, the chair of the Department of Economics, said that he had been consulted after the adjunct had been placed on administrative leave, but that concern for the safety of the adjunct (and others), given anonymous threats that had been reportedly received required the administration to act swiftly.

3. Adoption of Minutes #468 of the September 5, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting. Approved.

4. Faculty Personnel Committee Statement on Faculty Service

President Benton reported that the Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC) has created an ad hoc advisory committee to advise it about faculty service, with a report due by December 1. This ad hoc committee will have 4 members chosen from among the FPC members and 3 chosen by the Faculty Senate. The four FPC members are: Jay Gates (English), Amy Green (ISD), Jose Morin (LLA), and John Pittman (Philosophy). Elected by the Faculty Senate were Ned Benton (Public Management) and Chevy Alford (SEEK). A third Senate member will be sought by the Executive Committee and recommended to the Senate for its approval at our next meeting. There was general consensus that it would be desirable to have at least one faculty member who has been recently awarded tenure and who could therefore knowledgeably speak to the issue of service by untenured faculty members.

President Benton reported that Interim Provost Anne Lopes has raised the question as to whether the metaphor of the stool with three legs (regarding teaching, research, and service) should perhaps be revised to a different metaphor, that of a thread made of three strands, because if all three legs of a stool are not precisely the same length the stool is unstable but a thread can be strong and viable with three strands of varying strengths or thicknesses.

5. First Review: “Faculty Senate Statement on Faculty Leadership and Engagement”

After discussing the draft statement on faculty leadership and engagement from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and making suggestions for revisions, the Senate approved adopting the statement by unanimous vote. The Executive Committee will further revise the statement, based on the comments at today’s meeting, and bring it back to the Senate at our next meeting for another vote after which it will be sent to the administration.

6. Nomination and election of faculty members for College and Senate committees: Part 2

The following faculty members were elected:

Alternate Members of the College Council (7): Glenn Corbett

Appeals Panel for the Student Complaints Against Faculty Policy (1): Melinda Powers

Committee on Honorary Degrees: (1): Gerald Markowitz

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Submitted by Karen Kaplowitz