

The College Council Special Meeting

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Location: Founder's Auditorium (Bedford Building)

Attendees: 53 members of the College Council were present (the required quorum is 44)

Minutes by Agenda Item

I. Call to Order

Dr. Zulema Blair, the vice-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:35 with a quorum of 44 members present.

II. Approval of this meeting agenda, and the March 22 meeting minutes.

Clarification that the reading of the Governance Amendments 1 and 2 will be the second reading. A motion to approve this agenda (with this change) was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 22, was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. The President's Report – none

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

1. Administrative Advisory -Dr. Zulema Blair

The College will close with a balanced budget. Next year, there will be further discussions on the budget. VP Clark presented to the Committee. On Purchasing, more training is needed in this area, particularly for faculty. The CUNY Marketplace has been implemented. A final report will be sent to the Executive Board

2. Governance Plan – no report, introduction to agenda item V

3. Curriculum Committee – no report, introduction to agenda item VI

4. Student Life – no report

V. Governance Plan Reading of amendments:

i. Academic Standards and Regulations

An objection to the non-voting HEO was stated; the reason given was that if students have the right to vote then show should HEOs. Dr. Chevalier explained that 'shared' means everyone has a role, the role of HEOs has traditionally been ex-officio, and not all members of the body may always get a vote. For this committee, faculty, are the driving body of all things related to academic standards for the College. Membership of the Governance Committee

ii. General Education Committee – reinstatement *

This committee is not being reinstated as it was left out of the last version of the Governance Plan. A request was made to replace the descriptive term discipline with the term department.

VI. New Curriculum Programs/Courses

1. School of Science Health and Technology- Department of Environmental Science- Cannabis AA and BS degree programs
Dr. Reid gave an overview of the AA and BS degree programs in Cannabis. Highlighting that these programs are first-of-a-kind. They will train students to enter the burgeoning workforce in the field of cannabis from the perspective of chemistry and the environment.
2. The Department of Economics and Finance: a new minor degree program in Entrepreneurship
Dr. Egbe announced the Entrepreneurship minor degree program and introduced Dr. Crump, who authored the program. Thus far entrepreneurship introductory course has been offered to College Now. They conducted an interest survey and 85% of respondents affirmed interest in pursuing a degree (AA) in the discipline. A list of the courses that will be transferred from the BA and PA programs will appear on the ballot. Dr. Egbe emphasized the need to drop MTH 141 Finite Mathematics as a prerequisite course, stating that it had become a barrier to students' progression into the major. Now, the ECON electives will go from 6 to 9 credits.
3. The Department of Psychology: a new course, Selecting a Major and Career in Psychology
Drs. Kathleen Barker and Sumeyra Toson presented this new course which aims to inform students about the field of Psychology, the related jobs, and mainly to connect the classroom to careers (the second reason why students stop matriculating). The course will focus on ancillary skills (technology, certifications, etc.) and will be an elective course. This is a first-of-a-kind course. The only prerequisite is PSYC 101.

Dean Gologor offered that since the students entering college now desire to understand how college will help them in the future.

4. The Department of Accounting: changes to existing course FIN 325 Corporate Finance
Prof. Mark Cadett presented the changes. This course FIN 325 will be replaced with ACCT 467 Cost Accounting II, which is data-analytics-centric. It will prepare students for the new format of the CPA exam (taxation, audit, and reporting, plus students must select an area of specialization) which requires specialized preparation. The prerequisite will be ACCT 227 Principles of Accounting II, which replaces ACCT 312 Intermediate Accounting II.

VII. Committee Nominations

1. Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee (FSDC) –
This body adjudicates student conduct on campus. It consists of (3) chairs – Zulema Blair, Eleanor Holder, and Ken Irish-Bramble, and (6) faculty members, for which, 3 must be replaced.

A motion to nominate three members was seconded and approved; the nominees are Roman Mitchell, Lystra Huggins, and Sheldon Huggins

A motion to close nominations was seconded and approved.

2. Faculty nominations for the Committee on Student Life
Jesse Kane, senior vice president and chairperson requested (via message by Dean McLean) to move this item to the Fall 2023 semester.

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3. Committee nominations for the Student Technology Fee (STF)
This committee is comprised of five people (faculty & staff).

A motion to nominate 5 members was seconded and approved. The nominees are Dr. Saran, Dr. Christina Migliaccio, Dr. Sumeyra Tosun, * Sherril Ann Mason, Prof. Roman Mitchel, Dr. Karen Holton

A motion to close nominations was seconded and approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Gelonia Dent, Ph.D., executive secretary of the College Council.
The meeting minutes were approved on _____

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