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Meeting of College Council Volume 45 Number 3

There were present:

Prof. Alessandrini	Mr. Khan	Prof. Repetti
Prof. Barnhart	Mr. Klein	Prof. Ricciardi
Ms. Barrow	Prof. Lax	V.P. Rios
Prof. Bennett	Ms. Li	Mr. Rogers-Thomas
Ms. Bevens	Prof. Martin	Prof. Rozenboym
Prof. Borgese	Prof. McDevitt	V.P. Russell
Prof. A. Cohen	Prof. McKinney	Prof. Schwartz
Ms. J. Cohen	Prof. Mikalopas	Prof. Segal
Ms. Collins	Prof. Miranda	Mr. Shordar
Ms. Daly	Mr. Mitra	Prof. Sokolow
Prof. Dawson	Prof. Murphy	Dr. Sutton-Young
Prof. Descarfino	Mr. Ng	Prof. Taras
Ms. Driscoll	Prof. Noe	Mr. Wagstaffe
Prof. Ferretti	Ms. O'Shea	Prof. Weeks
Ms. Fields	Ms. Olvina	Mr. Winnick
V.P. Fox	Prof. Perea	Prof. Yarmish
Prof. Garcia-Osuna	Prof. Pierre	Prof. Young
Prof. Goldberg	Prof. Polizzotto	
Prof. Howard	Mr. Renelique	

Interim President Cohen called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

I. The minutes of the meetings of May 23, 2017 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President reported that with Commencement scheduled in nine weeks, the College will celebrate the 1366 students who have already filed for graduation; in 2017 that number was 1577. Including all graduating periods for the 2017-2018 academic year, this will be the third straight year that Kingsborough will graduate over 2000 students. No other community college in CUNY touches us with these numbers.

Important upcoming dates in the Spring include the Dean's List ceremony on May 10th; Eco-Fest on May 9-11th; the Faculty Forum on May 14th; recognition of active members of the military on May 21st; Phi Theta Kappa on May 24th; the Awards Night on June 11th; Commencement on June 14th; and the Seaside Splash.

The Presidential Search process continues, with interviews planned by late May and, according to the committee's schedule, a list of finalists in June 2018.

B. Legislative Committee Report

1. The Election Results from the online election of three full-time senators representing Kingsborough at the University Faculty Senate were posted online: Profs. Perea, Schnee and Stubin won seats. Upcoming departmental and campus-wide elections will take place in May 2018 prior to the next Council meeting on May 22nd .

2. Faculty members of Council selected of three nominees (each from different disciplines) for each of two University-wide Pathways subcommittees:

Subcommittee One: “English Composition,” “Creative Expression,” “World Cultures and Global Issues,” and “U.S. Experience in its Diversity.”

Unanimously elected were nominees Michael Barnhart, Ann DelPrincipe, and Ryan McKinney.

Subcommittee Two: “Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning,” “Life and Physical Sciences,” “Scientific World,” and “Individual and Society.”

There were five nominees for these three positions, with the top three selected:

Homar Barcena (18 votes)

Anna Rozenboym (14)

Katia Perea (13 votes, and 21 in the run-off)

Runners-up were Audrey Cohen (13, tied in vote; 9 votes in run-off with Perea), Shoshana Friedman (10 votes), and three abstentions.

3. The triannual assessment of KCC Governance will be broader and more comprehensive than our previous cycles in 2012 and 2015. Input and information will be gathered from all campus constituencies with the goal of a deeper understanding of our governance system, representation, and engagement with governance as it is experienced across the entire campus. This effort is expected to take the better part of the next year, and more details will emerge as it gets underway.

C. Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Committee had sixty campus members attend several “Cookie Hour” meetings this academic year, which culminated in a ‘word cloud’ report at the Council meeting of November 14, 2017.

It plans to draft a shorter, more concise mission statement. The upcoming ‘Cookie Hours’ will be a series of roundtables, once again seeking full campus participation. An RSVP form will be widely circulated.

Committee Chair V.P. Fox also briefly reviewed the 2015 university-wide COACHE Survey of faculty, which had a 40% response rate from KCC Faculty. The Governance section had broad-ranging results which were unfailingly positive among KCC faculty respondents at that time. As the College embarks on the Governance Assessment effort just described (Legislative Committee item 3 above), we would like to know if that remains true. As we organize our own efforts, we may plan a similar survey for 2018-2019.

D. Students Committee Report

The Students Committee presented the following resolution for Council approval:

Resolution to Amend the College Council Constitution

WHEREAS, The Kingsborough Community College Student Government Association (KCCSGA) has long operated under a system of multiple councils without central governance; AND,

WHEREAS, National best practices support a single undergraduate student government association to serve all students; AND,

WHEREAS , the College Council voted on November 14, 2017 to support passage of the student referendum promoting consolidation of KCCSGA into a single association; AND,

WHEREAS , the inclusion of detailed provisions of student governance in the campus governance plan requires that any changes to student governance receive College Council and Board of Trustees approval; AND,

WHEREAS , Typical practice throughout the City University of New York is to establish a relationship between campus-wide and student governance while allowing each to maintain self-governance; AND,

WHEREAS , The integrity of student governance is ensured by guidelines set by the CUNY Board of Trustees; THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED that the KCCSGA shall consolidate into a single association; and

RESOLVED that the spring 2018 KCCSGA elections shall reflect the needs of this new structure; and

RESOLVED that the KCC College Council Constitution and Governance Plan shall be amended as shown in the attached KCC College Council Constitution and Governance Plan.

[The documents referred to in the resolution were attached to the Agenda for this meeting: http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/college_council/Documents/11-14-2017/4-10-2018Attachment_A-CC_Constitution_DRAFT.pdf and http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/college_council/Documents/11-14-2017/4-10-2018Attachment_B-SGA_Constitution.pdf]

Committee chair Prof. Ricciardi pointed out that the resolution was the result of two years of collaboration between the Students Committee and the Offices of Student Affairs and Student Life.

There are major issues with the current Student Government Constitution and structure, especially regarding the Evening Studies & Part-Time Student Council, which can no longer exist under the limitations of CUNYFirst. The current Constitution is therefore grossly out of date.

Furthermore, pulling the new SGA document out of the College Council Constitution would mean that the Student Government will not need to come to the full Council whenever they seek to make changes to their SGA document. But they are still subject to CUNY policies, which clearly dictate and govern SGA affairs.

At the conclusion of Prof. Ricciardi's introductory remarks, a lengthy substantive discussion took place on the floor. Questions were posed by Council members and answered, in some cases by Maria Patestas, director of the Office of Student Life. [Transcript available upon request.]

After questions and discussion, Prof. Sokolow proposed to call the question. That proposal was defeated 25-22. Floor discussion continued.

After further discussion, Prof. A. Cohen suggested that perhaps the resolution should be tabled and taken off the Agenda without prejudice. Prof. Mikalopas made a motion to that effect, but it was defeated. Discussion continued.

Discussion being concluded, the resolution was brought to a vote. The results of a written secret ballot were 38 in favor, 13 against, and 2 abstentions. The resolution passed as written with no changes.

In the absence of new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow

Michael Sokolow, Secretary