



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

Minutes
February 27th, 2019
Room N451

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 3.19pm
- II. ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved. The following senators were absent: Sauhda Alazab, Mohammad Azhar, James Blake, Arthur Cain, Odaine Chambers, Judy Eng, Jennifer Garay, Abdoul Gbadamassi, Francine Kamtse, Sekou Koulibaly, Jun Liang, Jennifer Longley, Desmond McKerna, Kaddy Momoh, Alicia Perdomo, Neili Popal, Benjamin Powell, Thaddeus Radell, Suzanne Schick, Tanke Seulio Gilles, Arvis Sinani, Rebecca Smart, Daniel Torres, Youssouf Toure, Ching-Song Don Wei, Issa Yaya, Meryem Zaman
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES
 - a. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: The following items were approved by the Academic Senate:
 - i. **Course Revision:** BIO 210 Biology I
Description: This revision aims to increase the pass rate by changing the basic skills requirements and pre-requisites of the course to increase the level of student math preparation. The decision is based on analysis of DFW rates of students with varying math preparation.
 - ii. **Course Revision:** BIO 220 Biology II
Description: This revision aims to increase the pass rate by changing the basic skills requirements and pre-requisites of the course to increase the level of student math preparation. The decision is based on analysis of DFW rates of students with varying math preparation.
 - iii. **New Course:** ASN 211 Asian Americans in New York City
Description: In this course students will examine Asian American spaces in New York with a scholar's eye starting from the late 19th century through contemporary times.
 - iv. **Pathways Course:** ASN 211 Asian Americans in New York City
Description: Inclusion of the course in the US Experience and Its Diversity Pathways bucket.

- v. **Curriculum Revision:** Early Childhood Education
Description: This revision removes ENG 334 as a requirement and adds 2 credits of general elective in response to changing ECE 209 and ECE 211 from 3 to 4 credits.
 - vi. **Course Revision:** ECE 209 Infant Care and Curriculum
Description: This revision changes the course credits from 3 to 4. .
 - vii. **Course Revision:** ECE 211 Curriculum for Young Children I
Description: This revision changes the course credits from 3 to 4.
 - viii. **Curriculum Revision:** Accounting for Forensic Accounting
Description: This revision removes ECO 201/202 and FNB 101 and replaces them with ACC 370 Forensic Accounting Fraud and Analysis and 3 credits of General elective.
 - ix. **Course Revision:** MMP 260 Introduction to 2D Animation
Description: This revision changes the pre-requisites from MMP 100 to either MMP 100 or MMA 100. Either course adequately prepares students and this change makes it easier for ANI majors to stay on track and complete the major requirements.
- b. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
- i. Starfish is being rolled out to more classes. The committee is examining overlap between Starfish, BART and Academic warning forms.
 - ii. Menstrual product dispensers still needed in Fiterman and Murray buildings.
 - iii. Non-gender bathrooms: still under construction in Murray. Issues with signage being investigated.
 - iv. Committee is speaking with students from the Muslim Student Association (MSA) regarding Islamophobia to discuss issues experienced on campus, and for ideas on planning an event.
 - v. Committee requested a response from IP Wilks regarding ICE on campus. IP Wilks will issue a response by Friday (3.1.19).
- c. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- i. Joe Doctor: April 17th, 11.00 am – 2.30pm, Fiterman 1306/1307. Guest speaker Dr. Bettina Love: Topic “We gon’ be alright, but that ain’t alright: abolitionists teaching and the pursuit of educational freedom.
 - ii. FDG – applications (46) submitted. Invitation for reviewers to be sent out.
- d. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
- i. Continue to work on the wording and use of student evaluations.
 - ii. Developing guidelines for peer review of online classes.
 - iii. Examining online course development process.
- e. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE
- i. Motion proposing that the Committee on Academic Standing consider appeals for NC grades for eligible students who wish to receive an NC grade but did not

opt-in before the official deadline, with the course instructor's consent. Motion passed with 2 abstentions and 3 opposed.

f. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- i. Three promotional videos have been completed and are ready for dissemination.
- ii. Open Houses: Faculty will develop and present reusable interactive modules for these events, for which they will receive a stipend. Prof. Yau offered assistance to faculty involved in this process.

g. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE

- i. Committee continues to investigate the timeline of Design for Success. Has met with IP Wilks. Will give recommendations on going forth with this and future such endeavors at the next senate meeting.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Attendance policy: CUNY no longer has an attendance policy, and syllabi can no longer have language regarding attendance. Faculty governance leaders met and discussed the changes to the attendance policy. There is no consensus amongst the different CUNY colleges, except that instructors are free to adopt what policy they want, though the college cannot have an official policy. No one seems to know how to handle the situation with different programs like nursing, teacher education etc that require attendance for their accreditation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. UFS (G. Clock)
 - i. SUNY representatives discussed their approach to designing online courses, budget concerns at SUNY, and recommendations on changing General Education requirements at SUNY.
 - ii. Discussion on amendments to the UFS charter continued.
 - iii. A committee will be convened to discuss budgetary needs for a CUNY medical school.
 - iv. UFS will seek to get an adequate budget for CUNY.
- b. Calls for Distinguished Teaching Award applications to be sent out this week.
- c. Election committee will distribute online ballots 3.4.19 for electing BMCC's representative to UFS. G. Miller reminded members to please vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. www.bartleby.com removed from bookstore website. Students received information email from Student Affairs regarding this website.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 3.52pm.