



room U219/220

November 15, 2022

Meeting of College Council Volume 50 Number 2

The College Council met on Tuesday November 15, 2022 in room U-219/220. There were present:

There were in attendance:

Faculty/staff members: President Schrader; Acosta, Alley-Young, Arguelles, Beard, Borgese, Cally, J. Cohen, Dawson, Delgado, Driscoll, Eaton, Franquiz, Friedman, Fruscione, Gartner, Hume, Johnson, Kalin, Kane, Lax, Levy, McKinney, Mikalopas, Mullen, Nasser, Patestas, Repetti, Ricciardi, Rios, Rohr, Russell, Segal, Shannon, Sokolova, Sokolow, Spear, Tila, Wetzel, Winnick, Yarmish.

Student members: Asif, Johnson, Khalid, Latiff

President Schrader called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

I. The minutes of the meetings of October 13, 2022 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President gave the following report:

November is a month traditionally dedicated to reflecting on what we are thankful for and expressing generosity. As you may know, I embrace the idea that we should be thankful and express gratitude every day. With that, I want to express my gratitude to our KCC community for all that you do as individuals and as a collective to advance the mission of the college. I especially want to thank the staff in the Division of Institutional Advancement for their fundraising and fun-raising efforts in planning our Spirit Day and all those who made donations on CUNYTuesday. Because of your generosity and the generosity of friends and supporters, we raised \$40,000 that will fund scholarships and provide financial assistance that benefit KCC students! Remember the giving continues until December 31, 2022, you can still donate online.

Thank you to the many faculty and staff who responded to the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee (GRAC) Interest survey. As I indicated in my initial communication, I endeavored to ensure that everyone was placed on a GRAC they indicated was of high interest, but that such placement could not be guaranteed and given the results of the survey, it was difficult to achieve. We know that each aspect and area of this work is important and I trust that you would embrace your GRAC assignment as an opportunity to provide input into this critical process and our Governance Plan. There are a multitude of ideas, and I know there are passionate positions and beliefs regarding Governance and I want to take this opportunity to remind us all that we all have ownership of Governance at KCC. These committees are to be spaces for productive and inclusive discussion. True

shared governance recognizes and needs the rich diversity of our campus community and understands its role is to advance the mission of the college. Let us continue to keep this front and center as we engage in the work ahead.

I appointed a facilitator for each GRAC and as I shared previously, each GRAC is responsible for selecting a co-facilitator from among its membership. Lead and co-facilitators should work collaboratively to coordinate/set committee meetings, facilitate discussions, ensure the committee keeps on task to complete its charges, and provide updates on progress and reports as requested.

Please note, the original timeline has been adjusted. Each GRAC should have a meeting this month (December). A brief status report will be due in February. The target date for completion of this work is May 1st. GRACs are able to meet via Zoom.

In November, we came together to express our gratitude during our SGA-sponsored Thanks4Giving Lunch where we served lunch to our student body; at our Seasons of Thanks Luncheon for staff and at our Veterans Day Luncheon where we honored brave members of our community who served our country.

Our DEI search is still actively ongoing with plans for an opportunity for the college community to engage with finalist and provide feedback. We are taking the necessary steps to ensure a competitive search that will result in a qualified professional who can lead our campus' DEI efforts.

I want to acknowledge calls for sharing of information regarding the November 3rd incident in the cafeteria. Please be reminded that we are held to FERPA laws that prohibits the disclosing of student records and information. There are aspects to the investigation that are still ongoing. I can share that the policies are outlined in the Henderson Rules to Maintain Order, and can be found here; https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/studentaffairs/student_conduct/henderson_rules.html. We remain committed to creating these spaces for our college community to have fruitful, productive and respectful discourse.

With regards to enrollment, our freshman enrollment is behind where we were last year, but we continue to outpace our year-to-year fall semester enrollment. Currently we are 10.7% ahead of where we were last year at this time with 2,057 continuing students, compared to 1,858 last fall. For more detailed information, review VP Johana Rivera's weekly Enrollment update.

We ask everyone to encourage students to register early and secure their preferred schedule. We continue to work to not only recruit new students, but ensure that our students are engaged in the life of the college. I want to thank Profs. Stuart Parker and Vanda Seward for facilitating our partnership with Project Thrive. As part of the program, the college will offer a training to the college community that will help make the college more welcoming and responsive to the needs of justice-impacted individuals.

Thank you to Prof. John Acosta as well for mentoring students by giving them the opportunity to demonstrate their skills at a recent meeting of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE).

As you know throughout this semester, faculty and staff who were awarded funds through the Sense of Belonging Initiative had the opportunity to host a variety of engaging and interactive programs for students. Thank you to all those who participated. A second call for proposals will be issued in the Spring.

Lastly, you all are cordially invited to our KCC Holiday Party on December 13, 2022 at 4:00pm; please remember to RSVP by Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Thank you.

B. V.P. Rivera reported on Strategic Efforts on Enrollment, including recruitment and creating new recruitment pipelines and the ongoing recruitment process.

C. Curriculum Committee Report

The following Curriculum Committee resolutions passed unanimously, although several different members declined to vote yes/no or formally abstain from each of these votes. Below is an abbreviated record of the votes; the full Curriculum Committee report was presented in the Agenda to this meeting.

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Vote # 1 – New courses for CRJ:

- SOC 65 Intro to Law and Society (new elective)
- CRJ 75 Fieldwork in Public Service (new elective)

Vote #2 – Degree Changes: AA CRJ degree to include new courses and a notation that new courses are “highly recommended electives”

Vote # 3 – Education Studies: New courses:

- EDC 25 – Psychological Foundations of Education
- EDC 29 – Elementary Science, Technology and Mathematics Education
- EDC 42 – Children’s Literature and Language Arts in Childhood Education (New PreK-12th Special Ed Con)
- EDC 50 – Foundations of Disability and Inclusive Education (New PreK-12th Special Ed Con)
- EDC 51 – Pedagogical Approaches for Students with Disabilities (New PreK-12th Special Ed Con)
- EDC 52 – Partnering with Families Professionals and Community (New PreK-12th Special Ed Con)
- EDC 6001 – Social Emotional Learning through Puppetry and Play
- EDC 6002 – Creating Classroom Culture through Successful Management
- EDC 92 – Seminar and Practicum in early Childhood Special Education

Vote #4 – Degree Changes: AS Ed Studies extensive changes in degree + New concentration Pre K – 12th Grade Special Ed; these changes to degree are made in conjunction with Brooklyn College for seamless transfer

Department of Communications & Performing Arts

Vote #5 – Degree changes: AS Media Arts

- a. MCF 4000, MCB 5200 from program electives to degree requirements
- b. Addition Art 4900, ENG 6500 as program electives
- c. Deletion MCB 3600, 4800 as program electives
- d. Modify program electives from 6 -12 credits to 6 credits
- e. Edit # of Electives from 0-15 to 1-10 credits, with notation “highly recommending selection from program electives”

Department of HPER

Vote #6 – Degree Changes: AS Exercise Science

MAT 9 or equivalent (MAT 9B0 or MAT 9010) required under MQR – degree has a STEM waiver to require specific courses under Pathways. This change prepares students for transfer to Brooklyn College (Pre-Calculus sequence).

Department of Tourism and Hospitality

Vote #7 – New course: TAH 400 - Tourism and Hospitality Customer Service

Vote #8 – Degree changes: AAS Tourism & Hospitality:

- a. Addition of TAH 400 as a degree requirement
- b. Deletion of TAH 1900 as a degree requirement

Liberal Arts Program

Vote # 9 – Degree Change: AA Liberal Arts - Deletion of Children’s Studies Concentration

This no longer transfers to senior college and difficult to complete given its requirements.

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Vote #10 – New course: BEH 2100 (Intro to WGSS)

Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science

Vote # 11 – New course: PHI 6500 (Philosophy of Sex and Gender)

D. Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Strategic Planning Committee Discussed its upcoming mission to determine how the College will move forward in planning and implementing its recently completed Strategic Plan. In particular, in Spring 2023 the committee will work together with the Office of Institutional Planning and Research to judge its effectiveness, and over the next two years the Strategic Plan will be integrated into the ongoing Middle States accreditation process.

There were no questions, although Professor Segal raised the concern that the Strategic Planning Committee should be formally hearing from a College budget officer.

III. New Business

Prof. Segal asked about whether the GRACs will be reporting to the College Council Steering Committee to bring things together.

Prof. Lax asked whether individual GRAC recommendations will be presented to the Council to be voted on as a block, or if they would be presented piecemeal over time.

The answers to these questions will be determined in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow

Michael Sokolow, Secretary