

**MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE
MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
EMERGENCY MEETING
November 21, 2022**

In Attendance

Julie Augustin, HEO Elect
Prof. Kathleen Barker
Prof. Ken Irish-Bramble
Prof. William Carr
Prof. Victoria Chevalier,
Chair
Shirley Irick, Esq., President's Designee
Prof. Gregorio Mayers
Prof. Harsha Rajapakse
Prof. Jade Robertson
Grace Carter-St. Hill, Classified Civil Service
Prof. Donna Wright

Absent

Ms. Joanna Dorsey SGA President
Lucius Priester, President, Alumni Assoc.
Katie Davis, President, Community Council
Student Government Representative (Newly elected)
CLT/HEO (Vacant)

Call to Order: 11:38 AM; Quorum achieved. Prof. Rajapakse Secretary pro tem to take minutes.

1. **Agenda affirmed:** Prof. Kathleen Barkers' motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Prof. William Carr and voted upon unanimously.
2. **Minutes of meetings:** Prof. Wright's motion to approve the October 17th meeting minutes was seconded by Prof. Barker and voted upon unanimously. Dr. Chevalier noted that this emergency meeting stood for the November 14 meeting at which quorum was not met. She added that President Ramsey was expected to attend this emergency meeting.
3. **SGA President Representative Brief Update.** Prof. Chevalier presented a brief update of election of SGA President Representative and the importance of having a second student elected.
4. **Academic Standards and Regulations Amendment.** Prof. Chevalier explained the importance of College-wide ASR inclusion in Governance Plan for alignment with CUNY Bylaws as well as State law/regulations. A copy of 'Article 7 – Committees of the College Council of 1992 Governance plan' was distributed. Discussion ensued regarding the functions of committee and its composition; online availability of protocol; and the difference between ASR appeals and student complaints/policies.
5. **Alumni Association Officer.** The language in Governance Plan composition should be modified to restate "officer" due to the limitations that designated only the "President" as sitting Officer. The Committee agreed and added "designated" to the language. Discussion ensued. Prof. Chevalier's motion to accept the new language proposed by Committee "designated officer" was seconded by Prof. Carr and unanimously voted upon by the committee.
6. **New Business.** Professor Chevalier distributed Preamble Language directly modeled on CCNY's Governance Plan Preamble and proposed the Committee collaboratively write a Preamble for MEC. Prof. Chevalier provided a brief overview of the purpose of a Preamble. A discussion ensued regarding the model Preamble, and how the Committee could draft a unique Medgar Evers College document to reflect the role and mission of MEC. Counsel Irick agreed with Professor Chevalier regarding the importance of a Preamble, especially in context of Strategic Planning. Professors Gregorio Mayers and Kathleen Barker agreed that as we face the CUNY fiscal cliff of 2022-2023, it would behoove the Governance Committee to clearly signal the critical nature of governance at Medgar Evers College, in light of the College's unique niche.

Adjournment: 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Harsha Rajapakse **Secretary pro tem**