

Instruction Committee Meeting
December 15, 2021

Present: Carlos Chapparo, Andres Colapinto, Miguel Fiolhais, Monica Foust, Michael McGee, Owen Roberts, Lisa Rose, Scott Tulloch

Guests: Gina Cherry, Tom Harbison, Gus Kanellopoulos, Joseph Spadaro

Chairperson Foust brought the meeting to order at 2:30pm. The minutes of the November 3 meeting were approved.

Chairperson Foust reported on a meeting AS Chair Professor Levinson on a meeting regarding the student survey pilots, and the committee discussed strategy for recruiting faculty to participate, agreeing to work with Provost Wong and department chairs to recruit tenured full-time faculty members. Professor Foust will draft a letter for chairs to begin scheduling the pilot and recruiting participants, which will be followed with a letter to faculty in mid-April, following Spring break, along with a message possibly coming from Provost Wong

Professor Colapinto reported on a meeting with Musa Elbulok, following up on concerns raised in our November 3rd committee meeting, the office needs more time to work out technical issues to implement the pilot. We're expecting a more concrete follow up later in December. The committee expressed a need for a realistic timeline for when the tech will be available. Professor Roberts raised the possibility of using a dedicated worker for the pilot which is a smaller number of surveys to move past technical issues. Professor Colapinto will continue to follow up with Dr. Elbulok.

The committee met with Gina Cherry, Tom Harbison, Gus Kanellopoulos and Joseph Spadaro to discuss the implementation of Hy-Flex classes at BMCC for the Spring semester and in the future. VP Spadaro introduced a brief overview of the initiative to introduce Hy-Flex at CUNY and BMCC, including the technological and space requirements for classrooms, issues with procurement of Owl camera and other technology needs, and that four courses using Hy-Flex will be offered at BMCC in Spring 2022, including one taught by committee-member Professor McGee. Gina Cherry emphasized that faculty would not be required to teach Hy-Flex. Stipends have been available for the first groups of faculty who have done training workshops for Hy-Flex. The committee brought up a number of concerns with the current Hy-Flex rollout at BMCC, including the incorrect registration of Professor McGee's course in CUNY First, the lack of understanding for students of the expectations for attendance and other issues in Hy-Flex courses, the lack of faculty involvement in planning and pedagogical concerns for Hy-Flex, assessment of faculty teaching Hy-Flex including peer observations and student evaluations, and the recruiting process for faculty to teach Hy-Flex. Professor Chapparo inquired about the availability of data on the effectiveness and implementation of Hy-Flex at other CUNY campuses or other universities. We discussed the need to create an ad-hoc committee, charged by the Academic Senate and College Council, to help create policy for Hy-Flex courses, which should

include members from the Instruction Committee, CETLS, E-Learning, IRT, and any other faculty with interest or experience.

Following the meeting, the IC agreed to follow up with VP Spadaro on next steps and to continue to monitor the use of Hy-Flex and seek regular feedback from faculty teaching Hy-Flex courses and focus on assessment of and information gathering on Hy-Flex.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted
Owen Roberts