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Meeting of College Council Volume 44 Number 3

There were present:

Prof. Arenas	Mr. Klein	V.P. Rios
Prof. Barnhart	Prof. Lax	Prof. Rozenboym
Prof. Bennett	Prof. Martin	V.P. Russell
Prof. A. Cohen	Prof. McDevitt	Prof. Segal
Ms. J. Cohen	Prof. Mikalopas	Mr. Shonowo
V.P. Peter Cohen	Prof. Miranda	Prof. Sokolow
Ms. Daly	Prof. Nanin	Dr. Sutton-Young
Ms. Driscoll	Prof. Noe	Prof. Taras
Prof. Farrell	Ms. O'Shea	Prof. Thomas
Ms. Feeley	Ms. Olvina	Mr. Wagstaffe
V.P. Fox	Ms. Palmiari	Mr. Winnick
Prof. Garcia-Osuna	Prof. Pierre	Prof. Yarmish
Dr. Harewood	Prof. Polizzotto	Prof. Young
Prof. Howard	Prof. Repetti	
Prof. Kates	Prof. Ricciardi	

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

I. The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2016 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President reported that enrollment is down at many CUNY campuses, and that he discussed some strategies to deal with this at convocation. We are making some headway with attracting international students. We also want to increase our online and especially hybrid presence to spare students travel time to the College, and have had some success in that area as well.

We are working on outreach into the community. There are 2.6 million residents in Brooklyn, with about 37,000 per square mile. Nearly 50% of Brooklyn residents over age 25 have a high school education or less. Three thousand Brooklyn residents are admitted to prison each year, costing millions of dollars. Nearly 30% of Brooklyn residents are below the poverty line.

Thanks to Kingsborough's location, many students must pay multiple fares to get here, and travel between 2-4 hours each day. The President shared statistics from a sampling of Brooklyn's ZIP codes and described our problems attracting and retaining freshman students. Transportation remains a major issue, along with additional

challenges such as previous educational experiences, family responsibilities, and the lack of awareness of available resources.

Yet Kingsborough is Brooklyn's only community college, and it is on us to improve the educational, economic, and social disparities that exist within our neighborhoods. We need to engage folks within our communities in learning. So the College has developed Strategic Community Partnerships with the Brooklyn Public Library, and agencies in Coney Island, Bay Ridge, Bed-Stuy, Sheepshead Bay, Canarsie, Cypress Hills, Park Slope, and Marine Park/Mill Basin. We are reaching out to communities with the greatest need, getting ourselves out in front of people who frequently have no post-secondary educational experience.

We are offering all sorts of guidance, aid, and even testing outside the campus in these communities themselves. In Fall 2017 we are planning even more outreach activities, including the "Community of Learners Bus" which will even offer learning experiences and credit coursework aboard school buses while they are in transit en route to KCC.

While we do want to increase our yield and enrollment, we also want to help these communities which have been left behind.

In response to a question from Michael Barnhart, the President stated that any particulars of teaching out in the communities and on the bus locations will be worked out with the Provost's Office and individual faculty members who opt in.

B. Students Committee Report

The Students Committee presented the following informational item:

The following resolution concerning the Student Government bylaws and the College Council Constitution was intended for a vote at this meeting; however, it is now presented to inform the Council and the College community of the proposed changes, and will be voted on at the next College Council meeting on May 23, 2017.

Director of Student Life Maria Patestas gave an overview of the current structure of student government and the rationale for these changes. She stated that as the resolution describes, our structure is overdue for an overhaul, which is in process. The College Council's piece will be to replace the old constitutional language which currently exists in the College Council bylaws.

The resolution states:

WHEREAS, the structure and organization of the College's Student Government have not been meaningfully reexamined or adjusted in more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, the current Student Government structure and organization model are outmoded and inconsistent with those in use at other CUNY colleges and higher education institutions nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the current organizational model is impeding Kingsborough from full participation and articulation with Student Government activities and councils in use across the University; be it

RESOLVED, That the following sections of the College Council Constitution be adjusted as follows, to reflect the new Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws which shall be put in effect:

Article III, Section IV(a):

~~Student delegates shall be elected for one year terms as follows: two student delegates elected by each Constituency Council; with the balance to be elected by the general student body. Candidates must be students in good standing at the College and shall not be on academic or disciplinary probation.~~

Shall be replaced by:

Eligible student delegates shall be elected for one year terms in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Kingsborough Community College Student Government Association.

Part B (Kingsborough Community College Student Constituency Councils, Articles I-IX):

The entire section [see Attachment A, p.4 of the Agenda] shall be deleted, and replaced by the following language:

B. Kingsborough Community College Student Government Association

There shall be a Student Government Association charged with promoting and protecting the interests of all students, and with ensuring appropriate student representation on all campus boards and committees requiring student members. The Student Government shall be structured and governed according to the provisions outlined in the Student Government Association constitution and bylaws, provided that all provisions within said documents remain consistent with policies set forth by the City University of New York Board of Trustees.

Part D (The President's Advisory Commission, Section F):

~~The College Council has the primary responsibility and control over amendments to its Constitution, and likewise, the Student Constituency Councils have primary responsibility and control over amendments to their Constitution all such amendments, however, require the approval of the Board of Trustees.~~

Shall be replaced by:

The College Council has the primary responsibility and control over amendments to its Constitution, and all such amendments require the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Student Government Association shall have primary responsibility and control over amendments to its Constitution, per the provisions in the Student Government Association Constitution.

Appendix II: Constitution and Bylaws of Student Activities Committee:

The entire section [see Attachment A, p.4 of the Agenda] shall be deleted. It will be superseded by the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws.

And be it further RESOLVED that the number of twenty student delegates to the College Council as stated in Article III, Section I shall remain unchanged.

Note: Please see Attachment B on the last page of the Agenda (p.7) for a summary of the rationale and substance of the proposed changes to student governance. The summary was prepared by the Office of Student Life together with the Council's Committee on Students.

C. Legislative Committee Report

The Legislative Committee administered the nomination and election of the following representatives to serve on the President's Task Force for Budget Recommendations along with appointed co-chair V.P. Ed Rios:

- four (4) Faculty members
- two (2) Student members
- four (4) Staff members
- with an additional three (3) Administrators who will be selected separately, not subject to College Council vote.

Task Force members will review the annual College Budget and share Budget information with their respective constituents. They will also convey budgetary recommendations through the committee to the President. Each member will serve a two-year term on the committee.

The election results were:

FACULTY	votes
Ryan McKinney	23
Caterina Pierre	21
Ayalur Krishnan	14
Susan Aranoff	12

STAFF	votes
Judy Cohen	20
Cynthia Olvina	20
Mary O'Shea	18
Maria Patestas	15

STUDENTS	votes
Lekan Shonowo	33
Norman Wagstaffe	19

The remainder of the votes were cast as follows:

FACULTY	votes
Reabeka King	10
Jacob Segal	10
Richard Legum	9
Kirt Bowen	7
Mohamed Lakrim	6
Morris Didia	4

STAFF	votes
Edward Rohrlich	13
Alicia Trust	12

STUDENTS	votes
Christian Reyes	14

In the absence of any New Business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow

Michael Sokolow, Secretary