

The College Council

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, May 15, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Location: Founder's Auditorium (Bedford Building)

Agenda

I. Call to Order

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 11:50 am with a quorum of 46 members of the Council.

II. Approval of this meeting agenda and the minutes for the May 10 (special) meeting

A motion to approve this agenda (with indicated omissions) was seconded and unanimously passed.

Comments/Questions (offered after Agenda item V):

- Kevin Adams asked about the Governance Committee minutes being available to the public. Ms. Irick stated in error that minutes are posted on the MEC Library's website.
- Dr. Beverly Lashley, PSC asked about the procedure (approving of the minutes) stating that she asked Dr. Dent for the minutes at the beginning of the meeting, claiming they were not available on Blackboard.
- Dr. Dent addressed the body giving a summary of her procedures for sharing documents with the Council (meeting minutes, announcements of meetings, and documents) and clarified that this was the *only time* during her service that the minutes were not distributed on time, she had mistakenly not uploaded them to Blackboard but sent them at the start of the meeting (at Dr. Lashley's request). She asked of Lashley "You will have to give me some grace". The issue was resolved by not calling for approval of the minutes to give the entire body ample opportunity to review them carefully.
- Dr. Lashley asked if subcommittee minutes are available on the webpage. Stating that according to OML they must be made public. The President offered that Curriculum Committees should go into executive session when discussing content that should not be privy to the public; all other committees should be open.

- Kevin Adams (out of order) continued with the complaint of OML violation of availability of committee meeting minutes. He was not recognized by the President, but she assured him that the confusion would be resolved.

III. The President's Report

Reported on the NYC budget was to be finalized by May 1 it does not affect CUNY's budget as much as it will the community colleges, while the mayor's executive budget which has a \$62M [PEG](#) (programs to be eliminated) for CUNY does impact funding for Accelerate, Complete, Engage (ACE) program under which the MEC CHANCE program falls. The target areas for sustained funding are public policy and environmental science.

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

- 1) Administrative Advisory: Dr. Blair, will submit a report in writing.
- 2) Curriculum Committee – agenda item (V1)
- 3) Governance Committee: Dr. Chevalier, the committee discussed term limits and decided to reinstate the 1992 language regarding 'loss of membership'; she read the statement. Called the Secretary forward to read agenda item (V)
- 4) Student Life – no report

V. Governance Plan -Second reading of amendment: General Education Committee as a Standing Committee of the College Council - describes the purpose of the General Education Committee and its membership.

- Suggestions: clarify the School of Liberal Arts and School of Education
- Dr. Chevalier clarified that students will be elected through SGA,
- Recommended there be a representative from Freshman Year Program
- All changes to the language will be emailed to Dr. Chevalier for final editing and then redistributed to the Council on Blackboard.
- Ms. Irick explained the ratification process which includes a college-wide electronic vote on the amendments. The aim is to complete it by May 30.

VI. New Curriculum Programs

- 1) Department of Computer Information Systems - Computer Applications degree program redesign – withdrawn
- 2) Department of Environmental Science- Cannabis master's degree program

Reid provided an overview of the master's degree program highlighting that it would be a first-of-a-kind in CUNY there are less than a dozen such programs around the country and most focus on medicinal applications. All documents were available for review on the College Council Blackboard site.

3) Department of Accounting – changes to existing courses

Dr. Paul Cox offered a summary of the course changes (ACCT 367, 401, 402, 406, 407, and 480) stating that the main reason for the changes was to address obsolete content, align the prerequisites, and strengthen the degree offerings. All documents were available for review on the College Council Blackboard site.

VII. Election Results for

1) Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee (FSDC)

i. Chairperson

Ms. Irick announced that Dr. Susan Fisher had been elected to serve.

ii. General faculty members (3)

2) Student Technology Fee (STF)

Curriculum agenda items and committee nominees from May 10 and May 15 will be on separate electronic vote ballots that will be distributed by Faye Chan.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm