

Meeting of College Council

There were present:

Prof. Adise	Prof. Farley	Prof. Klapper	Dean Pappagallo
Prof. Arliss	Prof. Farrell	Prof. Kraljic Curran	Ms. Saladuchin
Prof. Babbitt	Dean Fox	Prof. Lavin	Prof. Sarinsky
Prof. Barnhart	Prof. Gale	Mr. Lomax	Prof. Sokolow
Prof. Beeber	Prof. Garcia Osuna	Prof. Martin	Prof. Staum
Prof. Cally	Prof. Gerwin	Prof. Mogensen	V.P. Suss
Ms. Cohen	Prof. Graziano	Prof. Murphy	Mr. Swanston
Ms. Cunningham	Prof. Graziano-King	Prof. Nicosia	Mr. Taylor
Ms. Derks	Prof. Guigno	Prof. Olubummo	Ms. Todaro
Prof. Descarfino	Prof. Hesse	Prof. O'Malley	Ms. Valentin
Dean DiLorenzo	Ms. Hudson	Ms. Oriental	Prof. Zeitlin
Ms. Driscoll	Prof. Hume	Ms. Palmieri	

President Peruggi called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. The minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2008 were approved unanimously.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

President Peruggi reported that the proposal to raise minimum credits for full-time status from 12 to 15 credits appears to be headed for rejection. She was also optimistic that the proposed decrease of \$270 per FTE will be scaled back. We will have a reduction in FTE funding, but not as much as \$270.

The President has been lobbying in Albany on behalf of the College. She testified before the Standing Committee on Higher Education that student attendance at Community Colleges in year long certificate programs terminating with definite job skills would be better for the state in the long run than older programs of a six-week duration. The President also spoke to the Brooklyn Delegation of the New York City Council asking for capital funds for much-needed repairs to the campus structures.

Once again, the President stated that student enrollment is at an all-time high. This level appears to be holding. X-Rosters will be open on-line for submissions tomorrow.

Our Periodic Review Report for Middle States will be due in the Spring 2011 and in preparation for that project, Provost Suss and Dean Fox will be attending a conference in Philadelphia regarding the report.

President Peruggi congratulated the English Department for winning the "Outstanding Programs in English Award" from the Two-Year College English Association. The award was given for the Cohort Project and the successful increase in passing rates form students on departmental and university-wide assessment.

One final note: Kingsborough is now on Twitter. www.twitter.com/KCCBrooklyn The President sees this as a great opportunity to increase publicity on the internet.

B. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum Committee

The following resolution presented by the Curriculum Committee was approved by acclamation:

Resolved, That the following degree program be approved:
 Department of Biological Sciences

A.S. in Biotechnology
See Attachment A

2. Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee presented an informational report on the “Promotion and Tenure Criteria” document. Professor Richard Staum reported that the committee agreed with the spirit of the document but made some minor suggestions for improvement to be considered.

See Attachment B.

3. Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee presented an election guide for the committee assignment process to be implemented this semester.

Professor Michael Sokolow also asked that the outstanding statements of committee duties be returned to him as soon as possible.

See Attachment C.

C. New Business

1. Professor Donald Hume, our Faculty Governance Leader, brought to the Council, for discussion, a document from the Faculty Governance Leaders meeting regarding proposed changes in the process of awarding PSC CUNY Grants. He stated that the Governance Council opposes this plan. Several College Council members spoke in opposition to the plan, stating that it would remove the University-wide peer review process, instead being replaced by review at the college level. It also appears that funding, based upon prior-year’s submissions would be unfairly limited. Prof. Hume asked that council members e-mail him with comments to be passed on to the Governance Council.
See Attachment D
2. The President has to submit a name of a Kingsborough Community College faculty member to serve as a representative on the New Community College Steering Committee. She asked that Prof. Hume be the nominee. College Council members agreed with her suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ladman

Barbara Ladman, Secretary, College Council