

The College Council Meeting

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Location: Virtual meeting on Zoom

Minutes Summary

I. Call to Order

With a quorum in session, the meeting was called to order by President Ramsey at 11:33 am

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion to approve the April 25 meeting was seconded and unanimously approved.

III. President's Report

President Ramsey expressed excitement and joy for the graduating class as they participate in various commencement activities as they prepare for graduation. CUNY has chosen the College's ceremonies to be featured this year. Speaker Adams will deliver the commencement address. Regarding the budget, the CUNY board has approved funding for faculty lines.

IV. Old Business

No old business

V. Election of Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee - general member.

Dean McLean described the role of the committee: it adjudicates conduct matters, and it meets not more than twice per year. It is an important committee, and all members must attend training to ensure that students receive a fair and just adjudication. The committee consists of (3) chairs and (6) general faculty members. Nominees – Dr. Donna Hill, Dr. Margaret Carroll, Dr. Fabienne Snowden, Dr. Sumeyra Tosun, and Dr. Shirley Daniels

A motion to close on the nominations was seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. Curriculum Program Reviews

- 1) Environmental Science BA/MS Degree Program (presented by Dr. Salako). The 3-2 B.S./M.S. dual program between Medgar Evers College and Michigan State University. The main outcome of the program is that students will gain training in forestry which is currently woefully underrepresented. Also, this program will enhance recruitment to the Environmental Science department. Students do not need to be ENVS majors to participate in the summer research experience.
- 2) Public Administration Accelerated Learning Modality (presented by Dr. Blair). This is a novel program that accelerates the B.A. degree. The program particularly serves working students allowing them to matriculate through the night/weekend program and online. Similar wrap-around services provided to PBI will be tapped for these students, for example, an early alert will be issued at 3.5 weeks.
 - (i) Comments: Other campuses are looking to structure similar programs using ALM as a model. Assured that this will raise the profile of the PA degrees, generally, and potentially raise enrollment. A key component will be the offering of the entry-level course in the night/weekend schedule. Currently, enrolled students are focused on the community service aspect of the program.
 - The motion to approve the program was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - Motion to add changes to the associates and the bachelor's degree curriculum to the agenda was seconded and approved.
 - Dr. Blair put forth the following motion: To change the concentration name from Community Development to Urban Planning and Community Development; also, the course number CIS261 will replace CIS 211. Additional courses are Energy Policy and Transportation Policy.
 - Comment: K. Bramble asked if it was normal to change the name of the concentration and then add the course. Dr. Blair explained this is appropriate and is determined by the department.

A motion to approve the above-suggested name change was seconded and unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Chair's Reports:

- 1) Curriculum (T. Johnson) The committee is excited about the new programs pending for the next academic year.
- 2) Committee on Student Life: no report
- 3) Administrative Advisory (Z. Blair) Presented a brief report (which will be part of the College Council records) outlining major outcomes including the securing of new computers, plans for transforming common areas to reflect the history of the college and social justice, IT service plan, and professional development for faculty and staff. Overall, the committee is highly functioning.
- 4) Commencement (K. Whitehead) Announced that commencement ceremonies will be held on June 2 in the amphitheater and tickets have been distributed since space is limited.
- 5) Governance Committee (B. Steirteghem) Presented a brief report outlining the structure of the committee and addressed the College's current noncompliance with the Open Meetings Law. This committee is having consensus issues, for example, it did not vote to re-establish the ASC because it could not reach the vote threshold under the current quorum guidelines.
 - a) Question/Comments: Is the Administrative Advisory coordinating the installation of new computers for all faculty? Suggestion on the issue of voting in the Governance Committee; membership is 16, so the majority is 9.

The motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously approved. At 12:54 pm.

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Minutes approved by the College Council on October 24, 2022