

February 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Room: M146/M147

Meeting of College Council Volume 51 Number 4

The College Council met on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM in Room M146/M147.

There were in attendance:

Acosta, John	Johnson, Tyronne	Polizzotto, Kristin	<b><u>Students</u></b>
Alley-Young, Gordon	Kalin, Amanda	Rios, Ed	Ali, Filza
Armstrong, Rick	Kane, Daniel	Rodriguez, Michael	Asif, Laila
Cally, Scott	Kapetanakis, George	Rohr, Gila	Azad, Ayesha
Cohen, Judith	Matthew, Martin	Russell, Joanne	Bennett, Riquelme
DeGrazia, Thomas	McKinney, Ryan	Sawyer, Jeremy	Bhuiyan, Mahir
Delgado, Jeffrey	Mikalopas, John	Schnee, Emily	Cuahutencos-Cortes, Lady
DelPrincipe, Ann	Mullen, Avery	Segal, Jacob	Gibbs, Adrianna
Duitch, Suri	Nasser, Helen	Shannon, Mary	Nemet, Netanel
Eaton, Thomas	Olvina, Cynthia	Sokolova, Valerie	Pinnock, Jaiden
Friedman, Shoshana	Parker, Stuart	Spear, Michael	Shumyatskaya, Valeriya
Gartner, Matthew	Patestas, Maria	Wetzel, Dominic	Zafar, Sidra

Interim President Duitch called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM

I. The minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2023 were approved by acclamation.

## II. Reports

### A. President's Report

I'm finishing my fifth week on the job, doing what CUNY college presidents typically do. I've had lots of meetings and other interactions with elected officials. I'm working through meeting with each department chair – I'm about halfway through. Scheduling has been a challenge but I have been able to walk around about half of the college to meet staff, and will do the other half when I have time. I had my first Employee of the Month presentation with April Leventhal from purchasing, which was really nice. And most of all, I was so excited to attend new student orientation today.

I have been so impressed by the staff and faculty whom I have met so far. This is a high functioning college administratively - I've been around long enough to know the difference between high and low. Today's new student orientation was a great event – well-planned, and with such great enthusiasm. I'm sure that the student panel was the highlight.

I have also appreciated getting to learn about the important work of the ad hoc committee on governance of this budget and am deeply supportive of the governance reform path that you are on. The process and the agenda, which you will hear more about during this meeting, seems like a great mix of openness to participation from the entire faculty and staff, while also being focused and directed toward appropriately updating structures, authority and processes.

I asked VP Rios to provide this overview of the current college budget; it's a short overview because we don't want to take away from the important agenda of this meeting. Given the seriousness of the budget situation and the fact that there will be some challenging further cuts to manage for next year, we are thinking about holding a special town hall for the college community on March 21st to review our budget situation and talk about our response. We are intentionally not doing a budget update at college convocation because we want to keep that event upbeat.

#### B. Budget Report

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ed Rios, presented on the Budget. The PowerPoint presentation is included as *Attachment A for the 2/27/24 Meeting – Budget Presentation*.

#### C. Strategic Planning and Budget Committee Report

Daniel Kane, Chair of the Committee, reported that the current 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is set to expire at the end of this year. He put out a call for those interested in working on the Strategic Plan to email him.

#### D. Ad-hoc Governance Plan Committee, presented by Daniel Kane, serving as Committee Co-Chair.

- The “Two Meeting Rule” passed unanimously.
- Daniel presented to the College Council the Chair and Vice Chair of College Council as elected positions, the idea of separating out the KCC Constitution (Governance Plan) and creation of a Procedural Guide, and the proposed Ad-hoc Governance Plan Timeline.

College Council Members and the College Community participated in discussion regarding these three items. Daniel noted he will bring the recommendations, questions, and concerns shared at this meeting back to the Ad-hoc Governance Plan Committee for continued discussion.

In the absence of New Business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda.Kalin, Secretary

#### **COLLEGE COUNCIL CALENDAR 2023-2024**

Tuesday, March, 26, 2024 @ 3:00 PM in U-219

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 3:00 PM in U-219

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 3:00 PM in U-219