



Borough of Manhattan Community College  
The City University of New York

Academic Senate

Minutes  
January 27, 2021  
Via Zoom

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 3:05 pm
- II. ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved. The following senators were absent: Mamadou Bah, Warren Benfield, Corinne Crawford, Junia Docy, Kathleen Dreyer, Erik Freas, Hollis Glaser, Quintasia Harris, Xinyu Ke, Fred Peskoff, Sarah Salm, Mohamadou Sawadogo, Lourdes Serrano, Achraf Seyam, Ali Syed, Daniel Torres, Josh Wolfson
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the meeting of 11.25.2020 were unanimously approved.
- IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

a. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: The following items were unanimously approved by the Academic Senate:

i. New Course: ENG 317 Poetry Writing

Description: The new course builds on skills developed in a multi-genre workshop course to focus on poetry writing. Creating a community of poets, students learn to analyze, create, and give feedback on poetry.

ii. New Course: ENG 318 Fiction Writing

Description: This course introduces students to fiction from the perspective of the writer. With an emphasis on reflection, analysis, and revision, students learn to analyze, create, and give feedback on fiction writing.

iii. Course Revision: ENG 391 World Literature I: From Antiquity to the Early Modern Era

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Course Title:</b> World Literature I: From Antiquity to the Early Modern Era	<b>Course Title:</b> World Literature from Antiquity to the Early Modern Era

iv. Course Revision: ENG 392 World Literature II: From Early Modern Era to the Present

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Course Title:</b> World Literature II: From Early Modern Era to the Present	<b>Course Title:</b> World Literature from the Early Modern Era to the Present

- v. Curriculum Revision: A.A.S. in Business Management  
Description: This proposal adds a new concentration, Risk Management & Insurance, to the Business Management major.
- b. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
  - i. Joe Doctor Colloquium will take place on March 5, 2021 1:00-2:45 pm. Professor Django Paris will present on culturally sustaining pedagogies.
  - ii. Faculty Development Grant-subcommittee continues to revise the application and review process. Awaiting confirmation regarding funding.
- c. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE – resolutions (below)
  - i. Committee continues its work on redesigning faculty evaluations to better assess student classroom experience.
- d. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE
  - i. Appeals from fall 2020 nearly complete.
- e. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
  - i. Panther Partner Mentor program has 12 new mentors and is still recruiting.
  - ii. “Teaching in Crisis” memo available for department representatives.
  - iii. Resource page available online.
- f. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
  - i. Committee communicated faculty concerns about return to campus.
- g. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE
  - i. Discussed Purview of Academic Freedom Committee Statement
- V. CHAIR’S REPORT
  - a. We are all (faculty, students, administration, PSC) working to stay afloat during this difficult time.
  - b. FA 2020 faculty evaluations had very low response rates and will not be used for tenure/promotion decisions.
  - c. The college will work to develop a permanent grading policy to address NC grades.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Maureen Matarese elected to UFS Community College Council.
  - b. Black History Month celebration will be held virtually throughout the month of February 2021. Events will be listed on the BMCC calendar.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:00 pm.