



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

Agenda
September 9th, 2020
Zoom

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:
 - a. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:
 - i. **New Course:** ITL 205 Italian Cinema in Context
 - 1. **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 *auters* of the 50's, 60's and 70's.
 - 2. **Presenter:** Maria Enrico
 - 3. **Vote:** PASSED. Motion to approve the new course passed 15-0-0.
 - ii. **Pathways Course:** ITL 205 Italian Cinema in Context
 - 1. **Description:** This proposal includes ITL 312 in the World Cultures and Global Issues bucket of the Pathways Flexible Core.
 - 2. **Presenter:** Maria Enrico
 - 3. **Vote:** PASSED. Motion to approve the Pathways course passed 15-0-0.
 - b. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 - c. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
 - d. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE
 - e. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
 - f. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
 - g. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE - resolution (below)
- IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution from the Academic Freedom sub-committee of Academic Senate

Whereas, the AAUP's document "On the Relationship of Faculty Governance to Academic Freedom" states: "the faculty's voice should be authoritative across the entire range of decision making that bears, whether directly or indirectly, on its responsibilities."

Whereas the same document further states that "academic freedom of faculty members includes the freedom to express their views... on matters having to do with their institution and its policies...."

Whereas in order for faculty to express their views, they must be informed about those policies.

Whereas a significant portion if not the entirety of BMCC's institutional policies are established in the Cabinet meetings;

Whereas, decisions purportedly related to budgetary constraints, have been made without consultation with faculty and outside of college governance (i.e. class size cap raised from 35 to 37)...

Whereas the AAUP's central document on shared governance (The Statement of Government of Colleges and Universities) states that "Agencies for faculty participation in the government of the college or the university should be established at each level where faculty responsibility is present."

Whereas the faculty of the university are represented on the Board of Trustees by the University Faculty Senate president as a non-voting member;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Academic Senate Chair shall be a non-voting member of the BMCC Cabinet in order to fully represent and inform the faculty on relevant decisions.