

## The College Council

### Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Location: Founder's Auditorium (Bedford Building)

**Attendees:** A quorum of 47 members of the College Council

### Minutes by Agenda Item

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 am by Zulema Blair, vice-chairperson of the Executive Board of the College Council.

#### II. Approval of this meeting agenda and the minutes for the December 14, 2022, meeting

A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the December 14, meeting minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### III. The President's Report

No report

#### IV. Standing Committee Reports: Administrative Advisory, Curriculum, Governance, and Student Life

- Administrative Advisory (Z. Blair). The committee made recommendations on the social climate issues (agenda item of the State of the College). Also it discussed the need to inform and train faculty on the procedures for purchasing and procurement.
- Student Life (J. Kane) – no report
- Governance Committee (V. Chevalier). The committee addressed the importance of the General Education Committee and determined that it should be a standing committee due to its critical importance at this time. The committee voted unanimously to include GenEd as a standing committee. of the Council. October 27, 2008 is the latest date of the charge of the committee but no further documents support it being a standing committee.

#### V. Governance Plan amendments – **Reading of the amendments.**

Per the Governance Plan Article 12 Section 2 the Executive Secretary shall read changes at no fewer than two successive meetings of the Council. This is the first reading.

Reading of amendments for the Academic Standards and Regulations Committee by G. Dent

Reading of the amendment for the Membership of the Governance Committee by G. Dent

Questions/ Comments:

- Academic Standards and Regulations- membership statement should state 'Provost and his/her designee' since academic standards are decided by the faculty it alone is responsible for the academic matters of the college
- Dean McLean offered clarity that the phrase approved by the 'Student Government Association' is conflicting since all MEC students are member so the SGA. In all matters, this conflict should be clarified. Students serving on this committee is not appropriate since the committee deals with FERPA matters.
- Dr. Barker suggested that the SGA could amend its governance plan to identify itself more clearly.
- What is the rationale for reducing the number of HEO and designating them as ex-officio?
  - The original intent of the committee is for the faculty review, recommend and resolve policy academics, first established in the 1992 Governance Plan
  - The special committee was established in 2022 to bring the College into compliance and its membership was broader.
  - We should look at the evolving nature of academia and include HEO's in the process

VI. New Curriculum Programs

- 1) Urban Education master's degree program – Dr. Tabora Johnson. The program builds on the current program offerings but add a research component to the academic program; it also allows students to collaborate with other departments. 33-hour, cohort size is 25
  - a. Students do not need background in education, they can earn their license and degree through the program.
  - b. What is the status of the Secondary Education program(s) and how does it intersect? The proposal for the secondary education master's program was not approved by CUNY due to overlap with other colleges established programs.
  - c. Provost Coleman recommended the college pursue a master's in art of teaching which would allow us to offer training in a variety of educational areas.
  - d. The Elementary Education program does cover secondary education core coursework.
  - e. There will be no accelerated version of UEd, and the department has enough faculty to manage this program.
  - f. What are the funding incentives for prospective students? The department has many funding options that can be used to support students.
- 2) Teaching Computational Thinking and Elementary Mathematics the purpose is to prepare teachers to teach computational thinking. The course fills the gap in computer science and math. It is a collaborative effort between the education and math department.

Comments/Questions:

- Dr. Blair restated that it is the job of the College Council representatives on all committees to bring material and decisions back to their departments and to encourage discourse within departments and among faculty prior to the convening of the College Council.
- How do the HEOs get information from Curriculum Committee? Each committee meeting may be attended by any member of the Council. This is an example issue that should be addressed by the Governance Committee.

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VII. Announcement of New online programs - informative

- School of Business: Accounting (BS), Business (AS), Criminal Justice (AS)
- School of Education: Childhood Education (BA), Special Education (BA), and Early Childhood Education (BA), Teacher Education (AA)

VIII. Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC)

Each college will have one representative on the CUNY Common Core Course Review Committee. The nominees on the ballot were determined by OAA. The top three candidates (each from different schools) will be put forth to CUNY, who will choose one.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm

Minutes prepared by Geronia Dent, executive secretary of the College Council.

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