

**Kingsborough Community College
The City University of New York
College Council Legislative Committee**

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Present: Shoshana Friedman, Matthew Gartner, Joachim Oppenheim, Maria Patestas, Paul Ricciardi, Ashiza Shah, Emily Schnee, Michael Spear

- An issue was raised of how the 2/3 vote functions within the College Council's Constitution; for a resolution/vote to pass, the Constitution says there must be a 2/3 vote. The question is, of the entire body, or of those present.
- It was noted that according to Robert's Rules, the 2/3 relates to of members present.
- There was a question raised as to whether or not we make a policy statement that in all matters related to questions regarding operation of Council meetings, votes, etc, that the body defers to Robert's Rules of Order.
- A member reminded those present that for a vote to count, the member must be present, in person.
- It was largely agreed by the members present that the 2/3 rule, as stated by Robert's Rules, is to account for members present and not the entire body.
- It was agreed that this body should reach out to the Council Parliamentarian and discuss this matter of 2/3 vote. Maria Patestas agreed to reach out.
- It was noted that the current College Council Constitution is still in DRAFT form.
- It was further noted that this current draft, with numerous amendments, has never been approved by the Board of Trustees.
- It was noted that there may be a 2018 amendment that may not be documented accurately in the current latest draft of the Constitution.

Submitted By: Paul Ricciardi, Secretary, Legislative Committee