



Borough of Manhattan Community College
The City University of New York
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

Minutes
May 6th, 2020
Via Zoom

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:
 - a. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:
 - i. **New Course:** COM 150 Introduction to Digital Communication and Culture
Description: This course introduces students to the major critical methods, policy issues, and creative forms involved in contemporary digital media in the US and the world.
 - ii. **New Pilot Course:** ITL 205 Italian cinema in Context
Description: Taught in English, this course provides a historical introduction to Italian cinema, first concentrating on examples of iconic genres and movements, such as the classics of neorealism, and *autres* of the 50's, 60's and 70's.
 - iii. **New Pilot Course:** ITL 312 Modern Italian Theater
Description: Taught in English, this course will engage students in reading, analyzing, and discussing selected Italian plays from the 18th to the 20th century, focusing on seminal authors.
 - iv. **New Pilot Course:** ENG 100.6 Intensive English Composition for ESL Students (Same as ENG 101)
Description: English 100.6 combines ESL intensive writing instruction with English Composition in a seven-hour class.
 - b. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
 - i. Have not heard about FDG winners yet. Emailed Dean Berg to follow up.
 - ii. Spoke about the suggestions for next year's grant review process. Will be added to final report.
 - c. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
 - i. Resources for Trauma Informed Pedagogy being put together.
 - ii. Reviewed and discussed memo from Provost Wong regarding the potential for college closure for the Fall 2020 semester and the options that professors will need to decide on in that event. Discussed the confusion regarding the option or

non-option of asynchronous or synchronous online instruction. Discussed the equity issue for students as well as faculty, and the issue that the student voice is not heard in this mandate. Will draft some recommendations to bring to the next Senate meeting.

d. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE

- i. No report

e. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

- i. Have prepared some guidelines to share with faculty who are not used to teaching students in crisis.
- ii. Met with Dean Zummo and eLearning staff: "You are in danger of failing" flag no longer appears to students; students are now directed to contact their advisors if there is a problem.

f. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- i. Completing final report.

g. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE

- i. Finalized report on recording in the classroom.
- ii. Based on discussion of AAUP concerns, and its recommendations to look at corporate entities on how those relationships work relating to teaching, budget, privacy, and academic freedom, the future Committee might want to examine some of these areas.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

V. NEW BUSINESS: IP Wilks

- a. Budget is a dire situation.
- b. Aim to keep in place some of the initiatives and practices that started this semester.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 5.12pm