

June 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM
Room U-219/U-220
Meeting of College Council Volume 50 Number 4

The College Council met on Tuesday April 18, 2023 in room U-219/220. There were present:

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Faculty/staff members: President Schrader; Acosta, Alley-Young, Beard, Borgese, Cally, Cohen, Dawson, DelPrincipe, Eaton, Friedman, Fruscione, Gartner, Hume, Johnson, Kalin, Kane, Lax, Levy, McKinney, Mikalopas, Mullen, Oppenheim, Parker, Patestas, Ricciardi, Rohr, Rothacker, Rozenboym, Russell, Segal, Sokolova, Sokolow, Spear, Tila, Wetzel, Yarmish.

No Student members were in attendance.

President Schrader called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

I. The minutes of the meetings of April 18, 2023 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

There are no significant updates regarding the College budget. We made some gains in the state budget, but are awaiting the city budget. We are still mindful of spending; we continue to prioritize hiring; and enrollment continues to be an area of focus, both attracting and recruiting new students and transfers as well as retaining continuing students. If you have seen the latest EM report you can see that to date we are ahead of where we were last year, but we have critical ground to make up because of our late registration start. Our EM and advisors will continue to work diligently over the summer to advise/register students. I will also note that although CUNY has relaxed its process with regards to matters that have to go to the VRB, we are still held to the savings plans we submitted and that are approved by the Central Office. We understand that vacancies will occur, but automatic refills are not guaranteed. It is important that you discuss with your respective vice presidents.

I had hoped that by this time we would have already submitted our revised governance plan to CUNY for review and subsequent approval by the board. Although that has not happened, I believe that something much better has occurred, and that is a college wide discussion of governance. GRACS were formed to provide everyone at the college with an opportunity to participate in this process and in the discussion. We could have stopped where we were when we last met, but in consultation with the steering committee, I thought it was best that we provide all GRACS with the opportunity to present the best possible proposals. Now we are at a different place—doing a deep dive into the constitution, and I am going to ask you, like I asked you during the pandemic, to give yourself and each other grace when it comes to this process. The review of the governance plan has been a long

time coming, and all the people in this room or at the college have not engaged in this process before. I am sure that every college that has done this had a different process. Expect it to be messy, as we work to get it as organized as possible. Expect disagreements, but continued collaborative and cooperative engagement in the process that has students and student success as its nucleus. I appreciate all your efforts in engaging in this work.

In September, I will call a special meeting to elect the College Council Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Unlike our governance review process, the Middle States process is ultra-structured. I want to take this opportunity to thank Colleen, Loretta and Johana, and the college community for their work on our self-study designed which was recently approved by Bob Bonfligio or MSCHE liaison. Thank you as well to the VP Todmann, her team and the members of the faculty and staff for helping to bring our new website to fruition. There is still clean-up to be made but the new look is modern, and engaging.

As you know COVID vaccination and testing protocols instituted by CUNY will end on June 16th for Kingsborough and fellow 12/6 schools. As you know testing center hours of operation have been curtailed. PS has been alerted to allow faculty, staff and students entry to campus. If you encounter any issues please reach out to Nadine Brown. As we enter this new phase, I encourage everyone to continue to stay safe. Please note that KCC IDs will have to be presented for entry to the campus.

In the past few weeks, it has gotten warmer and that is because our students are shining, from their performance of Big Love, to our Phi Theta Kappa Inductees, to our CUNY Research Scholars, to our Men's Baseball Team, to our Deans List recipients last evening. Thank you for pouring into them as you do.

Let's continue to pour into them over the next few weeks at the Lavender Graduation, Awards Ceremony, Nursing Pinning and Commencement.

I wish you a safe, restful and productive summer.

B. Curriculum Committee Report

The Curriculum Committee presented the following resolution, which passed by acclamation:

Vote #1 – New Course

Curricular Item	Description
MAT 20B0 –Statistics with Algebra	Students will apply algebraic techniques and mathematical models to solve verbal problems. Statistical data are interpreted and analyzed. Students will demonstrate ability to communicate quantitative analysis and evaluate solutions. Statistics topics are descriptive measures, probability theory, the normal distribution, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis. This course is intended for students who want a first course in statistics and need strengthening in intermediate algebra. Students who have completed MAT 19A0, or MAT 2000, or MAT 2010, or MAT 2200/BA 2200, or MAT 9100/BIO9100 will not receive credit for this course.

C. Recommendation on the Governance Plan

The following resolution was proposed and an extended discussion took place regarding the parameters and mission of this ad-hoc committee. The resolution passed by a vote of 29-4.

The Council recommends the formation of an ad-hoc Governance Plan Committee to review and revise the Governance Plan and College Council Constitution during AY2023-2024. This Committee will build on the work and proposals crafted by the GRAC Committees in 2022-23.

The Council recognized the service and contributions of Prof. Michael Sokolow as longtime Council Secretary and chair of the Legislative Committee upon the conclusion of his term of office.

In the absence of New Business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM. Non-returning members of the 2022-2023 Council were dismissed.

IV. Election of Committee on Committees and Committee Officer Elections by incoming members of the 2023-2024 College Council

A. Twelve Faculty/Staff members were nominated to fill six vacancies and to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The nominees were: Acosta, Armstrong, Cohen, Gartner, Kalin, Kane, Olvina, Parker, Patestas, Rozenboym, Segal, and Tila.

Upon the first ballot held according to the rules established in the Council Constitution, Acosta (19 votes), Cohen (19), Patestas (18), Parker (17, and Kalin (15) were elected to fill five seats. The remainder of the votes were Olvina (12) and Gartner (12) and Segal (12) tied for sixth; along with Armstrong (11), Tila (8) and Rozenboym (7).

In lieu of a runoff for the remaining seat, Segal and Gartner withdrew their candidacies and Olvina was named as the final member of the Committee on Committees, along with holdover member Scott Cally (term expires 2024).

B. Committee on Committees Meeting

The newly-constituted Committee on Committees elected Scott Cally as its chair, and assigned all new members to their first preference choice of standing committees, as submitted in advance.

C. Each standing committee elected its officers for 2023-2024: Curriculum (chair Dawson, secretary Kalin); Instruction (chair Acosta, sec. Olvina); Legislative (chair Patestas, sec. Ricciardi); Strategic Planning (chair Kane, sec. Wetzel); Students (chair Delgado).

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow

Michael Sokolow, Secretary