

THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
4/6/2016 meeting minutes

In attendance: Brown, Chen, Danila, Fitzgerald, Salam, Yanagisawa.

Absent: Noimann, Mata.

Meeting called to order at 2:25 PM

- 1) Minutes of the previous meeting approved with a minor correction.
- 2) Discussion about the Distance Learning survey for faculty who have not taught online: questions added and improvements made in the flow of the survey.
- 3) Regarding the bias in students evaluations, Prof. Fitzgerald proposes passing a resolution asking for the bias to be taken into consideration in the assessment of faculty for tenure and promotion. We should look at the research done nationally on evaluations bias, especially in the case of freshman and sophomore students. We might want to pass this idea to the chair of the next year's committee.
- 4) Regarding the issue of non-major students being advised to take major classes, Prof. Mata is currently discussing it with the Administration. The advisors will be made aware of the problem.
- 5) Regarding the concerns about watered-down remedial courses, there are standard exams that all students have to pass. However, the demographics of our students are changing. We can ask for data about the GPA's of the students who took certain remedial courses. Also, we can ask Instructional Research if they have data about the pass rates of these courses over the years. Perhaps we should try to identify a few remedial courses of concern and talk to the coordinators.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM